AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS For Fiscal Years:

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Sullivan County Children and Youth Agency

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The Commissioners of Sullivan County Sullivan County Courthouse 245 Muncy Street, P.O. Box 157 Laporte, PA 18626

Dear Commissioners:

We have fulfilled the requirements pursuant to authority derived from Act 148 of 1976, as amended, (62 P.S. § 704.1(a)(4)) for the submitted CY-370 Expenditure Report, the CY-370A Revenue Report, and the CY-348 Fiscal Summary, hereinafter referred to as the submitted fiscal reports, and the related financial records of the Sullivan County Children and Youth Services (agency). The purpose of this engagement is to ascertain and certify the actual commonwealth expenditures incurred on behalf of children residing within the county for the fiscal years July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The scope of our engagement was limited to the fiscal reports submitted to the Department of Human Services (DHS) as part of the Act 148 Invoice Packages for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2020.

Agency management is responsible for the preparation of the submitted fiscal reports, and compliance with children, youth, and families regulations. Our engagement procedures included a review of selected agency records, and other procedures we deemed necessary, to enable us to ascertain and certify the actual commonwealth expenditures incurred on behalf of children residing within the county. We also performed procedures to determine the county's compliance with certain provisions of 55 Pa. Code, Part V. Children, Youth, and Families Manual, Subpart C, Chapters 3140 and 3170 (55 Pa. Code §§ 3140.1 et seq. and 3170.1 et seq.). The engagement was not conducted, nor was it required to be, in accordance with professional auditing or attestation standards. We believe that our engagement procedures provided us a reasonable basis to ascertain and certify the actual commonwealth expenditures incurred on behalf of children residing within Sullivan County.

We certify that the enclosed amended fiscal reports fairly present, in all material respects, the total Commonwealth expenditures paid on behalf of children residing within the county for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years based on the accrual basis of accounting.¹

Adjustments to the agency's submitted fiscal reports resulting from the procedures we performed during this engagement are as follows:

- For the **2018-2019 fiscal year**, our engagement resulted in no adjustments made to the agency's submitted fiscal reports.
- For the **2019-2020 fiscal year**, our engagement resulted in one adjustment being made to the agency's submitted fiscal reports. This adjustment in total impacted the agency's Net State Share by increasing agency expenditures by \$718. Based on the application of the state participation rates, the adjustment resulted in an amount due to the county totaling \$509.

This report includes the following observation.

Observation – Despite the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Apparent Strides in Increasing the Protection of At-Risk Children in the Care of Contracted In-Home Preventative Service Providers, DHS Failed to Review the Adequacy of the C&Y Agencies Procedures and Results for Ensuring these Providers Comply with CPSL Requirements.

The results of our engagement procedures, as presented in this report, were discussed with agency management at an exit conference held on March 11, 2022.

This report is being forwarded to the DHS Bureau of Financial Operations, and the Office of Children, Youth, and Families for review and settlement of any recommended adjustments included in our amended fiscal reports. You will be notified by DHS of the decisions made regarding the approval and finalization of any recommended adjustment amounts during the DHS settlement process and the impact, if any, on a future Act 148 payment. At that time, in accordance with the Commonwealth's General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 1 Pa. Code § 31.1 *et seq.*, you will be afforded the opportunity by Commonwealth DHS to appeal its settlement process decision.

¹ In accordance with DHS regulations, the expenditures reported in the enclosed fiscal reports are limited to expenditures funded by allocations made pursuant to Act 148 of 1976, as amended, (62 P.S. § 704.1) and do not include any expenditures made from other appropriations or grant funds.

We appreciate the cooperation, assistance, and courtesy granted our representatives by your officials and agency staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of County Audits at 717-787-1363.

Sincerely,

Timothy L. DeFoor

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Auditor General

March 22, 2022

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BACKGROUND

The Department of the Auditor General (department) is responsible for reviewing the fiscal reports known as the submitted CY-370 Expenditure Report, the CY-370A Revenue Report, and the CY-348 Fiscal Summary of the 67 County Children and Youth Agencies. The department determines proper reporting and utilization of funds according to program regulations and guidelines under the Human Services Code 62 P.S. § 704.1(a)(4). The annual state Act 148 allocations are used by the counties to administer social services for the children and youth that reside within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whose stated goal is "to ensure, for each child in this Commonwealth, a permanent, legally assured family which protects the child from abuse and neglect." The Children and Youth Social Services Program is county-administered and state-supervised by DHS, with shared responsibility for achieving the commonwealth's goal.

In accordance with the Human Services Code (62 P. S. § 703), DHS is responsible for making and enforcing all rules and regulations necessary and appropriate to the proper accomplishment of the child welfare duties and functions vested by law in the county institution districts or their successors. Title 55 Pa. Code, Part V. Children, Youth, and Families Manual, Subpart C, outlines the rules and regulations relative to the county administration of the Children and Youth Social Service Programs. Specifically, in compliance with 55 Pa. Code § 3140.31, the counties must report their cumulative actual expenditures incurred for the provision of children and youth social services on a quarterly basis to DHS through the Act 148 invoice package, which includes the fiscal reports. The expenditures reported in the Act 148 invoice package refers to all costs for dependent and delinquent children and youth services funded or administered by DHS.

We reviewed the final, cumulative 4th quarter fiscal reports submitted to DHS, the agency's related financial records, and other supporting documentation. This was done to determine whether the agency's actual, cumulative expenditures and revenues were properly reported to DHS for the respective fiscal years. The amended fiscal reports below include any adjustments we considered necessary to reflect the agency's actual related revenue, expenditures, and net state share for each fiscal year in our engagement period.

SECTION 1

AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

JULY 1, 2018 to JUNE 30, 2019

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED

COMPUTATION OF FINAL NET STATE SHARE

Approved State Allocation ¹			\$	469,930
Supplemental Act 148			-	0
Total State Allocation				469,930
State Share (CY348) ²	\$	400,775		
Less: Major Service Category Adjustment		0	_	
Net State Share			\$	400,775
Less: Expenditures in Excess of the Approved State Alle	ocation		-	0
Final Net State Share Payable ³			\$	400,775
Actual Act 148 Revenues Received ⁴			-	400,775
Net Amount Due County/(State) ⁵			\$	0

¹ Approved State Allocation is the amount of Act 148 State Funds that were budgeted for the County.

² State Share (CY348) is the total amount of County expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement from Act 148 Funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

³ Final Net Share Payable is the net amount of reimbursable expenditures from Act 148 funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

⁴ Actual Act 148 Revenues Received is the amount of Act 148 funds the County received.

⁵ Net Amount Due the County/(State) is the variance between the amount of Act 148 funds the County received and the Final Net State Share Payable to the County.

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED CY348 FISCAL SUMMARY

	A	В	C	D	H	щ	Ð	Н	I	ſ	K
							Child Welfare				
	GRAND	PROGRAM	TITLE		TITLE	TITLE	Demonstration	MEDICAL	NET	STATE	LOCAL
	TOTAL	INCOME	IV-E	TANF	XX	IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	TOTAL	ACT 148	SHARE
NET CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES											
01. 100% REIMBURSEMENT	3,183	0	224	0	0	0	0	0	2,959	5,959	0
02. 90% REIMBURSEMENT	765	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	365	329	36
03. 80% REIMBURSEMENT	474,692	086	36,772	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	0	422,078	337,662	84,416
04. 60% REIMBURSEMENT	99,208	4,431	3,892	0	0	0	0	309	90,576	54,346	36,230
05. 50% REIMBURSEMENT	10,957	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,957	5,479	5,478
06. TOTAL NET CHILD WELFARE EXPEND.	588,805	5,411	41,288	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	309	526,935	400,775	126,160
YDC/YFC PLACEMENT COSTS											
07. 60% DHS PARTICIPATION	0	0							0	0	0
08. NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES	0	0							0		0
			,								
09. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	588,805	5,411	41,288	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	309	526,935	400,775	126,160
10. TOTAL TITLE IV-D COLLECTIONS	5,411										
11. TITLE IV-D Collections for IV-E Children $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ $	41										
12. STATE ACT 148 - line 6	400,775										
12 STATE ACT 148 ALLOCATION	460 030										
13. STATE ACT 140 ALLOCATION	404,930										
14. ADJUSTED STATE SHARE (lower of 12 or 13)	400,775										
INVOICE											
AMENDED STATE SHARE (ACT 148) ACT 148 AMOINT RECEIVED	400,775										
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ADJUSTMENT TO STATE SHARE	0										

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED CY370A REVENUE REPORT

MAJOR SERVICE CATEGORIES												
& COST CENTERS						REVENUE	REVENUE SOURCES					
	TOTAI	2	33	4	2	9		8	6	NET	=	12
	REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM	PROGRAM	TITLE IV-E	TITLE IV-E				Child Wettare Demonstration	MEDICAL	REIMBURSABLE	STATE	LOCAL
IN-HOME	EXPENDITURES	INCOM	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.	-	TITLE XX 1	TITLE IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	EXPENDITURES	ACT 148	SHARE
1-A ADOPTION SERVICE	3,183	0		224	0		0	0	0	2,959	2,959	0
1-B ADOPTION ASSISTANCE			3,880	0			0	0	0	3,560	2,848	712
1-C SUBSIDIZED PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODIANSH		0	0	0			0	0	0	6,850	5,480	1,370
1-D COUNSELING - DEPENDENT	3,296			0	3,296	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-E COUNSELING - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-F DAY CARE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-G DAY TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-H DAY TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-I HOMEMAKER SERVICE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-J INTAKE & REFERRAL	88,767	0		6,388	0	0	0	0	0	82,379	65,903	16,476
1-K LIFE SKILLS - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-L LIFE SKILLS - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABUSE	61,023	0		3,920	0	4,989	0	0	0	52,114	41,691	10,423
1-N PROTECTIVE SERVICE - GENERAL	175,114	0		11,967	0	0	0	0	0	163,147	130,518	32,629
1-O SERVICE PLANNING	39,851	0		2,429	0	0	6,577	0	0	30,845	24,676	6,169
1-P JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT	1,857	0		0	0		0	0	0	1,857	929	928
1-Q JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
1-R SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	387,381	0	3,880	24,928	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	0	343,711	275,004	68,707
	TOTAL							Child Welfare		NET		
COMMUNITY BASED DI ACEMENT	REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM EXPENDIT PROGRAM	PROGRAM	TITLE IV-E	TITLE IV-E	TANE	TITT D VV	TITT D IV D	Demonstration	MEDICAL	REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITIBES	STATE	LOCAL
2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	EAFEINDITORES	+	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.		0	0 0	Project Little IV-E	ASSISTANCE 0	EAFEINDILORES 0	ACI 140	O O
2-B ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINOHENT			0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	765		400	0	0	0	0	0	0	365	329	36
2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEPENDENT	92,351	086	4,467	3,721		0	0	0	0	83,183	66,546	16,637
2-H FOSTER FAMILY - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-I SUP. INDEPENDENT LIVING - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-1 SUP. INDEPENDENT LIVING - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-K SUBTOTAL CBP	93,116	086	4,867	3,721	0	0	0	0	0	83,548	66,875	16,673
	TOTAL							Child Welfare		NET		
INSTITUTIONAL	REIMBURSABLE PROGRAM	PROGRAM	TITLE IV-E	TITLE IV-E				Demonstration	MEDICAL	REIMBURSABLE	STATE	LOCAL
PLACEMENT	EXPENDITURES	INCOM	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.			_	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	EXPENDITURES	ACT 148	SHARE
3-A JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE	9,100								0	6,100	4,550	4,550
3-B RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - DEPENDENT	7,559		0	518		0	0	0	0	7,041	4,225	2,816
3-C RES. SERVICE - DELINQUENT (NON YDC/YFC)	44,297	4,431	0	0		0	0	0	0	39,866	23,920	15,946
3-D SECURE RES. SERVICE (EXCEPT YDC)	0								0	0	0	0
3-E YDC SECURE	0	0								0	0	0
3-F SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	956'09	4,431	0	518	0	0	0	0	0	56,007	32,695	23,312
4 ADMINISTRATION	77.352	0		3 374		O	0	0	300	43 669	26 201	17 468
	1000			+1000		>	>	>	100	700,01	102,02	11,100
5 TOTAL REVENUES	588,805	5,411	8,747	32,541	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	309	526,935	400,775	126,160

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED CY370 EXPENDITURE REPORT

MAJOR SERVICE CATEGORIES			10 31311	animana ao atom ao	9							
& COSI CENTERS	-	2	3	4	2	9	7	8	6	10	11	12
	WAGES	THAT OVER			OTTO CITA SEED	CHARLE	TOTAL	Children	Children	Non-	_	Program Income
IN-HOME	SALARIES	BENEFITS	SUBSIDIES	OPERATING	PURCHASED SERVICES	ASSETS	IOTAL EXPENDITURES	(by county)	(Purchased)	Keimbursable Non PS\Sub.	Purchased Serv/ Subsidies	related to all Non- Reimbursable
1-A ADOPTION SERVICE	2,269				0	0	3,183		0		0	0
1-B ADOPTION ASSISTANCE	0	0	7,440	0	0	0	7,440	0	1	0	0	0
1-C SUBSIDIZED PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODIANSH	ш	0	6,850	0	0	0	6,850		_	0	0	0
1-D COUNSELING - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	3,296	0	3,296	0		0	0	0
1-E COUNSELING - DELINQUENT 1-F DAY CARE				0	0	0	0			0		
1-G DAY TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
1-H DAY TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
1-I HOMEMAKER SERVICE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
I-J INTAKE & REFERRAL	54,969	29,854		3,944	0	0	88,767	280	0	0	0	0
1-K LIFE SKILLS - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
1-L LIFE SKILLS - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0		0 000 0	0	0	0
1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABOSE 1-N DPOTECTIVE SERVICE - GENERAL	104 086	12,550		0.866	2,000		01,023	303	3,702			
1-0 SFRVICE PLANNING	25 549	10 041		4 261	0	0	39.851		\ c	0		0
1-P IUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT				0	1.857		1.857			0	0	0
1-0 JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DELINQUENT				0	0		0		0	0	0	0
1-R SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	220,721	106,719	14.290	28.113	17,538	0	387,381			0	0	0
N	lumber of Chil	fren receiving	only NON-Pu	RCHASED IN	unber of Children receiving only NON-PURCHASED IN-Home Services	180						
	WAGES						8	DAYS	Children	Non-		Program Income
COMMUNITY BASED PLACEMENT	AND SALARIES	BENEFITS	SUBSIDIES	OPERATING	PURCHASED SERVICES	ASSETS	TOTAL	CARE	(Purchased)	Keimbursable Non PS\Sub.	Purchased Serv/ Subsidies	related to all Non- Reimbursable
2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
2-B ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0
2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	765	0	765		-	0	0	0
2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0
2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEPENDENT	27,059	13,230	0	12,901	39,161	0	92,351	63	3	0		0
2-1 GIP INDEPENDENT INDEPENDENT				0			0					
2-J SUP. INDEPENDENT LIVING - DELINOUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0
2-K SUBTOTAL CBP	27,059	13,230	0	12,901	39,926	0	93,116	999	4	0	0	0
I TANADAMADAN	WAGES	THE OTHER			GTD CITA CITA		IVECE	DAYS	Children	Non-	Non-Reim.	Non-Reim.
PLACEMENT PLACEMENT	SALARIES		SUBSIDIES	OPERATING	SERVICES	ASSETS	IOTAL EXPENDITURES		(Purchased)			Income
3-A JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE	0		0	0	9,100	0	9,100	35	1		0	0
3-B RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - DEPENDENT	4,957	1,865	0	737	0	0	7,559	0	0	0	0	0
3-C RES. SERVICE - DELINQUENT (EXCEPT YDC/YFC)	0	0	0	230	44,067	0	44,297	316	2	0	0	0
3-D SECURE RES. SERVICE (EXCEPT YDC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-E YDC SECURE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-F SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	4,957	1,865	0	296	53,167	0	956'09	351	3	0	0	0
4 PMINICEPATION	14.077	0227		75 017		-	735.75	_				
	14,977	0,230		/10,67	D		47,332			D		D
5 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	267,714	128,372	14,290	67,798	110,631	0	588,805			0	0	0
		County Indirect Costs = \$	ect Costs = \$	5,844								

