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To: HSC Research Community

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Re: SAMHSA Grant Submissions (Project Director/PI)

SAMHSA granting system can only recognize one “official” Project Director. SAMHSA does not use the terms “PI” and “PD” interchangeably as other federal granting agencies do. Due to the nature of SAMHSA grants, hospital employees and non-faculty clinical personnel often needed to be listed as the Project Director, hence creating an issue with PI eligibility within the Health Sciences Center requirements.

A special exception will be made for those applying to SAMHSA opportunities in which a hospital employee or non-faculty clinical employee is required to be the Project Director. These employees will not need to meet the Health Science Center criteria for an eligible “PI.” Instead, the grant application will clearly identify a Health Science Center faculty who will direct and administer the grant so the “project director” can lead the clinical research program. This means that the SAMHSA Notice of Award will be made to the University with the “project director/hospital employee” listed as PD/PI. However for internal purposes, all related Click and Banner records will identify the eligible HSC faculty member as the Principal Investigator, who will be responsible for the administration of the award.

This exception will only apply to SAMHSA submissions at this time.

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