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I apologize for just getting this to you and for formatting issues. I'm having network issues and sending from my phone.

We are not in support of funding for Palmetto Project. Palmetto Project was to conduct and complete an assessment and evaluation of a School Based Strategy based on Free-and Reduced-Lunch data to ensure that eligible children are enrolled in the Medicaid program. Palmetto Project's scope of work should have touched multiple Spartanburg County school districts, Georgetown County, Orangeburg County, Sumter County, and Williamsburg County.

Additionally, Palmetto Project was to research and develop a model with the Spartanburg County Head Start for the enrollment and retention in support of the Medicaid program.

Palmetto Project was to use, at the very least, a database to track outreach activities and partnership activities. Palmetto Project does not have any data (metrics) to indicate if or how many children were assisted.

FY13 Contract: Palmetto Project was continuously late in meeting contract deliverables.

FY14 Contract:

- October 2013: Contract was formally issued (Delay because of the Federal FY calendar and our agency needed verification that the match would be allowable), the contract was signed by both Palmetto Project and SCDHHS with an implementation date of July 1, 2013
- November 12, 2013: SCDHHS met with Palmetto Project for our standing monthly meeting. At that meeting, Palmetto Project indicated that the work on research and development of a model for school-based enrollment and retention in support of the Medicaid program had been standstill because the 2014 contract was not in place by July 1, 2013.
- Following that meeting, we learned that Palmetto Project, Inc. was paid \$8,638.14, \$8,523.61 and \$8,113.50 to cover the cost of personnel, payroll taxes and insurance for July, August and September 2013 respectively. Therefore, Palmetto Project was notified that the

December 31, 2013 contract must be met or they would be in non-compliance.

- January 1, 2014: Palmetto Project submitted the deliverable (“report”). The report was poorly written, had no definable metrics and did not indicate any true successes of the school-based initiatives.
- February: The report was reviewed by SCDHHS and discussed with Palmetto Project at the February monthly meeting. Palmetto Project was asked to resubmit the report.
- The FY13 contract focused on developing a model with Georgetown County School District and a Spartanburg County district. Those two counties were chosen because of “previously established relationships.” To date, there is no indication that any real success has been made in those counties. In fact, Palmetto Project indicated at the February meeting that Georgetown has been one of the hardest districts to gain access and Spartanburg was omitted from the report completely.
- Over the two contract periods, Palmetto Project’s efforts have been less than impressive and all of the deliverables have been poorly executed.

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