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AMENDED

SUMMARY OF EXPENSE AND EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS

			AS			AS
		F	REPORTED	INCREASE	A	MENDED PER
COST CEN	TER ITEMS	F	PER CY370	(DECREASE)		CY370
Adoption Service		\$	3,183	\$ 0	\$	3,183
Adoption Assistance			7,440	0		7,440
Subsidized Permanent Leg	al Custodianship		6,850	0		6,850
Counseling			3,296	0		3,296
Day Care			0	0		0
Day Treatment			0	0		0
Homemaker Service			0	0		0
Intake and Referral			88,767	0		88,767
Life Skills			0	0		0
Protective Service - Child			61,023	0		61,023
Protective Service - Gener	ral e		175,114	0		175,114
Service Planning			39,851	0		39,851
Juvenile Act Proceedings			1,857	0		1,857
Alternative Treatment			0	0		0
Community Residential			0	0		0
Emergency Shelter			765	0		765
Foster Family			92,351	0		92,351
Supervised Independent Li	iving		0	0		0
Juvenile Detention Service			9,100	0		9,100
Residential Service			51,856	0		51,856
Secure Residential Service	(Except YDC)		0	0		0
YDC Secure			0	0		0
Administration		_	47,352	0		47,352
	Combined Total Expense		588,805	0		588,805
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0	0		0
	Total Net Expense	\$_	588,805	\$ 0	\$	588,805
			AS			AS
		F	REPORTED	INCREASE	Δ	MENDED PER
OBJECTS OF I	EXPENDITURE		PER CY370	(DECREASE)		CY370
		_		(
Wages and Salaries		\$	267,714	\$ 0	\$	267,714
Employee Benefits			128,372	0		128,372
Subsidies			14,290	0		14,290
Operating			67,798	0		67,798
Purchased Services			110,631	0		110,631
Fixed Assets			0	0		0
	Combined Total Expense		588,805	0		588,805
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0	0	_	0
	Total Net Expense	s _	588,805	\$ 0	s	588,805

SECTION 2

AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

JULY 1, 2019 to JUNE 30, 2020

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED

COMPUTATION OF FINAL NET STATE SHARE

Approved State Allocation ¹			\$	470,429
Supplemental Act 148			_	0
Total State Allocation				470,429
State Share (CY348) ²	\$	370,175		
Less: Major Service Category Adjustment		0	-	
Net State Share			\$	370,175
Less: Expenditures in Excess of the Approved State A	llocation		_	0
Final Net State Share Payable ³			\$	370,175
Actual Act 148 Revenues Received ⁴			_	369,666
Net Amount Due County/(State) ⁵			\$	509

¹ Approved State Allocation is the amount of Act 148 State Funds that were budgeted for the County.

State Share (CY348) is the total amount of County expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement from Act 148 Funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

³ Final Net Share Payable is the net amount of reimbursable expenditures from Act 148 funds after auditor's adjustments are considered.

⁴ Actual Act 148 Revenues Received is the amount of Act 148 funds the County received.

⁵ Net Amount Due the County/(State) is the variance between the amount of Act 148 funds the County received and the Final Net State Share Payable to the County.

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED CY348 FISCAL SUMMARY

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							Child Welfare				
	GRAND	PROGRAM	TITLE		TITLE	TITLE	Demonstration	MEDICAL	NET	STATE	LOCAL
	TOTAL	INCOME	IV-E	TANF	XX	IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	TOTAL	ACT 148	SHARE
NET CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES											
01. 100% REIMBURSEMENT	2,054	0	232	0	0	0	0	0	1,822	1,822	0
02. 90% REIMBURSEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
03. 80% REIMBURSEMENT	496,380	1,319	52,742	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	0	427,457	341,967	85,490
04. 60% REIMBURSEMENT	52,536	4,153	4,522	0	0	0	0	329	43,532	26,119	17,413
05. 50% REIMBURSEMENT	534	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	534	267	267
06. TOTAL NET CHILD WELFARE EXPEND.	551,505	5,472	57,496	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	329	473,346	370,175	103,171
YDC/YFC PLACEMENT COSTS											
07. 60% DHS PARTICIPATION	0	0							0	0	0
08. NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES	0	0							0		0
09. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	551,505	5,472	57,496	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	329	473,346	370,175	103,171
10. TOTAL TITLE IV-D COLLECTIONS	5,472										
11. TITLE IV-D Collections for IV-E Children	208										
12. STATE ACT 148 - line 6	370,175										
13. STATE ACT 148 ALLOCATION	470,429										
14. ADJUSTED STATE SHARE (lower of 12 or 13)	370,175										
INVOICE AMENDED STATE SHARE (ACT 148)	370,175										
ACT 148 AMOUNT RECEIVED	369,696										

