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Dear Traumatic Brain Injury Program grantees:

Welcome! This is the first of several emails we will be sending you, with important information and instructions about your TBI grant.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the Traumatic Brain Injury H21 State Implementation grant program will be transferred from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to the Administration for Community Living (ACL), effective June 1, 2016. Within ACL, the program will be housed in the Administration on Disabilities (AOD) in the Independent Living Administration (ILA). We are very pleased to have this opportunity to oversee this vital effort to improve the lives of individuals with TBI. We are looking forward to working together to advance policy and implement programs that support the rights of older Americans and people with disabilities to live in their communities throughout their lifespan.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

The leadership of both ACL and HRSA fully support this transition, and has formed a team that is developing a plan for a seamless transfer of the program. We are committed to ensuring the program's integrity by providing continued funding and technical assistance to states, territories, federally-recognized Indian Tribes and Native American organizations to develop, or enhance community-based services to those at risk for or impacted by TBI.

NON-COMPETING CONTINUATION APPLICATIONS:

During the third year of the H21 funding cycle beginning on or around June 1, 2016, the ILA expects grantees to continue with their approved activities and goals. The 2016 non-competing continuation awards will be provided by the ILA on or around June 1, 2016. You must submit all reports that are due after the ILA Notice of Awards are released via Grant Solutions. The ILA will provide you with any necessary technical assistance as well as the most up to date status of the transition and what to expect in the next few months.

ACL CONTACTS:

Elizabeth Leef will serve as the acting project officer in ACL and LaDeva Harris will serve as the ACL grants management specialist. Please send all correspondences to the ACL TBI drop box and staff will answer all program and financial grant matter questions. **TBI@ACL.GOV**

FY15 CLOSE OUT AND NEED TO REQUEST A NO COST EXTENSION:

You must submit your progress reports for FY 2015 into the HRSA Electronic Handbook. If you will have any unobligated funds available at the end of this current project period that ends May 31, 2016, you need to work with the HRSA project officer, Christina Turgel. Those funds will NOT automatically carry over to the FY16 continuation grants that ILA will be issuing. If you

will have such unused funds, you can request a no cost extension through your HRSA grant. All 2015 and prior year grant activities will be managed through HRSA. All activities funded in 2016 will be managed by ACL.

We are looking forward to working with you and again, welcome to the Administration for Community Living.

Sincerely,

Bob Williams
Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities