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October 9, 2017

Yvonne Bettis, Board Chair Rehoboth Outreach Ministry 3810 Gallatin Pike Nashville, Tennessee 37216

Dear Ms. Bettis:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Audit Services staff conducted an on-site unannounced review of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) at Rehoboth Outreach Ministry, Application Agreement number 00-064, on July 17, 2017. Additional information was requested and received on July 22, 2017, to complete the review. We reviewed the Sponsor's records of reimbursements and expenditures for June 2017.

The Sponsor was approved for 30 feeding sites of which 24 were in operation during our unannounced visits in June 2017. The purpose of this review was to determine if the Sponsor complied with *Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) applicable parts, application agreement, and applicable Federal and State regulations.

Background

SFSP sponsors utilize meal count sheets to record the number of meals served at feeding sites for breakfast, lunch, supper, and supplements (snacks). Second meals are offered once all eligible children have been served first meals. The SFSP sponsor will report the number of meals served through the DHS Tennessee Information Payment System (TIPS) to seek reimbursement. We inspected meal counts sheets for each site for our test period and reconciled the meals claimed to the meals reported as served for each meal service. In addition, we also observed meal service at McCabe Regional Community Center, Boys & Girls Club of Bedford County, Fayetteville High School, and Harvest Hands.

Our review of the Sponsor's records for June 2017 disclosed the following:

1. The Sponsor's reported meal count documentation did not agree with claimed meals served

Condition

The Claim for Reimbursement for June 2016 reported 11,868 breakfast, 27,230 lunch, and 171 supplement meals served. However, based on our review of the Sponsor's records we found that there were 12,808 breakfasts, 28,277 lunches, and 534 supplement meals were served. As a result, the Sponsor underreported 940 breakfasts, 1,047 lunches, and 363 supplements.

Criteria

Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 225.9 (d)(5) states, in part, "... In submitting a claim for reimbursement, each sponsor shall certify that the claim is correct and that records are available to support this claim. Failure to maintain such records may be grounds for denial of reimbursement for meals served and/or administrative costs claimed during the period covered by the records in question."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure that the meals claimed agree with the feeding site meal count sheets.

2. Standard meal pattern requirements were not met

Condition

We observed a supplement meal service on June 20, 2017, at the Boys & Girls Club of Bedford County feeding site. The meal observed consisted of a fruit cup and cheese stick. The fruit cup that was served (mandarin oranges) was a four-ounce serving size. The fruit/vegetable component for the meal served did not meet the required amount of ¾ cup.

Criteria

Title 7 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 225.16(d) states, in part, "The meal requirements for the Program are designed to provide nutritious and well-balanced meals to each child. Sponsors shall ensure that meals served meet all of the requirements. ..."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should ensure that meals served meet with USDA meal pattern requirements.

3. The Sponsor did not complete monitoring as required

Condition

The Sponsor did not complete monitoring reviews during the first four weeks of operation to evaluate the ability of the staff and facilities to provide the meal service planned for the number of children anticipated to be served. Monitoring was not completed and/or

documented properly within the first four weeks of operation for the Boys and Girls Club of Bedford County site.

<u>Criteria</u>

7 CFR, Section 225.15 (d)(3) states, "Sponsors shall review food service operations at each site at least once during the first four weeks of Program operations, and thereafter shall maintain a reasonable level of site monitoring, Sponsors shall complete a monitoring form developed by the State agency during the conduct of these reviews."

Recommendation

The Sponsor should implement the following internal controls for each feeding site:

- Communicate to all monitoring staff that monitoring must be performed and documented;
- Maintain monitoring support documentation for each of the feeding sites.

Corrective Action

Rehoboth Outreach Ministry must complete the following actions within 30 days from the date of this report:

- Login to the Tennessee Information Payment System (TIPS) and revise the claim(s) submitted for each site for June 2017 which contains the reconciled claim data from the enclosed exhibit.
- Prepare and submit a corrective action plan to address the deficiencies identified in this
 report. The corrective action plan template is attached. Please return the corrective
 action plan to:

AuditServices.CAPS.DHS@tn.gov

If you have questions related to the corrective action plan, please contact:

Allette Vayda, Director
Child and Adult Care Food Program
8th Floor Citizens Plaza Building
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
Allette Vayda@tn.gov
(615) 313-3769

