

affairs, in accordance with the ACF Office of Public Affairs and in conjunction with the HHS Regional Director; manages cross-cutting initiatives and activities among the Regional components; and provides telecommunications and data management support to all Regional office components, including the development of automated applications to support and enhance program, fiscal and administrative operations.

C. Delete KD6.20 Functions, Paragraph B, in its entirety and replace with the following:

B. The Office of State and Tribal Programs is headed by a Director who reports to the Regional Administrator. The Office is responsible for providing centralized management, financial management services, and technical administration of certain ACF formula, block and entitlement programs such as Child Support Enforcement (CSE), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Care Programs, Child Welfare Services, Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, Child Abuse and Neglect, Developmental Disabilities and Tribal Programs. The Office provides policy guidance to state, county, city or town and tribal governments, grantees and public and private organizations to assure consistent and uniform adherence to federal requirements governing formula and entitlement programs. It provides guidance and direction to states, local and tribal governments and grantees to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of ACF programs. State plans, Tribal plans and Tribal construction plans are reviewed and recommendations concerning state plan approval or disapproval are made to the Regional Administrator. The Office provides technical assistance to entities responsible for administering these programs to resolve identified problems, ensuring that appropriate procedures and practices are adopted, monitoring the programs to ensure their efficiency and effectiveness and establishing regional financial management priorities and reviewing cost allocation plans. The Office provides financial management services for ACF entitlement grants in the region. It also reviews costs estimates and reports for ACF entitlement grant programs and recommends funding levels. The Office performs systematic fiscal reviews and makes recommendations to the Regional Administrator to approve, defer or disallow claims for federal financial participation in ACF entitlement grant programs. As applicable, recommendations are made on the clearance and closure of audits of state

programs, paying particular attention to financial management deficiencies that decrease the efficiency and effectiveness of the ACF programs and taking steps to monitor the resolution of such deficiencies. The Office represents the Regional Administrator in dealing with ACF program offices on all program policy and financial matters for programs under its jurisdiction. Alerts or early warnings are provided to the Regional Administrator regarding problems or issues that have significant implications for the programs.

D. Delete KD6.20 Functions, Paragraph C, in its entirety and replace with the following:

C. The Office of Community Programs is headed by a Director who reports to the Regional Administrator. The Office is responsible for providing centralized program, financial management and technical administration of ACF discretionary grant programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start, and Runaway and Homeless Youth programs. The Office provides policy guidance to state, county, city or town and tribal governments and public and private organizations to assure consistent and uniform adherence to federal requirements. The Office provides technical assistance to entities responsible for administering these programs to ensure that the appropriate procedures and practices are adopted, and monitoring the programs to ensure their efficiency and effectiveness. The Office performs systematic fiscal reviews and makes recommendations to the Regional Administrator to approve or disallow costs under ACF discretionary grant programs. The Office issues certain discretionary grant awards based on a review of project objectives, budget projects, and proposed funding levels. As applicable, recommendations are made on the clearance and closure of audits of grantee programs, paying particular attention to financial management deficiencies that decrease the efficiency and effectiveness of the ACF programs and taking steps to monitor the resolution of such deficiencies. The Office represents the Regional Administrator in dealing with ACF program offices on all program policy and financial matters for programs under its jurisdiction. Alerts or early warnings are provided to the Regional Administrator regarding problems or issues that have significant implications for the programs.

VII. Region VII, Kansas City Office of ACF

A. Delete KD7.10 Organization in its entirety and replace with the following:

KD7.10 Organization. The Administration for Children and Families, Region VII, Kansas City Office, is organized as follows:

Office of the Regional Administrator (KD7A)

Office of State and Tribal Operations (KD7E)

Office of Community Operations (KD7F)

Office of Program Support (KD7G)

B. Delete KD7.20 Functions, Paragraph A, in its entirety and replace with the following:

KD7.20 Functions. A. The Regional Office is headed by a Regional Administrator who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families through the Director, Office of Regional Operations. In addition, the Office of the Regional Administrator has a Deputy Regional Administrator who reports to the Regional Administrator. The Office provides executive leadership and directives to state, county, city, territorial and tribal governments, as well as public and private local grantees to ensure effective and efficient program and financial management. It ensures that these entities conform to federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures governing the programs, and exercises all delegated authorities and responsibilities for oversight of the programs. The Office takes action to approve certain state plans and submits recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families concerning state plan disapproval. The Office contributes to the development of national policy based on regional perspectives on all ACF programs. It oversees ACF operations, the management of ACF regional staff; coordinates activities across regional programs; and assures that goals and objectives are met and departmental and agency initiatives are carried out. The Office alerts the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families to problems and issues that may have significant regional or national impact. The Office represents ACF at the regional level in executive communications within ACF, with the HHS Regional Director, other HHS operating divisions, other federal agencies, and public or private local organizations representing children and families.

Within the Office of the Regional Administrator, administrative staff assists the Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator in providing day-to-day support for regional administrative functions, including budget, performance management, procurement, property