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Brent Kossick, Director of South Carolina Service Commission
(United Way Association of South Carolina)
400 Arbor Lake Dr
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Columbia SC 29223

RE: National Service Criminal History Checks
Generally (§ 2540.203)

Dear Mr. Kossick:

The information provided under (§ 2540.203) specifically states: “(2) *either* (a) name or fingerprint based search of the official state criminal history registry in the state in which the grantee is operating and of the official state criminal history registry in the state in which the individual resides at the time of application, or (b) submission of fingerprints through a state central record repository to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national criminal history background check.”

Once state law is established for fingerprint based criminal history checks, the individual’s fingerprints will be processed through the state level and through the FBI. Fingerprint based searches are the most reliable way to conduct criminal record checks and the least likely to result in either a false positive or a false negative search result. Individuals can use different names, date of births and even social security numbers if arrested; however, they cannot change their fingerprints.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 803-896-7125.

Sincerely,

Seraphim Haftoglou, AFIS/Fingerprint Supervisor
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