We appreciate the assistance provided during this review. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Jackie Yokley, Audit Director 2, at 615-837-5035 or Jackie.D.Yokley@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Sam O. Alzoubi, CFE Director of Audit Services

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Exhibits

cc: Vernal Sweeting, Director/CEO, Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Allette Vayda, Director, Child and Adult Care Food Program Elke Moore, Administrative Services Assistant 3, Child and Adult Care Food Program Constance Moore, Program Specialist, Child and Adult Care Food Program Marty Widner, Program Specialist, Child and Adult Care Food Program Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee

Exhibit A:

Summary of Total of Claimed and Reconciled Meals

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry

Review Month/Year: June 2017

Claim Reimbursement Total: \$130,475.41

| Meal Type Service | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|-------------------|---|
| Number of Participating Sites for Breakfast | 12 | 12 |
| Number of Participating Sites for Lunch | 22 | 22 |
| Number of Participating Sites for Supplements | 1 | 1 |
| Number of Breakfasts Served | 11,868 | 12,808 |
| Number of Lunches Served | 27,230 | 28,277 |
| Number of Supplements Served | 171 | 534 |

Sites Monitored:

Boys & Girls Club of Bedford County, Harvest Hands, Fayetteville High School and McCabe Regional Community Center

Exhibit B:

Site: McCabe Regional Community Center #0002

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 860 | 910 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,376 | 1,457 |

Exhibit C:

Site: Bellevue Community Center #0003 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 364 | 364 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 558 | 558 |

Exhibit D:

Site: Watkins Community Center #0006 Review Month/Year: Month 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 1,275 | 1,340 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,609 | 1,699 |

Exhibit E:

Site: Shelby Community Center #0007 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 609 | 641 |

Exhibit F:

Site: Southeast Community Center #0027 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals t Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 1,200 | 1,730 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,809 | 2,106 |

Exhibit G:

Site: Boys & Girls Club of Bedford County #0100 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 10 | 10 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 450 | 582 |
| Number of 1 st Supplements Served | 171 | 534 |

Exhibit H:

Site: HV Griffin Community Center #0094

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 18 | 18 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,751 | 1,751 |

Exhibit I:

Site: Community Middle School #0096 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 16 | 16 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 982 | 982 |

Exhibit J:

Site: Lewisburg Community Center #0097 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 10 | 10 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 188 | 188 |

Exhibit K:

Site: Cascade High School #0099 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 18 | 18 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,057 | 964 |

Exhibit L:

Site: South Middle School #0102 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 18 | 18 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,463 | 1,463 |

Exhibit M:

Site: Ralph Askin Elementary #0103 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 1,626 | 1,626 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,844 | 1,844 |

Exhibit N:

Site: Harvest Hands #0104 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 1,100 | 1,171 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,250 | 1,250 |

Exhibit O:

Site: Franklin County High #0105 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 16 | 16 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,161 | 1,395 |

Exhibit P:

Site: Fayetteville High School #0106 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 16 | 16 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,766 | 1,610 |

Exhibit Q:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Bedford County SACP #0107 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 1,875 | 1,875 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,921 | 1,921 |

Exhibit R:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Lynchburg Elementary School #0109 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 409 | 409 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 439 | 439 |

Exhibit S:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Tennessee Rehabilitation Center #0112

Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 378 | 358 |

Exhibit T:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Mount Sinai Baptist Church #0114

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 16 | 16 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 736 | 736 |

Exhibit U:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Shelbyville High School #0115 Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|--|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 12 | 12 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,047 | 1,301 |

Exhibit V:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Westwood Elementary School Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 17 | 17 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 960 | 960 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,092 | 1,056 |

Exhibit W:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: C D Stamps Community Center #0117

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 17 | 17 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,270 | 1,576 |

Exhibit X:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry Site: Winchester Swimplex

Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 17 | 17 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,807 | 1,807 |

Exhibit Y:

Sponsor: Rehoboth Outreach Ministry
Site: South Inglewood Community Center #0009
Review Month/Year: June 2017

| Site Meal Service Activity and Monitor Reconciliation | Reported on Claim | Reconciled Meals to Meal Counts Sheets |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Total Number of Days Food Served | 20 | 20 |
| Number of 1 st Breakfasts Served | 1,140 | 1,200 |
| Number of 1 st Lunches Served | 1,726 | 1,816 |



