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July 11, 2017

David Batchelder, Board Chair Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County 104 Hudson Drive Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Audit Services staff conducted an on-site unannounced review of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County (Sponsor), Application Agreement number 00-009, on May 31, 2017. We reviewed the Sponsor's records of reimbursements and expenditures for April 2017. The purpose of this review was to determine if the sponsor complied with the *Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) applicable parts, application agreement, and the applicable Federal and State regulations.

#### **Background**

CACFP sponsors utilize meal count sheets to record the number of meals served for breakfast, lunch, supper and supplement meals served. Meals served by participating sponsors must meet the minimum guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and DHS to be eligible for reimbursement. The CACFP sponsor will report the number of meals served through the DHS Tennessee Information Payment System (TIPS) system to seek reimbursement. We inspected meal counts sheets for our test period and reconciled the meals claimed to the meals reported as served for each meal service. We assessed compliance with civil rights requirements. In addition, we observed a meal service during our unannounced site visit on April 18, 2017.

Our review of the Sponsor's records for April 2017 disclosed the following:

#### The Sponsor did not have the "And Justice for All" poster displayed

#### Condition

The Sponsor did not have the "And Justice for All" poster displayed.

#### Criteria

FNS Instruction 113-1 Section IX (B)(1), states the Sponsor must, "Prominently display the USDA nondiscrimination poster "And Justice for All," or an FNS approved substitute, except

in family day care homes. If a State agency elects to produce its own posters, either due to unavailability from USDA/FNS or State agency preference, the reproduction must be approximately the same size as the applicable "And Justice for All" poster (11" width and 17" height)."

The USDA Monitoring Handbook for State Agencies states, "Each State agency, local agency, or other sub-recipient serving the public must prominently display the USDA nondiscrimination poster "And Justice for All," or an FNS approved substitute, except in DCHs." [FNS Instruction 113-1 Civil rights Guidance and Enforcement – Nutrition Programs and Activities, IX, B.1].

#### Recommendation

The Sponsor should obtain the "And Justice for All" poster and display it in a prominent place.

#### **Corrective Action**

Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County must complete the following actions within 30 calendar days from the date of this report:

Prepare and submit a corrective action plan to address the deficiencies identified in this
report. The corrective action plan template is attached. Please return the corrective
action plan to:

AuditServices.CAPS.DHS@tn.gov

If you have questions relative to the corrective action plan please contact:

Allette Vayda, Director
Child and Adult Care Food Program
8th Floor Citizens Plaza Building
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
Allette.Vayda@tn.gov
(615) 313-3769

We appreciate the assistance provided during this review. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Jackie Yokley, Audit Director 2, at 615-837-5035 or <u>Jackie.D.Yokley@tn.gov</u>.

Sincerely.

∕Sam O. Alzøul∕bi, CFE Director of Audit Services

#### **Exhibit**

CC: Ginny Wright, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County Lisa Evans, Program Director, Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County Allette Vayda, Director, Child and Adult Care Food Programs
Constance Moore, Program Specialist, Child and Adult Care Food Program Marty Widner, Program Specialist, Child and Adult Care Food Program Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee

#### **Exhibit**

Sponsor: Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County Review Month/Year: April 2017 Total Meal Reimbursement Received: \$4,904.24

Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation	Reported on Claim	Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets
Total Number of Days Food Served	19	19
Number of Suppers Served	1,056	1,056
Number of Participants in Free Category	156	156
Total Number of Participants	156	156
Total Amount of Eligible Food Costs	XXXXXXXX	\$2,174.96
Total Amount of Eligible Food and Non-Food Costs	XXXXXXX	\$4,139.86

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### **Corrective Action Plan for Monitoring Findings**

Instructions: Please print in ink or type the information to complete this document. Enter the date of birth for each Responsible Principal and/or Individual in Section B. Attach the additional documentation requested. Enter your name, title and date of signature on the last page. Please sign your name in ink. Please return ALL pages of the completed Corrective Action Plan form.

