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Dear Comprehensive Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grantee,

The Division of Behavioral Health is no longer requiring the Community Action Planning (CAP) for the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery (CBHTR) grant programs effective QTR 2 FY24. We believe this requirement was of more significance when our behavioral health continuum was much more limited than it is today. When this requirement was established in 2010, we had very few behavioral health providers billing Medicaid, only supported through grant funding. There was a stronger separation between mental health providers and substance use treatment providers and the CAP requirement, in part, was intended to further integrate these two parts of the local service continuums. The CAPs were designed to build stronger coordination across agencies to reduce duplication of services funded by these grants and to establish stronger referral pathways amongst community programs. There was also an emergency response component that was part of the requirement for community planning that is no longer funded or managed.

We encourage grantees to look for opportunities to forge new relationships and strengthen established partnerships with service providers in their community, in keeping with the requirements outlined in our Grant Program Service Standards Manual to support care coordination through strong referral networks. The needs and supporting activities amongst providers vary drastically in communities across our state; therefore, going forward these activities will no longer be directed, managed, or required as a grant deliverable for the CBHTR grants. However, with the removal of the CAP requirement, it is the Division's expectation that agencies will continue engaging in community planning and care coordination networking with other providers as part of their standard business operations.

The Division's grant administrators will be amending all the FY24 CBHTR grant awards to reflect to removal of the CAP requirement beginning in Q2. Narrative sections in the quarterly report templates will maintain existing prompts for your agency to include the required information about barriers, challenges and successes related to your grant program that the Division will leverage in lieu of the CAP meeting minutes. Your completion of this section of the quarterly report is critical to understanding how the Division can best support your agency in serving vulnerable Alaskans in future grant award cycles.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy A. Dompeling".

Tracy A. Dompeling
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