

State of Florida Department of Children and Families

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DATE:

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TO:

Managing Entities, Regional SAMH Directors and Contract Managers

FROM:

John Bryant, Assistant Secretary, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

RE:

Performance Based Prevention System

This memo is to inform our Managing Entities and Regional staff that the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health's (SAMH) contract with KIT/Mosaix to collect and track the state's prevention data ended on June 30, 2015. As many of you know, SAMH is actively moving forward with a competitive procurement process and intends to have a new system in place within the next 3-4 months.

To ensure critical data continues to be collected, our Prevention Specialist has been working with each of the Managing Entity (ME) Prevention Coordinators over the last few months. An Excel tracking template that contains the minimum data elements needed to complete our federal Block Grant requirements around prevention has been provided to them. (A copy of this template is attached for your reference.)

To allow for flexibility, the ME Prevention Coordinators have been given the discretion to collect this information through whatever process that would best meet the needs of their region. ME Prevention Coordinators will submit the aggregated data within the Excel tracking template to SAMH once a quarter during this interim period.

As we move forward, we will update you on the status of the new data system and incorporate stakeholder feedback during the implementation of the new data system. This time period will be a great opportunity to build a better system to meet the needs of our state and collect prevention data in a meaningful way that can be utilized at all levels from providers to the region and state.

We apologize for any inconvenience this lapse in data system may cause and greatly appreciate your cooperation. If you have any specific questions or need clarification on the data being collected during this interim period, please contact our Prevention Specialist Rashida Marshall at rashida.marshall@myflfamilies.com.

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