Tennessee Department of Human Services

Corrective Action Plan for Monitoring Findings

Instructions: Please print in ink or type the information to complete this document. Enter the date of birth for each Responsible Principal and/or Individual in Section B. Attach the additional documentation requested. Enter your name, title and date of signature on the last page. Please sign your name in ink. **Please return ALL pages of the completed Corrective Action Plan form.**

Section A. Institution Information

| Name of Sponsor/Agency/Site: Rehobo | oth Outreach Ministry | Agreement No. 00-064 | ⊠ SFSP □ CACFP | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Mailing Address: 3810 Gallatin Pike Na | shville, Tennessee 372 | 16 | | |
| Section B. Responsible Principal(s) | and/or Individual(s) | | | |
| Name and Title: Yvonne Bettis, Board Chair | | | Date of Birth: / / | |
| Section C. Dates of Issuance of Mon | itoring Report/Correct | ive Action Plan | | |
| Monitoring Report: 10/9/2017 | Corrective Act | Corrective Action Plan: 10/9/2017 | | |
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Section D. Findings

Findings:

- 1. The Sponsor's reported meal count documentation did not agree with claimed meals served.
- 2. Standard meal pattern requirements were not met.
- 3. The Sponsor did not complete monitoring as required.

The following measures will be completed within **30 calendar days** of my institution's receipt of this corrective action plan:

Measure No. 1: The Sponsor's reported meal count documentation did not agree with claimed meals served

The finding will be fully and permanently corrected.

Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected:

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| Measure No.2: Standard meal pattern requirements were not met The finding will be fully and permanently corrected. Identify the name(s) and position title(s) of the employee(s) who will be responsible for ensuring that the finding is fully and permanently corrected: | | |
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| Signature of Authorized Institution Official: | Date: / / |
| Signature of Authorized TDHS Official: | Date: / / |
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- (xi) The institution, one of its sponsored facilities, or one of the principals of the institution or its facilities has been convicted for any activity that indicates a lack of business integrity;
- (c) Administrative review is also available if the State agency notifies the institution and responsible principal or responsible individual of the following actions: proposed disqualification of a responsible principal or responsible individual, denial of a budget, denial of a line item within a budget, downward adjustment of the amount approved in a budget, suspension of an institution's participation, denial of start-up or expansion funds, denial of a request for advanced payment, recovery of an advance in excess of a claim, denial of a claim for reimbursement (except for late submission), decision not to an exception request for payment of a late claim, overpayment demand, denial of a new or renewing institution's application for participation, denial of sponsored facility application, notice of proposed termination, claim denial, claim deadline exceptions and requests for upward adjustments to a claim, or any other action affecting an institutions participation or claim for payment.
- 3. All appeal requests must be presented in writing to the TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings not later than 15 calendar days after the date the institution or sponsoring agency receives the notice of adverse administrative action.
- 4. The date of an institution's or sponsoring agency's receipt of a notice of suspension and/or proposed termination and disqualification will be governed by the federal regulation at 7 CFR Part 226.2. The notice must specify the action being proposed or taken and the basis for the action, and is considered to be received by the institution or day care home when it is delivered, sent by facsimile, or sent by email. If the notice is undeliverable, it is considered to be received by the institution, responsible principal or responsible individual, or day care home five days after being sent to the addressee's last known mailing address, facsimile number, or email address.
- 5. The TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings will acknowledge the receipt of the appeal request within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the institution's or sponsoring agency's request for review. The written request for review should state if a fair hearing is requested or if a review of written information in lieu of a fair hearing is requested. If the appeal request from the institution or sponsoring agency does not specifically request a hearing, a review of written information in lieu of a hearing will occur. If a fair hearing is requested and the institution or sponsoring agency's representative fails to appear, the right to a personal appearance is waived.
- 6. If an institution or sponsoring agency does not request a fair hearing or a review of written information in lieu of the hearing within 15 calendar days from the date the institution or sponsoring agency receives a Notice of Proposed Termination, the TDHS will issue a letter advising the institution or sponsoring agency that it is terminated from the CACFP effective on the 16th calendar day following the institution's or sponsoring agency's receipt of the notice, and that the responsible principals and individuals of the institution or sponsoring agency are disqualified from participation.
- 7. To be considered for a fair hearing or for a review of written information in lieu of a fair

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hearing, all written documents must be submitted to the TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings not later than 30 days after receipt of the notice of adverse administrative action.

