



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
*Montgomery County, Maryland*



**MEMORANDUM OF LIMITED INVESTIGATION**

**TO:** Andrew W. Kleine  
Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.  
Inspector General *msl*

**DATE:** March 11, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Mismanagement of ROSC Grant Funds  
OIG Publication # 20-008

In April 2019, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint alleging a Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (MCDHHS) manager misused Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) grant funds resulting in a referral to the State's Attorney's Office. ROSC program funding is provided by the State of Maryland Department of Health and is used to offer events and training for individuals in recovery.

Based on this information, the OIG contacted the State's Attorney's Office and were initially asked to postpone our investigation until they had reviewed the allegations. The State's Attorney's Office subsequently informed the OIG that we could proceed with our investigation and the County could, as warranted, take appropriate administrative or disciplinary action against those involved.

In conducting our investigation, we found evidence that the MCDHHS manager engaged in a clear pattern of mismanagement and violations of County procurement regulations with regard to the management of ROSC funds. Our findings are provided to you for appropriate action against those responsible and further examination of MCDHHS management's culpability in mismanaging ROSC funds.

Attachment: Administration's Response to OIG Publication # 20-008

cc: Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Office

## Administration's Response to OIG Publication # 20-008:

The OIG provided the County's Chief Administrative Officer with a confidential version of this report containing employee information that we believe is not releasable to the public. The OIG has removed this information from this version of the report.



### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

Andrew W. Kline  
*Chief Administrative Officer*

### MEMORANDUM

March 10, 2020

TO: Megan Davey Limarzi  
Inspector General

FROM: Andrew W. Kline *AWK*  
Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Inspector General Confidential Draft: Mismanagement of ROSC Grant Funds  
OIG Publication #20-008

Thank you for your March 6, 2020, Confidential Memorandum of Limited Investigation concerning (a) conduct by a manager in the County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), specifically regarding management of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) grant funds, and (b) potential issues with DHHS' internal controls over ROSC transactions. I appreciate your bringing these matters to my attention and assure you that the County will take prompt and appropriate action to address these matters.

Specifically, I have asked that the County Internal Audit Manager conduct a review of the DHHS management and internal controls applicable to the subject transactions, and provide me a report of the findings, corrective actions already taken by DHHS, and any additional corrective actions that should be taken to ensure appropriate oversight and administration of the funds.

In addition, based on the information provided in your memorandum regarding your discussions with the State Attorney's office concerning their investigation, I have asked DHHS management to review these matters and pursue appropriate actions with respect to the employee, and any other employee determined to warrant further administrative action.

cc: Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the County Executive  
Bill Broglie, Internal Audit Manager, Office of the County Executive  
Dr. Raymond Crowel, Director, Department of Health & Human Services  
Victoria Buckland, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Health & Human Services  
Marc Hansen, County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney  
Berke Attila, Director, Office of Human Resources