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ADJUSTMENT TO STATE SHARE

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED CY370A REVENUE REPORT

MAJOR SERVICE CATEGORIES												
& COST CENTERS						REVENU	REVENUE SOURCES					
	1	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	12
THE TAXABLE PARTY.	TOTAL REIMBURSABLE	щ	TITLE IV-E	I			d th it this	Child Welfare Demonstration	MEDICAL		STATE	LOCAL
IN-HOME ADOPTION SERVICE	EXPENDITURES	INCOME	MAINIENANCE	ADMIN.	IANF	IIILE XX	IIILE IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE 0	EXPENDITURES	ACI 148	SHAKE
	7.560	0	4.118				0	0	0	3.425	2.740	685
1-C SUBSIDIZED PERMANENT LEGAL CUSTODIANSH		0	3,462				0	0	0	2,514	2,011	503
1-D COUNSELING - DEPENDENT				0	3,296	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-F DAY CARE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-G DAY TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-H DAY TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-I HOMEMAKER SERVICE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-J INTAKE & REFERRAL	105,028	0		10,321	0	0	0	0	0	94,707	75,766	18,941
	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-L LIFE SKILLS - DELINQUENT	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABUSE	70,018			5,542	0	4,989	0	0	0	59,487	47,590	11,897
1-N PROTECTIVE SERVICE - GENERAL	223,868	0		20,133	0	0	0	0	0	203,735	162,988	40,747
1-O SERVICE PLANNING	58,175	0		4,193	0	0	6,577	0	0	47,405	37,924	9,481
1-P JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT	534	0		0	0		0	0	0	534	267	267
JUVENILE AC	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
1-R SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	476,509	0	7,580	40,438	3,296	4,989	6,577	0	0	413,629	331,108	82,521
COMMUNITY BASED	TOTAL REIMBURSABLE	PROGRAM	TITLE IV-E	TITLE IV-E				Child Weffare Demonstration	MEDICAL	NET REIMBURSABLE	STATE	LOCAL
PLACEMENT	EXPENDITURES	INCOME	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.	TANF	TITLE XX	TITLE IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	EXPENDITURES	ACT 148	SHARE
2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-B ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEPENDENT	22,460	1,319	2,695	2,261		0	0	0	0	16,185	12,948	3,237
2-H FOSTER FAMILY - DELINQUENT	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-1 KINSHIP CARE - DEPENDENT	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-J KINSHIP CARE - DELINQUENT	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-K SUP. INDEPENDENT LIVING - DEPENDENT	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUP. INDEPENDE	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-M SUBIOIAL CBP	22,460	1,319	2,695	2,261	0	0	0	0	0	16,185	12,948	3,237
INSTITUTIONAL	TOTAL	174	TITLE IV-E	I				Child Welfare Demonstration	MEDICAL		STATE	LOCAL
2.A HWENII E DETENTION SERVICE	EXPENDITURES	INCOME	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN.	TANF	TITLE XX	TILE IV-B	Project Title IV-E	ASSISTANCE	EXPENDITURES	ACT 148	SHARE
3-R RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - DEPENDENT	1 632	009		192		0	0	O		840	504	336
2 C DES SEDVICE DEI MOTENT ASSESSED	757.0	2 552						0		040	2 733	2,462
3-D SECTIRE RES SERVICE - DELINÇUENT (NON IDC/1FC)	0,75	0,000								0,204	3,122	2,462
3-F VDC SECTIRE				==							0	
3-F SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	11,389	4,153	0	192	0	0	0	0	0	7,044	4,226	2,818
4 ADMINISTRATION	41,148	0		4,330		0	0	0	329	36,489	21,893	14,596
5 TOTAL REVENUES	551,505	5.472	10.275	47.221	3.296	4.989	6.577	0	329	473,346	370.175	103,171
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SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 39, 2020 AMENDED CY370 EXPENDITURE REPORT

	MAJOR SERVICE CATEGORIES & COST CENTIERS			B.IF.C.TS OF	ORIECTS OF EXPENDITURE	j.							
		1	2	3	4	5	9	7	80	6	10	11	12
		WAGES	EMPLOYEE			PURCHASED	FIXED	TOTAL	Children Served	Children Served	Non- Reimbursable	Non-Reim. Purchased Serv/	Program Income related to all Non-
	IN-HOME	SALARIES	BENEFITS	SUBSIDIES	OPERATI	SERVICES	ASSETS		(by county)	(Purchased)	Non PS\Sub.	Subsidies	Reimbursable
1-A	1-A ADOPTION SERVICE	1,513	450		91	0	0	2,054		0	0	0	0
<u>e</u> .			0	7,440	120	0	0	7,560	0	-	0	0	0
<u>ין</u>	1-C SUBSIDIZED FERMIANEINI LEGAL COSTUDIAINSHI 1-D COTINGET ING - DEDENDENT			0,9,0		3 206		3,976		1 ,			
1 1	COLINSELING - DELINOTENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	DAY CARE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-G	1-G DAY TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-H	1-H DAY TREATMENT - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1:	HOMEMAKER SERVICE	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-1	INTAKE & REFERRAL	63,607	30,064		11,357	0	0	105,028	250	0	0	0	0
1-K		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-T	LIFE SKILLS - DELINQUENT	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-M	1-M PROTECTIVE SERVICE - CHILD ABUSE	40,162	14,180		10,676	5,000	0	70,018	33	6,367	0	0	0
I-N		126,281	59,152		24,223	14,212	0	223,868	277	5	0	0	0
1-0	SERVICE PLANNING	32,318	13,978		11,879	0	0	58,175	310	0	0	0	0
1-P	1-P JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DEPENDENT				0	534		534	0	1	0	0	0
1-0	1-Q JUVENILE ACT PROCEEDINGS - DELINQUENT				0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
I-R	SUBTOTAL IN-HOME	263,881	117,824	13,416	58,346	23,042	0	476,509			0	0	0
	MN	mber of Child	Number of Children receiving	only NON-PU	only NON-PURCHASED IN-Home Services	-Home Services	137						
		WAGES							DAYS	Children	Non-	Non-Reim.	Program Income
	COMMUNITY BASED PLACEMENT	AND	EMPLOYEE	STIRSTINES	OPERATING	PURCHASED	FIXED	TOTAL	OF	Served	Reimbursable Non PS\Sub	Purchased Serv/ Subsidies	related to all Non-
2-A	2-A ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DEPENDENT	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-B	ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT - DELINOUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-C	2-C COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-D	2-D COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-E	2-E EMERGENCY SHELTER - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-F	2-F EMERGENCY SHELTER - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-G	2-G FOSTER FAMILY - DEPENDENT	7,208	2,673	0	7,569	5,010	0	22,460	167	1	0	0	0
2-H	2-H FOSTER FAMILY - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-I	2-I KINSHIP CARE - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-J	2-J KINSHIP CARE - DELINQUENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-K	2-K SUP. INDEPENDENT LIVING - DEPENDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-T	SUP. INDEPENDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-M	SUBTOTAL CBP	7,208	2,673	0	7,569	5,010	0	22,460	167	-	0	0	0
		WAGES							DAYS	Children		Non-Reim.	Non-Reim.
	INSTITUTIONAL	AND	щ_			PURCHASED	FIXED	TOTAL	OF	Served	n	Purchased Serv/	Program
	PLACEMENT	SALARIES	BENEFIT	SUBSIDIES	OPERATIN	SERVICES	ASSETS	EXPENDITURES	CARE	(Purchased)	Non PS\Sub.	Subsidies	Income
3-A	3-A JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-B	3-B RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - DEPENDENT	1,146	315	0	171	0	0	1,632	0	0	0	0	0
2 2	RES. SERVICE - DELINQUENT (EXCEPT YDC/YFC)	0	0	0	0	9,757	0	9,757	36		0	0	0
2-C	3-D SECURE RES. SERVICE (EXCEPT YDC) 2 D VDC SECTION	0			0			0	0	0			
3-E	3-E IDC SECURE			0 (0 ;	0	0 0	0	0	0	0		0
3-F	SUBTOTAL INSTITUTIONAL	1,146	315	0	171	9,757	0	11,389	36		0	0	0
4	4 ADMINISTRATION	13 905	6 248	0	20 005	C	0	41 148		41 148	C	0	0
-	TOTAL SECTION	20,504	2 2 6		200								
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	286,140	127,060	13,416	87,080	37,809	0	551,505			0	0	0
			County India	County Indirect Costs = \$	6,193								

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AMENDED

SUMMARY OF EXPENSE AND EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS

		F	AS REPORTED	INCREASE	Αì	AS MENDED PER
COST CEN	TER ITEMS		PER CY370	(DECREASE)	711	CY370
Adoption Service		\$	2,051	\$ 3	\$	2,054
Adoption Assistance			7,560	0		7,560
Subsidized Permanent Le	gal Custodiansh i p		5,976	0		5,976
Counseling			3,296	0		3,296
Day Care			0	0		0
Day Treatment			0	0		0
Homemaker Service			0	0		0
Intake and Referral			104,936	92		105,028
Life Skills			0	0		0
Protective Service - Child	Abuse		69,978	40		70,018
Protective Service - Gene	ral		223,693	175		223,868
Service Planning			58,121	54		58,175
Juvenile Act Proceedings			534	0		534
Alternative Treatment			0	0		0
Community Residential			0	0		0
Emergency Shelter			0	0		0
Foster Family			22,436	24		22,460
Kinship Care			0	0		0
Supervised Independent I	Living		0	0		0
Juvenile Detention Service	•		0	0		0
Residential Service			11,385	4		11,389
Secure Residential Service	e (Except YDC)		0	0		0
YDC Secure			0	0		0
Administration			40,821	327		41,148
	Combined Total Expense		550,787	718		551,505
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0_	0	_	0_
	Total Net Expense	\$_	550,787	\$ 718	\$	551,505
			AS			AS
		_	REPORTED	INCREASE	Al	MENDED PER
OBJECTS OF	EXPENDITURE	F	PER CY370	(DECREASE)		CY370
Wages and Salaries		\$	286,140	\$ 0	\$	286,140
Employee Benefits			127,060	0		127,060
Subsidies			13,416	0		13,416
Operating			86,362	718		87,080
Purchased Services			37,809	0		37,809
Fixed Assets			0	0		0
_	Combined Total Expense		550,787	718		551,505
	Less Non-reimbursables	_	0	0		0
	Total Net Expense	\$_	550,787	\$ 718	\$	551,505

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020 ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE

REPORT	REFE	RENCE	ADJ.		ACI	REPORTED	INI	CREASE/	ADJUSTED
COMEDIA	T D I D	COLLDOI		EVEN AND EVEN OF A DIVIGITA CENTER					
SCHEDULE	LINE	COLUMN	NO.	EXPLANATION OF ADJUSTMENTS	OR	ADJUSTED	(DE	CREASE)	TOTAL
				CY-370 Adjustment					
CY-370	1-A	4	1	Adoption Service - Operating	\$	88	\$	3	\$ 91
	1-J	4		Intake & Referral - Operating	\$	11,265	\$	92	\$ 11,357
	1-M	4		Protective Service Child Abuse - Operating	\$	10,636	\$	40	\$ 10,676
	1-N	4		Protective Service General - Operating	\$	24,048	\$	175	\$ 24,223
	1-O	4		Service Planning - Operating	\$	11,825	\$	54	\$ 11,879
	2-G	4		Foster Family (Dependent) - Operating	\$	7,545	\$	24	\$ 7,569
	3-B	4		Residential Service (Dependent) - Operating	\$	167	\$	4	\$ 171
	4	4		Administration - Operating	\$	20,668	\$	327	\$ 20,995
				Total Adjustment Amount			\$	718	
				To increase operating expenditures by \$718 to include invoices erroneously omitted from the					
				CY-370 Expenditure Report submitted to					
				Commonwealth DHS and reconcile to the					
				agency's expenditure ledger.					
				Title 55 PA Code, Chapter 3170.95(a)(b)					

SECTION 3

STATUS OF PRIOR ENGAGEMENT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY CURRENT ENGAGEMENT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The prior report included the following finding:

<u>Lack of Internal Control Policies and Procedures to Reduce the Risk of Paying</u> Overbillings or Fraudulent Billings by Contracted In-Home Purchased Service Providers

In our prior engagement report, for the fiscal years July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2018, we cited the agency for failing to develop and implement internal control policies and procedures to require adequate supporting documentation evidencing that services related to fees invoiced by In-Home Purchased Service providers, and paid by the agency, were actually provided, and if provided, provided in adherence to the requirements of the respective provider contract terms.

During the conduct of our current engagement, we obtained evidence substantiating that, as of July 1, 2018, the agency developed and implemented fiscal-related monitoring policy and procedures designed to reduce the agency's risk of paying overbillings or fraudulent billings submitted by contracted In-Home Purchased Service providers.

The agency's fiscal-related monitoring policy for In-Home Purchased Service providers requires supporting documentation to be included with each submitted invoice. The documentation includes the signature of the child or parent verifying the delivery of the services and date of service. When an invoice is received, the agency director ensures the assigned caseworker found no discrepancies for the service dates or units of service. In addition, the agency fiscal administrator and director compare the supporting documentation with the invoice and each place a check mark and initials/date on the invoice and supporting documents to indicate the invoice is accurate and approved for payment. If a discrepancy is found, the invoice is returned to the provider for written verification and a resolution.

To assess the sufficiency of these procedures, we reviewed several invoices and verified the agency obtained sufficient documentation to verify the invoiced number of units and each document included a checkmark and initials/date to evidence the review was completed.

Based on the procedures performed during our current engagement, we concluded the issuance of a repeat finding is not warranted.

SECTION 4

CURRENT ENGAGEMENT OBSERVATION

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY CURRENT ENGAGEMENT OBSERVATION

Observation – Despite the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Apparent Strides in Increasing the Protection of At-Risk Children in the Care of Contracted In-Home Preventative Service Providers, DHS Failed to Review the Adequacy of the C&Y Agencies Procedures and Results for Ensuring these Providers Comply with CPSL Requirements.

The vast majority of Pennsylvania's County Children and Youth (C&Y) agencies contract with non-government In-Home Preventative Service Providers (contracted providers) to deliver services to children outside of an institutional or community-based setting, and those services are referred to as In-Home Purchased Services.² The Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) requires the conduct of Criminal Background Checks and Child Abuse History Clearances (certifications) for all contracted providers' (and their respective subcontractors') employees and direct volunteers.³

Since 2016, we have communicated concerns to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) that these contracted providers were not being monitored for compliance with the CPSL certification mandates. Specifically, this needed monitoring relates to obtaining assurance as to the sufficiency of each C&Y agency's procedures for reviewing the certifications of contracted providers' employees and volunteers and their respective subcontractors, whose duties require them to come into direct contact with children and taking appropriate corrective actions when disqualifying incidents are identified. Furthermore, these contracted providers are not subject to licensure nor annual inspections under the Human Services Code (Code). Our concerns continue to be communicated through the inclusion of a standardized observation in our C&Y Program engagement reports and through correspondence with DHS.

In February 2018, DHS senior management staff affirmed that DHS is responsible for communicating contract-monitoring expectations to the C&Y agencies and for implementing a method to ensure certification monitoring is being performed adequately. DHS staff also stated these expectations were communicated to C&Y agencies on numerous occasions since 2016.

² Institutional and community-based settings are those in which the child is outside of the home for the entire time (e.g., Juvenile Detention, Residential Services, Secure Residential, Youth Development Camps, Youth Forestry Camps, Foster Care, Emergency Shelter, Group Homes, etc.). In-Home supportive services are provided while the child is in their own home or supportive services provided to the child or child's family while the child is in substitute care.