- 8. The action of the TDHS must remain in effect during the administrative review. The effect of this requirement on particular actions by TDHS is as follows:
 - (i) Overpayment demand. During the period of the administrative review, TDHS is prohibited from taking action to collect or offset the overpayment. However TDHS must assess interest beginning with the initial demand for remittance of the overpayment and continuing through the period of administrative review unless the administrative review official overturns the TDHS's action.
 - (ii) Recovery of advances. During the administrative review, TDHS must continue its efforts to recover advances in excess of the claim for reimbursement for the applicable period. The recovery may be through a demand for full repayment or an adjustment of subsequent payments.
 - (iii) Program payments. The availability of Program payments during an administrative review of the denial of a new institution's application, denial of a renewing institution's application, proposed termination of a participating institution's agreement, and suspension of an institution are addressed in paragraphs (c)(1)(iii)(D), (c)(2)(iii)(D), (c)(3)(iii)(D), (c)(5)(i)(D), and (c)(5)(ii)(E), respectively, of 7 CFR §226.6.
- 9. The institution or sponsoring agency must refute the charges contained in the notice during the fair hearing or in the written information that is provided in lieu of the hearing.
- 10. The institution and the responsible principals and responsible individuals may retain legal counsel, or may be represented by another person.
- 11. If a fair hearing is requested, the institution or sponsoring agency will be notified in writing of the time, date and place of the fair hearing at least 10 calendar days in advance.
- 12. Any information which supports an adverse administrative action taken by the TDHS shall be available to the institution or sponsoring agency for inspection from the date of the receipt of the request for a fair hearing or a review of written information in lieu of the hearing.
- 13. In accordance with 7 CFR Part 226.6 (k)(8), the TDHS Division of Appeals and Hearings must conduct the administrative review of the proposed disqualification of the responsible principals and responsible individuals as part of the administrative review of the application denial, proposed termination, and/or proposed disqualification of the institution with which the responsible principals or responsible individuals are associated. However, at the administrative review official's discretion, separate administrative reviews may be held if the institution does not request an administrative review or if either the institution or the responsible principal or responsible individual demonstrates that their interests conflict.
- 14. The procedures contained in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act found at TCA 4-5-301 et seq. shall be followed in rendering a decision on all appeals. The decision of the hearing officer is the final administrative determination to be afforded to the institution or sponsoring agency, and shall be rendered in a timely manner not to exceed 60 calendar days from the date of the receipt of the request for a fair hearing.
- 15. The processing limits for administrative appeals MUST be met. In the event a continuance is requested by a party, one continuance may be granted at the Hearing Official's discretion. This

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continuance shall not be for a period longer than ten (10) calendar days unless there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances must be detailed in the order of continuance and the order must contain a date certain for the hearing, to be set as soon as possible. A report of pending CACFP desk review and fair hearing requests will be generated and reviewed daily by the Clerk's Office and the Legal Director for Appeals and Hearings who will monitor the dates for timeliness. In the event a decision has not been rendered within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date of receipt of the request for fair hearing or desk review, the Legal Director for Appeals and Hearings or their back-up shall notify the hearing official to take appropriate action.

16. All requests for a fair hearing or for a review of written information in lieu of a hearing must be submitted to:

Tennessee Department of Human Services
Division of Appeals and Hearings
PO Box 198996, Clerk's Office
Nashville, TN 37219-8996
Fax: (615) 248-7013 or (866) 355-6136

E-mail: AppealsClerksOffice.DHS@tn.gov

17. If a termination action is upheld by the hearing officer, the TDHS will issue a letter to the institution or sponsoring agency and its responsible principals and individuals advising that the termination and disqualification are effective on the date of the ruling issued by the hearing officer. The agency maintains searchable records of all administrative reviews and their dispositions for a period of five (5) years.

18. As required by 7 CFR Part 226.6 (c)(7), each disqualified institution, sponsoring agency, principal and individual will be placed on the National Disqualified List maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Once included on the National Disqualified List, an institution, sponsoring agency, principal and individual shall remain on the list until such time as the USDA, in consultation with the TDHS, determines that the serious deficiencies that led to their placement on the list have been corrected, or until seven years have elapsed since they were disqualified from participation. However, if the institution, sponsoring agency, principal or individual has failed to repay debts owed under the program, they will remain on the list until the debt has been paid.