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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, M.A., M.P.H., Director
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SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF OMEGA HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC., A DRUG/MEDI-CAL AGENCY, CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY**

The Department of Public Health’s Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) terminated its agreement with Omega Health and Educational Services, Inc. (OHES) for cause, on July 1, 2014. SAPC had not received a Corrective Action Plan responsive to the requirements stated below by the June 30, 2014 deadline given to OHES. The agency is located at 3870 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 213, Los Angeles, California 90008, in the Second Supervisorial District.

During the course of SAPC’s last three program reviews of OHES, conducted in December 2013, January 2014, and June 2014, the following serious deficiencies and violations were identified:

1. Client files had serious contract and Title 22 violations, including lack of documentation to support services billed, and almost all standard admission documents were missing. These deficiencies were noted during the December 2013 Early Watch visit and remained unresolved.
2. Three treatment plans were found to be pre-dated and pre-signed.
3. OHES’s phone number and hours of operations were changed without prior approval from SAPC as required by contract.
4. All client files lacked any supporting documentation that Medical Director Howard Oliver had been present at the facility and reviewed any treatment forms.

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Due to OHES' failure to remedy the deficiencies and to provide SAPC with its corrective plan, SAPC notified OHES of the termination on June 25, 2014. SAPC has also notified the State Department of Health Care Services of the termination.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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