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April 17, 2013

Douglas Corbett, Administrator
Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department
114 North 3rd
Watsika, IL 60970-1302

Dear Mr. Corbett:

A thorough investigation of Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department was conducted on April 2, 2013. Susan C. Real, Planning & Program Manager conducted an audit limited to the following scope:

- A. Review the purchase of gift cards under the Caregiver Gap Program to ensure the cards were used in accordance with Area Agency allowable cost requirements to purchase school supplies, school clothes, etc. for the grandchildren/relatives being raised by grandparents/relatives.
- B. Review of expenses reported under the implementation of the Elder Abuse M-Team Meetings to ensure meal costs were expended in accordance with Area Agency allowable cost requirements.

Please find enclosed the Investigation Report which summarizes the review, and contains conclusions. Please maintain this Report for your files. Please contact the Area Agency with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike O'Donnell
Executive Director

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Cc: Control File
Planning & Program Specialist

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Elder Abuse & Neglect Program MTeam Activity Review

MTEAM Members:

Tammy Baragree, Iroquois Sexual Assault KC-CASA - Domestic Violence
Shane Eades, Iroquois County Sheriff's Department - Law Enforcement
Jeannie Synder – Ford-Iroquois Public Health – Nursing/Medical
Thomas McKann – First Presbyterian Church – Clergy
Mike Potter – Iroquois Mental Health Clinic- Mental Health
Steve Rhoades, First Trust Bank, Watseka - Banking
Marissa Wiseman – Prairie State Legal Services – Legal (Iroquois)
John Lafond – Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation – Legal (Ford)
FIPH Eldercare Services of Ford-Iroquois County Staff:
Luann Armantrout, Supervisor
Marcia Peznowski, Elder Abuse Case Worker
Nancy Reep, Elder Abuse Case Worker

Verified MTeam Meetings, MTeam Participation & MTeam lunch/food receipts for the following:

August 23, 2011
October 25, 2011
November 22, 2011
January, 25, 2012
February 28, 2012
April 24, 2012
May 22, 2012
June 26, 2012
August 28, 2012
September 25, 2012
October 23, 2012
November 27, 2012
February 26, 2013
March 26, 2013

Conclusion: No evidence was found to support fraudulent expending of ECIAAA Title VII grant funds. Expenses reported were deemed allowable and were in accordance with Older Americans Act Federal Regulations. MTeam Lunch Expenses were reported in accordance with MTeam Meetings, and in accordance with the ECIAAA approved Title VII applications for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

Recommendation: Ford-Iroquois Public Health is directed to accurately describe MTeam lunch/food receipts in its accounting records effective immediately.

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Caregiver Gap-Filling Under Title III-E of the Older Americans Act

FY 2012 Reportable Activity Only. Note: No Caregiver Gap Funds Used During FY 2013.

Clients:

Grandparents Raising Grandchild

Grandparent Raising Grandchild

Grandparent Raising Grandchild

Grandparent Raising Grandchild

Grandparent Raising Grandchild

Caregiver

Grandparent Raising Grandchild

Caregiver

Caregiver

Verified gift card purchases went to grandparents raising grandchildren and caregivers. Verified through review of signature of receipt by grandparent/caregiver.

Verified purchases were in accordance with Caregiver Gap Filling under OAA Title III-E Service Definition and Service components. Services which can provide assistance to the caregiver in carrying out his/her caregiving responsibilities which include but not limited to: environmental and material aid; family and household support; access and transportation; and, other goods or services related to improving the client's health and/or safety needs.

Verified that authorization of the gift cards were to be used to purchase school supplies and school clothes by the grandparents raising grandchildren.

Verified that authorization of gas cards to caregivers so that they were able to transport care-recipients to medical appointments, and to the mental health clinics, etc.

Interviews were conducted with the grandparents and caregivers to actually verify receipt of the gift cards and gas cards, and to discuss what was purchased.

Conclusion: No evidence was found to support fraudulent expending of ECIAAA Older Americans Act Title III-E grant funds. Expenses reported were deemed allowable and were in accordance with ECIAAA Caregiver Gap-Illinois Service Definition and Components under the Older Americans Act.