#### Section A. Institution Information

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Name of Sponsor/Agency/Site: Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County		Agreement No. 00009	☐ SFSP ☑ CACFP	
Mailing Address: 104 Hudson Dr. Eliza	abethton, TN 37643			
Section B. Responsible Principal(s)	and/or Individual(s)			
Name and Title: David Batchelder , Board Chair			Date of Birth: / /	
Section C. Dates of Issuance of Moi	nitoring Report/Corr	ective Action Plan		
Monitoring Report: 7/11/17	Corrective /	Corrective Action Plan: 7/11/17		
Section D. Findings  Findings:  1. The Sponsor did not have the ".	And Justice for All" po	ester displayed.		
The following measures will be compleaction plan:	eted within <b>30 calend</b>	ar days of my institutio	n's receipt of this corrective	
Measure No. 1: The Sponsor did no	t have the "And Jus	tice for All" poster dis	splayed.	
The finding will be fully and permanent Identify the name(s) and position title(s is fully and permanently corrected:		who will be responsible	for ensuring that the finding	
Name:		Position Title:		
Name:		Position Title:		

Describe below the <b>step-by-step</b> procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding	g:
When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or will they begin?):	e below for annually, and when
Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:	
low will new and current staff be informed of the new policies and procedures to address	the finding (e.g.,
landbook, training, etc.)? Please describe below:	

I certify by my signature below that I am authorized by the institution to sign this document. As an authorized representative of the institution, I fully understand the corrective measures identified above and agree to fully implement these measures within the required time frame. I also understand that failure to fully and permanently correct the findings in my institution's CACFP or SFSP will result in its termination from the program, and the placement of the institution and its responsible principals on the National Disqualified List maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Printed Name of Authorized Institution Official:	Position:		
Signature of Authorized Institution Official:	Date:	1	1
Signature of Authorized TDHS Official:	Date:	1	1

- (xi) The institution, one of its sponsored facilities, or one of the principals of the institution or its facilities has been convicted for any activity that indicates a lack of business integrity;
- (c) Administrative review is also available if the State agency notifies the institution and responsible principal or responsible individual of the following actions: proposed disqualification of a responsible principal or responsible individual, denial of a budget, denial of a line item within a budget, downward adjustment of the amount approved in a budget, suspension of an institution's participation, denial of start-up or expansion funds, denial of a request for advanced payment, recovery of an advance in excess of a claim, denial of a claim for reimbursement (except for late submission), decision not to forward an exception request for payment of a late claim, overpayment demand, denial of a new or renewing institution's application for participation, denial of sponsored facility application, notice of proposed termination, claim denial, claim deadline exceptions and requests for upward adjustments to a claim, or any other action affecting an institutions participation or claim for payment.
- 3. All appeal requests must be presented in writing to the TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings not later than 15 calendar days after the date the institution or sponsoring agency receives the notice of adverse administrative action.
- 4. The date of an institution's or sponsoring agency's receipt of a notice of suspension and/or proposed termination and disqualification will be governed by the federal regulation at 7 CFR Part 226.2. The notice must specify the action being proposed or taken and the basis for the action, and is considered to be received by the institution or day care home when it is delivered, sent by facsimile, or sent by email. If the notice is undeliverable, it is considered to be received by the institution, responsible principal or responsible individual, or day care home five days after being sent to the addressee's last known mailing address, facsimile number, or email address.
- 5. The TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings will acknowledge the receipt of the appeal request within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the institution's or sponsoring agency's request for review. The written request for review should state if a fair hearing is requested or if a review of written information in lieu of a fair hearing is requested. If the appeal request from the institution or sponsoring agency does not specifically request a hearing, a review of written information in lieu of a hearing will occur. If a fair hearing is requested and the institution or sponsoring agency's representative fails to appear, the right to a personal appearance is waived.
- 6. If an institution or sponsoring agency does not request a fair hearing or a review of written information in lieu of the hearing within 15 calendar days from the date the institution or sponsoring agency receives a Notice of Intent to Terminate, the TDHS will issue a letter advising the institution or sponsoring agency that it is terminated from the CACFP effective on the 16th calendar day following the institution's or sponsoring agency's receipt of the notice, and that the responsible principals and individuals of the institution or sponsoring agency are disqualified from participation.
- 7. To be considered for a fair hearing or for a review of written information in lieu of a fair

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hearing, all written documents must be submitted to the TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings not later than 30 days after receipt of the notice of adverse administrative action.

- 8. The action of the TDHS must remain in effect during the administrative review. The effect of this requirement on particular actions by TDHS is as follows:
  - (i) Overpayment demand. During the period of the administrative review, TDHS is prohibited from taking action to collect or offset the overpayment. However TDHS must assess interest beginning with the initial demand for remittance of the overpayment and continuing through the period of administrative review unless the administrative review official overturns the TDHS's action.
  - (ii) Recovery of advances. During the administrative review, TDHS must continue its efforts to recover advances in excess of the claim for reimbursement for the applicable period. The recovery may be through a demand for full repayment or an adjustment of subsequent payments.
  - (iii) Program payments. The availability of Program payments during an administrative review of the denial of a new institution's application, denial of a renewing institution's application, proposed termination of a participating institution's agreement, and suspension of an institution are addressed in paragraphs (c)(1)(iii)(D), (c)(2)(iii)(D), (c)(3)(iii)(D), (c)(5)(i)(D), and (c)(5)(ii)(E), respectively, of 7 CFR §226.6.
- 9. The institution or sponsoring agency must refute the charges contained in the notice during the fair hearing or in the written information that is provided in lieu of the hearing.
- 10. The institution and the responsible principals and responsible individuals may retain legal counsel, or may be represented by another person.
- 11. If a fair hearing is requested, the institution or sponsoring agency will be notified in writing of the time, date and place of the fair hearing at least 10 calendar days in advance.
- 12. Any information which supports an adverse administrative action taken by the TDHS shall be available to the institution or sponsoring agency for inspection from the date of the receipt of the request for a fair hearing or a review of written information in lieu of the hearing.
- 13. In accordance with 7 CFR Part 226.6 (k)(8), the TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings must conduct the administrative review of the proposed disqualification of the responsible principals and responsible individuals as part of the administrative review of the application denial, proposed termination, and/or proposed disqualification of the institution with which the responsible principals or responsible individuals are associated. However, at the administrative review official's discretion, separate administrative reviews may be held if the institution does not request an administrative review or if either the institution or the responsible principal or responsible individual demonstrates that their interests conflict.
- 14. The procedures contained in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act found at TCA 4-5-301 et seq. shall be followed in rendering a decision on all appeals. The decision of the hearing officer is the final administrative determination to be afforded to the institution or sponsoring agency, and shall be rendered in a timely manner not to exceed 60 calendar days from the date of the receipt of the request for a fair hearing.
- 15. The processing limits for administrative appeals MUST be met. In the event a continuance is requested by a party, one continuance may be granted at the Hooring Officially discount.

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continuance shall not be for a period longer than ten (10) calendar days unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances must be detailed in the order of continuance and the order must contain a date certain for the hearing, to be set as soon as possible. A report of pending CACFP desk review and fair hearing requests will be generated and reviewed daily by the Clerk's Office and the Legal Director for Appeals and Hearings who will monitor the dates for timeliness. In the event a decision has not been rendered within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date of receipt of the request for fair hearing or desk review, the Legal Director for Appeals and Hearings or their back-up shall notify the hearing official to take appropriate action.

16. All requests for a fair hearing or for a review of written information in lieu of a hearing must be submitted to:

Tennessee Department of Human Services Division of Appeals and Hearings PO Box 198996, Clerk's Office Nashville, TN 37219-8996

Fax: (615) 248-7013 or (866) 355-6136 E-mail: <u>AppealsClerksOffice,DHS@tn.gov</u>

17. If a termination action is upheld by the hearing officer, the TDHS will issue a letter to the institution or sponsoring agency and its responsible principals and individuals advising that the termination and disqualification are effective on the date of the ruling issued by the hearing officer.

18. As required by 7 CFR Part 226.6 (c)(7), each disqualified institution, sponsoring agency, principal and individual will be placed on the National Disqualified List maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Once included on the National Disqualified List, an institution, sponsoring agency, principal and individual shall remain on the list until such time as the USDA, in consultation with the TDHS, determines that the serious deficiencies that led to their placement on the list have been corrected, or until seven years have elapsed since they were disqualified from participation. However, if the institution, sponsoring agency, principal or individual has failed to repay debts owed under the program, they will remain on the list until the debt has been paid.