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BILL HASLAM GOVERNOR DANIELLE W. BARNES COMMISSIONER

March 9, 2018

Enna Bush, Owner Jessenna Learning Center 5355 Flowering Peach Drive Memphis, Tennessee 38115-5923

Dear Ms. Bush,

The Department of Human Services (DHS) – Division of Audit Services staff conducted an unannounced on-site review of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) at Jessenna Learning Center Application Agreement 00-329 on February 12, 2018. The purpose of this review was to determine if the Sponsor complied with *Title 7 of the Code Regulations* (CFR) applicable parts, application agreement, and 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. 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 reports the number of meals served through the DHS Tennessee Information Payment System (TIPS) to seek reimbursement. We inspected meal count sheets for our test period and reconciled the meals claimed to the meals reported as served for each meal service. We also assessed compliance with civil rights requirements. In addition, we observed a meal service on January 24, 2018.

Our review of the Sponsor's records for January 2018 disclosed the following:

1. The Sponsor reported an incorrect number of meals from an observed meal service

Condition

On January 24, 2018, we conducted an unannounced on-site visit at Jessenna Learning Center to observe a lunch meal service. We observed 19 lunch meals served. However, the Sponsor reported a total of 24 lunch meals as served. As a result, the cost reimbursement for five lunch meals was disallowed.

<u>Criteria</u>

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.10 (c) states "...In submitting a Claim for Reimbursement, each institution shall certify that the claim is correct and that records are available to support that claim..."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure the meals claimed for reimbursement agree with the actual number of meals served during the meal service time.

2. The monitor observed the lunch meal served outside of the approved service time

Condition

On January 24, 2018, we observed a lunch meal at Jessenna Learning Center. We arrived at Jessenna Learning Center at approximately 10:30 a.m. The monitor observed 19 lunch meals being served between 10:40 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The approved meal service time is 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Criteria

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 226.17(b)(4) states. "Each child care center participating in the Program shall claim only the meal types specified in its approved application..."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure the meals claimed for reimbursement were served during the approved meal service time.

3. The observed lunch did not meet meal pattern requirements established by the USDA

<u>Condition</u>

On January 24, 2018, we observed a lunch meal at Jessenna Learning Center which consisted of milk, peaches, rice, a wheat tortilla shell, beef, and cheese. The lunch meal observed was missing a vegetable component. The monitor observed 19 lunch meals and as a result, the cost reimbursement for those meals was disallowed.

Criteria

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 226.17(b)(4) states. "Each child care center participating in the Program shall claim only the meal types specified in its approved application in accordance with the meal pattern requirements specified in §226.20 ..."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure meals served meet meal pattern requirements established by the USDA.

4. The Sponsor did not provide supporting documentation to show that sufficient quantities of milk were purchased for the number of meals served requiring milk

Condition

Based on the number of meals served with milk as a required component, a total of 7,954 ounces were needed. However, the Sponsor could only document the purchase of 5,968 ounces of milk, which resulted in a shortage of 1,986 ounces.

As a result, the cost reimbursement of 275 breakfast meals was disallowed.

<u>Criteria</u>

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.17(b)(4) states, "Each child care center participating in the Program shall claim only the meal types specified in Its approved application in accordance with the meal pattern requirements specified in §226.20. ..."

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.20(c)(1) states. Fluid milk, vegetables or fruit, or portions of both, and grains are required components of the breakfast meal. ..."

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.20(c)(3) states, "Serve two of the following five components: Fluid milk, meat and meat alternates, vegetables, fruits, and grains. Fruit juice, vegetable juice, and milk may comprise only one component of the snack..."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should purchase enough milk to provide all participants with the required amount of milk for meals that are claimed for reimbursement.

5. The Sponsor reported incorrect participant days

Condition

The claim for reimbursement for January 2018 reported 768 participant days. However, based on our review of the Sponsor's records, we noted 720 participant days.

<u>Criteria</u>

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.10 (c) states, "… In submitting a Claim for Reimbursement, each institution shall certify that the claim is correct and that records are available to support that claim. …"

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure the attendance is recorded and reported correctly. Appropriate supporting documentation should be maintained and available.

6. The Sponsor reported incorrect days of operation

Condition

The claim for reimbursement for January 2018 reported 18 days of operation. However, based on our review of the Sponsor's records, we noted 15 days of operation.