³ 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6344 and 6344.2. Please note that CPSL 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344.4 now requires recertification of the required state and federal background checks and the child abuse clearance every 60 months.

⁴ Based on a recent communication with DHS in early September 2020, the state agency candidly indicated that it lacks sufficient budgetary resources, leading to inadequate staffing to provide for the licensure and inspection of these contracted providers, which includes a large population of not only these providers, but also their subcontractors. Further, the implication of these budgetary constraints is that it would not be reasonable to pursue or support related legislation to make these contracted providers and their subcontractors subject to licensure and inspection. Please see the Special Note in Endnote 1.

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Our 2018 Position Statement Letter

On March 18, 2018, we sent a Position Statement Letter to then DHS Deputy Secretary for Children, Youth and Families, which was also delivered to the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives' children and youth committee chairs. The major purpose of our letter was to express our concerns, as detailed above.

DHS Corrective Actions Taken

In an effort to further address our concerns, DHS expanded its CPSL adherence requirements for C&Y agencies through the issuance of its 2019 revision of its Single Audit Supplement (supplement) for counties, effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The supplement included the following requirements for C&Y agencies and their auditors who conduct Single Audits of counties.

C&Y agencies are required to:

- Monitor contracted provider adherence to the CPSL background check requirements to assure the safety of children receiving prevention, reunification, and aftercare services (services coded as in-home).
- Document these efforts and report them to DHS on a supplemental schedule included in each counties' Single Audit package.
- Create a listing of contracted providers that deliver in-home coded services.
- Monitor a sample of contracted providers' compliance with the CPSL requirements, including checking for incidents since the date of the background clearances.
- Communicate any violations to contracted providers and obtain a corrective action plan.
- Follow-up on implementation of the corrective action plan within six months.
- Document the results of the monitoring.

As part of the Single Audit, the auditors are required to perform agreed-upon procedures with regard to the supplemental schedule noted above, including the following:

- Obtain a listing of contracted providers that deliver in-home coded services for the C&Y agency.
- Test the listing of contracted providers for completeness.
- Analyze the C&Y agency's documentation of monitoring activities for adequacy of
 monitoring, the C&Y agency's obtaining of any necessary corrective action plans, the
 C&Y agency's timely follow-up on corrective action plans, and the adequacy and
 accuracy of the monitoring documentation as represented on the supplemental schedule.

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• Disclose any exceptions or findings within the Single Audit package for items not reflected on the supplemental schedule.

Our Current Position

We believe that the requirements that DHS included in its supplement are great first steps in obtaining assurance of the C&Y agencies' compliance with the CPSL certification requirements. Specifically, having independent auditors reviewing the adequacy of the C&Y agencies' monitoring of the CPSL background check requirements for contracted providers annually, and reporting the C&Y agencies' monitoring efforts in a supplemental schedule of the Single Audit package that is provided to DHS appears to be effective. As part of the CPSL certification monitoring process, it is incumbent upon DHS to review the supplemental schedule and any exceptions or findings within the Single Audit packages to ascertain whether the C&Y agencies are properly monitoring for CPSL certification requirements of its contracted providers. However, as of March 2021, DHS officials acknowledged that staff have not started reviewing the Single Audit packages for this purpose.⁵

This lack of review by DHS is especially concerning considering DHS as the oversight agency could remain unaware of improper monitoring being performed by a C&Y agency and/or non-compliance with the CPSL occurring despite receiving an audit report disclosing such information. Therefore, we believe that it is imperative that DHS review the Single Audit packages for CPSL compliance by the C&Y agencies in a timely manner.

Alternatively, DHS could implement its own monitoring process whereby it reviews the adequacy of each C&Y agency's monitoring to ensure the agency's contracted providers and their subcontractors complied with CPSL certification requirements. The process would include reviewing the corrective actions plans when disqualifying incidents were identified and verifying that the corrective action plans were implemented.ⁱ

Conclusion

As the oversight agency, it is our opinion that DHS should ensure that every C&Y agency and its respective contracted providers are actually adhering to the CPSL certification requirements. This specifically relates to obtaining assurance as to the adequacy of each C&Y Agency's procedures for reviewing the certifications of their contracted providers' employees and volunteers and their subcontractors (whose duties require them to come into direct contact with children) and taking appropriate corrective action when disqualifying incidents are identified. We continue to believe that these children remain particularly vulnerable because contracted in-home services are often times provided outside the presence and view of others.

⁵ DHS informed us that they merely verbally inquire about the status of C&Y agencies' respective corrective action plans during their monitoring process.

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¹ Special Note: In marked contrast to contracted foster care parents/providers and day treatment centers/child residential facilities, as well as 12 other types of facilities and programs, these C&Y contracted providers are not subject to annual licensure and an inspection process in accordance with the Human Services Code (Code). As noted in an earlier footnote, DHS recently made the candid statement that it lacks sufficient budgetary resources, leading to inadequate staffing to provide for the licensure and inspection of these contracted providers.

Our Department understands and appreciates these budgetary difficulties and that it may not be practical, but it is definitely reasonable to have licensure and inspections under the Code for this very large population of these C&Y agencies' contracted providers and their subcontractors.

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