

ARORP Advisory Board Contract Update UALR/TEAMSI-MH

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 19:09am

Via Email

Board members

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An email was sent to ARORP Advisory Board Members on Thursday, December 7, 2023, to recommend ARORP contract Update: (UALR-MidSOUTH/TEAM SI-MH)

From: Tenesha Barnes <tbarnes@arorp.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:09 AM

To: ARORP Advisory Board

Subject: FW: ARORP Contract update/Need Your Vote

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Hello ARORP Advisory Board,

I pray you are having a great week! We have an update with project [ARORP22-008 UA Little Rock MidSOUTH Arkansas Take Back](#). We originally funded UA Little Rock MidSOUTH \$500,000 over two years to promote Arkansas Take Back, purchase additional Take Back boxes, and maintain the Take Back website.

On November 29, UA Little Rock requested to discontinue their project with us because we do not fund indirect costs. See the email thread below. They have received half of their funding, \$250,000, and have delivered on the project milestones for their first year. Before receiving their second check, they would like to withdraw from the project.

After carefully considering the project's goals, ARORP would like to accept UA Little Rock MidSOUTH's request to discontinue their project. The project is well-suited for a media company because of the promotional nature of the project. ARORP has identified Team SI-MH, who we are working with to develop the Revive App for project 23-128. The founder of Team SI has previously worked on Drug Take Back promotion, and we trust that they will be able to take over the project quickly and efficiently. If approved by the board, this will allow no break in service for 2024. Team SI-MH will continue the scope of work at the same approved price of \$250,000.

I will need your vote to allow this request to be granted:

Please vote by emailing me: **I approve, or I do not approve.** If I do not receive your vote by **Monday, December 11, 2023**, I will count it as approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Tenesha Barnes

Deputy Director

From: Tenesha Barnes

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 12:34 PM

To: Ivory Daniels <iddaniels@midsouth.ualr.edu>; Kirk Lane <klane@arorp.org>; Joy Spence <jspence@arorp.org>

Cc: Greg Smith <gksmith@midsouth.ualr.edu>; Gigi Peters <gapeters@midsouth.ualr.edu>; Jessica Simpson <jsimpson@midsouth.ualr.edu>

Subject: RE: ARORP Contract

Hello UA Little Rock MidSOUTH,

Thank you for your partnership! The ARORP funding is completely different from grant and state funding; it's settlement dollars. The settlement dollars are governed by an advisory board, city, and county lawyers. It is hard for us to explain how indirect costs abate the opioid epidemic.

We appreciate the partnership we have had with you thus far and we are moving swiftly forward with the campaign so there will be no break in service. We understand your position, but please see the letter attached per our legal team as it pertains to indirect cost. Per the scope of work and budgeted items approved by UALR and ARORP, please submit an itemized budget with receipts/invoices to close out your funding contract with ARORP. We would like to set a zoom meeting or site visit to ensure all funding has been accounted for once items are received.

Also please remember to submit your last quarterly report through the ARORP website to ensure you are in compliance with reporting.

ARORP is in agreement with UA Little Rock Procurement, and UALR will be able to purchase the remaining seven Take Back boxes secured under the bid contract without having the shipping addresses. UALR will plan to purchase those remaining boxes and provide ARORP all with the contact information for American Security Cabinets. The vendor will keep the remaining boxes in storage and will ship them to the address of ARORP's choice (we will only need to send an email) until all 7 boxes are shipped.

We are going to miss you as a partner.

Thanks,

Tenesha Barnes, Deputy Director

From: Ivory Daniels <iddaniels@midsouth.ualr.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 2:42 PM

To: Kirk Lane <klane@arorp.org>; Tenesha Barnes <tbarnes@arorp.org>; Joy Spence <jspence@arorp.org>

Cc: Greg Smith <gksmith@midsouth.ualr.edu>; Gigi Peters <gapeters@midsouth.ualr.edu>; Jessica Simpson <jsimpson@midsouth.ualr.edu>

Subject: ARORP Contract

Good Afternoon-

MidSOUTH is incredibly grateful to be a part of the strategies to abate the Arkansas opioid epidemic. Through our partnership with ARORP, MidSOUTH has delivered eighteen out of twenty-five take back boxes and over 30 Billboards across the state.

As we prepare for our next contract cycle (2023-2024), I wanted to be clear as to what ARORPs contract expectations are going into the next upcoming contractual agreement. Please see the following ARORP requirements as understood by UALR/MidSOUTH and clarify if I have missed or misunderstood any of this

- MidSOUTH will prepare a Budget and Scope of Work
- MidSOUTH will remove Take Back boxes for the SOW and use the funding to support video commercials in theaters.
- Add more coins, educational materials, more stickers.
- Adjust billboard locations (Southern Arkansas)
- MidSOUTH will remove indirect costs from the Budget as ARORP will no longer pay for this expense. This action decision came from the ARORP Board of Directors for all contractual agreements.

As per our conversation, UALR/MidSOUTH cannot move forward with this new contractual agreement without indirect costs. MidSOUTH is not an independent agency and must abide by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Policy. Indirect Costs on Grants and Contracts are determined

by the University, and MidSOUTH are not authorized to waive them. As ARORP will no longer pay for this expense, we understand we are to stop any further work on a new Contract cycle.

Further, in our discussion, the request for an extension to distribute the take back boxes was denied by ARORP due to this decision. MidSOUTH reached out to UA Little Rock Procurement, and we will be able to purchase the remaining seven Take Back boxes secured under the bid contract without having the shipping addresses. We will plan to purchase those remaining boxes and provide you all with the contact information for American Security Cabinets. The vendor will keep the remaining boxes in storage and will ship them to the address of ARORP's choice (you will only need to send an email).

Again, I want to express our appreciation and gratitude to ARORP for the partnership and the opportunity to have influence in the lives of children and families across the State of Arkansas.

Respectfully,

Ivory Daniels

Prevention Process Coordinator

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Recommendations:

John Wilkerson, Colin Jorgenson, Gloria Gordon, Tom Barron, Danny Ormand, Cindy Smith, Tim Helder, Danny Bradley, Dr. Virginia Stanick, Jerry Jones (Dr. Johnathon Goree, James Sanders - did not receive a recommendation)