<u>Criteria</u>

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 226.10 (c) states, "… In submitting a Claim for Reimbursement, each institution shall certify that the claim is correct and that records are available to support that claim. …"

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure the days of operation are reported correctly.

Technical Assistance Provided

Technical assistance was provided to the Sponsor on the revised USDA meal pattern requirements, milk, food and non-food inventory maintenance, and making changes in the DHS Tennessee Information Payment System (TIPS) when necessary.

Disallowed Meals Cost

Based on the review, we determined that the Sponsor's noncompliance with the applicable Federal and State regulations that govern the CACFP resulted in a disallowed cost of \$564.35.

Corrective Action

The Sponsor's management must complete the following actions within 30 days from the date of this report:

- Log into the Tennessee Information Payment System (TIPS) and revise the claim submitted for January 2018, which contains the verified claim data from the enclosed exhibit.
- Remit a check payable to the **Tennessee Department of Human Services** in the amount of \$564.35 for recovery of the amounts disallowed in this report. **Please return the attached billing notice with your check**; and
- 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 of Operations 8th Floor Citizens Plaza Building 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243 <u>Allette.Vayda@tn.gov</u> (615) 313--3769

Please note that the amount of disallowed cost is subject to an interest charge. The interest charge will be waived if your revised claim is completed within 30 days from the date of this report. If the revised claim is not completed by the 30-day deadline, an interest charge may be billed to your institution. Please mail your check and the billing notice to:

<u>Child and Adult Care Food Program</u> Fiscal Services 11th Floor, Citizens Plaza Building 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243

In accordance with the federal regulation found at 7 *CFR Part 226.6 (k)*, your institution may appeal the overpayment identified by the monitoring report. The procedures for submitting an appeal are enclosed. The appeal must be submitted to:

Tennessee Department of Human Services Appeals and Hearings Division, Clerks Office P.O. Box 198996 Nashville, Tennessee 37219

If the Institution decides to appeal the amount of disallowed administrative and meals cost, all appeal procedures must be followed as failure to do so may result in the denial of your request for an appeal.

We appreciate the assistance provided during this review. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Sean Baker, Audit Director 2, at 615-313-4727 or sean baker@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Sam O. Alzoubi, CFE

Director of Audit Services

Exhibits

Cc: Erica Weatherall, Assistant Director, Jessenna Learning Center Allette Vayda, Director of Operations Debra Pasta, Program Manager, Child and Adult Food Program Elke Moore, Administrative Assistant 3, Child and Adult Care Food Program 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

Verification of CACFP Independent Center Claim

Name of Agency: Jessenna Learning Center Review Month/Year: January 2018 Total Meal Reimbursement Received: \$4,262.60

Program Area	Reported on Claim	Reconciled By Monitoring Review
Number of Days that CACFP Food Service was operated	18	15
Total Attendance	768	720
Percentage of Participants in the Free or Reduced-price Category (For Proprietary Center Only)	XXXXXX	100%
Number of Breakfasts Served	648	373
Number of Lunches Served	360	336
Number of Suppers Served	360	360
Number of Supplements Served	720	720
Number of Participants in Free Category	48	48
Number of Participants in Reduced- Price Category	0	0
Number of Participants in Paid Category	0	0
Total Number of Participants	48	48
Total Amount of Eligible Food Costs	XXXXXXXX	\$763.62
Total Amount of Eligible Food and Non-Food Costs	XXXXXXXX	\$1,946.57



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March 9, 2018

DANIELLE W. BARNES

COMMISSIONER

Enna Bush, Owner Jessenna Learning Center 5355 Flowering Peach Drive Memphis, Tennessee 38115-5923

Notice of payment due to findings disclosed in the monitoring report dated March 9, 2018, for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Institution Name:	Jessenna Learning Center
Institution Address:	5355 Flowering Peach Drive Memphis, Tennessee 38115-5923
Agreement Numbers:	00329
Amount Due:	\$564.35
Due Date:	April 9, 2018

Based on the monitoring report issued by the Audit Services Division within the Tennessee Department of Human Services, the Community and Social Services-Food Programs- CACFP & SFSP management has agreed with the findings which require your institution to reimburse the Department of Human Services the disallowed cost noted in the report.

