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Treatment is Effective
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December 13, 2012

Re: Extension of Intent to Apply for the 2013 Science and Service Award for the Treatment of Opioid-Related Disorders

Dear Provider:

On behalf of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), you are invited to apply for SAMHSA's 2013 Science and Service (SAS) Awards for the Treatment of Opioid-Related Disorders. The awards are designed to recognize excellence in the treatment of opioid addiction by honoring providers who have successfully implemented innovative services, practices, and/or strategies, that resulted in improved patient outcomes. This SAS Awards program promotes excellence in the treatment of opioid addiction by increasing the integration of innovative approaches in opioid treatment services, including administrative, counseling and medical protocols. Up to five awards will be made in each of the following two categories of providers: opioid treatment programs (OTP) and office-based opioid treatment. Winners of the SAS award will be traveled to SAMHSA's office in Rockville, Maryland in May 2013 to participate in a ceremony recognizing their achievements. (We will not be able to travel federal employees.)

To broaden the professional network, and allow award recipients to share with colleagues, awardees will be featured on SAMHSA's Science and Service Awards web page and highlighted in an article in the *SAMHSA News*.

Although the Intent to Apply deadline has passed, applications are still being accepted by the January 3, 2013 deadline, noted on the application materials available on SAMHSA's website (www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice). The deadline for submitting a completed application is January 3, 2013. You are encouraged to give this opportunity your full consideration and support SAMHSA's efforts to improve services, increase competencies, and enhance the quality patient care and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lubran", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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