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RFP Grant Services for Obesity Prevention and Control for K-12 for FY 2014 thru FY 2017

Amendment #1

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On April 15, 2013 and April 16, 2013, written questions were received in regards to the FY14 – FY17 Obesity Prevention and Control for K-12 Request for Proposals. Following are the written questions received and DHSS answers clarifying information in the RFP.

April 15, 2013

Q1: As I work on the Overall Objectives Plan, I notice on one example that the Statewide % of students active for at least 60 min per week is cited at 29% but on a comparison graph from the 2011 YRBS it shows state @ 12.6% and local at 12.0%, I am not sure if this is just used as an example or if there are different numbers out there?

A1: The baseline results for the EXAMPLE Intermediate objective on Attachment 4: Overall Objective Plan is incorrect.

The FY11 statewide YRBS for High School students physically active ALL 7 days of the last week is 21% (not 29%).

The FY11 statewide YRBS for High School students physically active NONE of the days of the last week is 12.6%

April 16, 2013

Q1: On page 7, section 3A of attachment 1, there is a requirement for school district's to collect height and weight data of students and transmit that data to OPCP for analysis.

Is the only data requested height and weight? Will other data that identifies the student be required as well? Will any other data associated with a student's medical records be required?

A1: Data submitted to the OPCP will be de-identified and sent via a secure electronic transfer system; the program will work with the district to ensure students cannot be identified through the data. At minimum height, weight, sex and age on date of measure are necessary for calculating BMI and determining the BMI percentile. While not required, other districts have shared information about student race, grade, and school. An example of how this information is presented, please see page 6 of Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity among Students in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, 2011-2012 (link found on page 7, section 3A of attachment 1).

Q2: If only height and weight are required why do we need to use electronic health records software, which I assume is different than our current student database (Power School)?

A2: To calculate BMI percentiles and classify weight status, height, weight, sex and age on date of measure are necessary. OPCP will work with a variety of electronic databases to collect the data. 'Electronic health records software' specifies that districts may not just scan pen and paper files for analysis. We have successfully worked with 'Power School' in the past.

Q3: I also imagine that we will need to give parents an opportunity to opt out of having their data collected, or we'll need to have them actively opt in, were you anticipating that?

A3: Parental engagement is important to a successful obesity prevention program. The State of Alaska Measuring Height/Weight and Calculating BMI: Guidelines for Schools, includes a sample pre-screening notice to Parents and Guardians (link found on page 7, section 3A of attachment 1). Districts are allowed to make the decision locally whether to utilize active or passive parental consent.