DATE: January 23, 2020

TO: SIERRA HARM REDUCTION COALITION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF SIERRA HARM REDUCTION COALITION SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

On behalf of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA) I am pleased to inform you that the Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition’s (SHRC) application to provide syringe services has been approved. CDPH, OA has determined that SHRC’s program has met the requirements outlined in California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 121349 to qualify for authorization. Additionally, CDPH, OA has determined that conditions exist for the rapid spread of HIV, viral hepatitis, or other blood-borne diseases in El Dorado County. Authorization is effective January 23, 2020 through January 23, 2022. SHRC may apply for renewal before the end of the two-year period.

SHRC is approved to provide syringe services in the following times and locations: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., mobile locations in El Dorado County up to the border of Sacramento and El Dorado counties to the west, the border of Placer and El Dorado counties to the north, the border of the Amador County and El Dorado Counties to the south and the town of Kyburz to the east. Home delivery services for participants unable to make it to the mobile sites will be made on a by-appointment basis. Home deliveries will take place Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Operating days, hours and locations are subject to change after consultation with and approval from CDPH, OA, as the need for services changes.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Subchapter 15, Syringe Exchange Program Certification, requires that certified syringe services programs (SSPs) record both adverse incidents and positive interactions between local law enforcement and SSP staff, volunteers or participants; document concerns and positive feedback expressed by program participants, community members, neighborhood associations and/or local law enforcement officials; and document steps the program has taken to address any reasonable concerns. CDPH, OA will contact you to discuss these and other data and reporting requirements, and work with you to support your efforts to address any concerns that arise.
We appreciate the dedication of all who worked to submit this application. Thank you for your efforts in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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