Please remit a check or money order payable to the *Tennessee Department of Human Services* in the amount of \$564.35 by the due date to:

Fiscal Services 11th Floor Citizens Plaza Building 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243- Human 1403 Tennessee Department of Services

Please note that the unallowed cost / overpayment of the CACFP is subject to an interest charge. The interest charge will be waived if the payment is received by the due date. If payment is not received by the end of 5th day of the due date, an interest charge may be added to the original amount due and will be billed to your entity.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to contact Allette Vayda, Director of Operations at (615) 313-3769 or <u>Allette Vayda@tn.gov</u>

Thank you for your attention



Tennessee Department of Human Services 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

Name of Sponsor/Agency/Site: Jessenna	Learning Center	Agreement No. 00329	□ SFSP ⊠ CACFP
Mailing Address: 5355 Flowering Peach D)rive Memphis, Tenn	essee 38115-5923	
Section B. Responsible Principal(s) and	d/or Individual(s)		Date of Birth: / /
Name and Title: Enna Bush, Owner			
Section C. Dates of Issuance of Monito	ring Report/Correc	tive Action Plan	
Monitoring Report: 3/9/2018	Corrective Act	ion Plan: 3/9/2018	

Section D. Findings

Findings:

- 1. The Sponsor reported an incorrect number of meals from an observed meal service
- 2. The monitor observed the lunch meal served outside of the approved service time
- 3. The observed lunch did not meet meal pattern requirements established by the USDA
- 4. The Sponsor did not provide supporting documentation to show that sufficient quantities of milk were purchased for the number of meals served requiring milk
- 5. The Sponsor reported incorrect participant days
- 6. The Sponsor reported incorrect days of operation

The following measures will be completed within **30 calendar days** of my institution's receipt of this corrective action plan:

Measure No. 1: The Sponsor reported an incorrect number of meals from an observed meal service

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected.

Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

Name:

Position Title:

Name:

Position Title:

Describe below the step-by-step procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding:

When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline below for implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually, and when will they begin?):

Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:

How will new and current staff be informed of the new policies and procedures to address the finding (e.g., Handbook, training, etc.)? Please describe below:

Measure No.2: The monitor observed the lunch meal served outside of the approved service time

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected. Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

Name:

Position Title:

Name:

Position Title:

Describe below the **step-by-step** procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding:

When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline below for implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually, and when will they begin?):

Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:

How will new and current staff be informed of the new policies and procedures to address the finding (e.g., Handbook, training, etc.)? Please describe below:		

Measure No. 3: The observed lunch did not meet meal pattern requirements established by the USDA

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected. Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

Name:

Position Title:

Name:

Position Title:

Describe below the **step-by-step** procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding:

When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline below for implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually, and when will they begin?):

DHS staff should check the "Forms" section of the intranet to ensure the use of current versions. Forms may not be altered without prior approval. Distribution: OIG and CACFP/SFSP as appropriate HS-3187 (Rev. 11-16) Page 4 of 9 Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:

How will new and current staff be informed of the new policies and procedures to address the finding (e Handbook, training, etc.)? Please describe below:	.g.,

Measure No. 4: The Sponsor did not provide supporting documentation to show that sufficient quantities of milk were purchased for the number of meals served requiring milk

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected.

Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

Name:

Position Title:

Name:

Position Title:

Describe below the step-by-step procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding:

When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline below for	
implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually, and wh	en
will they begin?):	

Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:

How will new and current staff be informed of the new policies and procedures to address the finding (e.g., Handbook, training, etc.)? Please describe below:

Measure No. 5: The Sponsor reported incorrect participant days

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected. Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

Name:

Position Title:

Name:

Position Title:

Describe below the step-by-step procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding:

When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline below for implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually, and when will they begin?):

Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:

How will new and current staff be informed of the new policies and procedures to address the finding (e.g., Handbook, training, etc.)? Please describe below:

Measure No.6: The Sponsor reported incorrect days of operation

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected. Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

Position Title:

Describe below the step-by-step procedures that will be implemented to correct the finding:

When will the procedures for addressing the finding be implemented? Provide a timeline below for implementing the procedures (i.e., will the procedures be done daily, weekly, monthly, or annually, and when will they begin?):

Where will the Corrective Action Plan documentation be retained? Please identify below:

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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 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, 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 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 Proposed Termination, 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)(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 Hearing Official's discretion. This

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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-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: AppealsClerksOffice.DHS@tn.gov

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. The agency maintains searchable records of all administrative reviews and their dispositions for a period of five (5) years.

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.