## **MHBE Director of Compliance and Privacy**

# **Annual Report to the**

# **Board of Trustees**

Presented by Scott R. Brennan, Director of Compliance and Privacy July 17, 2023



# **Compliance Department Metrics and Reports**

- Department of Justice (DOJ) Effective Compliance Program Self-Assessment (Recap from FY 2022)
- 1. Board Oversight of Compliance and Privacy
- 1. Fraud, Waste and Abuse Report
- 1. Privacy, Policies, External Audit Corrective Actions and Internal Reviews



 Department of Justice (DOJ) Effective Compliance Program Self-Assessment (Recap from FY 2022)

## **DOJ Effective Compliance Program Self-Assessment Components**



- Risk Management
- Policies and Procedures
- Training and Communications
- Confidential Reporting Structure
- Third-Party Management

## Is the Program Being Applied Earnestly and in Good Faith?

- Commitment of Senior and Middle Management
- > Autonomy and Resources
- Incentives and Disciplinary Measures
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### **Does the Compliance Program work in practice?**

- Continuous Improvement
- Investigation of Misconduct
- > Analysis and Remediation of Any Underlying Misconduct



## DOJ: Is the Compliance Program Well Designed?

#### Strengths:

- Criticality model to prioritize review of high frequency, high risk
- Inter-department collaboration in the policy and procedure development
- Annual audit plan process which addresses internal reviews
- Ongoing governmental oversight activities
- MHBE oversight of consumer facing program

Suggested Improvements:

- Undergo Third Party DOJ compliance program assessment in the future
- Evaluate Risk Management models
- Use surveys to assess internal stakeholders' and thirdparty vendors' perceptions
- Improve coordination between the Human Resources, Procurement, and Compliance departments on Code of Conduct violations, as appropriate
- Provide additional modes of communication to anonymously report allegations or concerns
- Increase auditing of third-party vendors



## DOJ: Program Applied Earnestly and In Good Faith?

#### Strengths:

- FY21 Internal Investigation found transparency and collaboration
- Communication with leaders bolstered by quarterly risk management meetings
- Compliance leadership supported by Audit and Privacy Managers
- Ability to create tailored audit plans and report outcomes to Board

Suggested Improvements:

- Evaluate whether to include compliance and ethics behaviors into all employees' job descriptions and performance
- > Adopt an "acceptable risk-tolerance" posture
- Implement evidence-based compliance initiatives to foster accountability
- Create Board and Compliance leadership communication mechanism



## DOJ: Does the Program Work In Practice?

Strengths:

- Iterative Auditing process
- Normalization of corrective actions
- Improved Internal Controls
- Commitment to Improve Culture of Compliance (Accountability and Ethics)

Suggested Improvements:

- Coordination between Compliance and HR on any violations of misconduct, when appropriate
- Improve contract monitoring process
- Improve root cause analyses, investigations and documentation of incidents
- Increase communication with and feedback from direct line staff, consultants, and thirdparty vendors



# 2. Board Oversight of Compliance and Privacy

## **Board Oversight of the Office of Compliance**

- Ensure Compliance Leadership has direct access to the Board. This is accomplished by regularly reporting to the Board and by establishing an open line of communication.
  - > Director of Compliance and Privacy can report directly to Audit and Finance Committee Chair
  - > Established protocol for escalation of significant compliance events
  - Reporting directly to the Board

#### Frequency of Reporting to Board

- > Quarterly Reporting to the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board (FACB)
- > Annual Reporting to the Board of Trustees
- Ad hoc reporting to the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board, when appropriate (FACB)
- Maintain independence of Compliance Leadership to manage MHBE's compliance and ethics functions and establish autonomy from management, as necessary.



# 3. Fraud, Waste and Abuse

## **FY23 YTD Hotline Investigations and Monitoring**

## 6 Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Allegations

- 2 Substantiated and Forwarded to MDH for Investigation
- 1 Unfounded and Forwarded to MDH
- 3 Unfounded and Closed

### **Debarment and Sanctions Screening**

- ✓ HHS OIG LEIE All clear
  - > 96 IDIQ Master Contractors
  - > 49 Vendors
  - > 4 Carriers
  - > 63 MHBE Employees



# 4. Privacy, Policies, External Audit Corrective Actions and Internal Reviews

## **FY23 PRIVACY OVERVIEW**

#### **Executed Agreements**

110 IDIQ Master Contractor NEEAs SNAP Data for MA Renewals MOU

#### **Ongoing Agreements**

Comptroller of Maryland MOU ServiceNow NEEA

#### **Assessments**

Privacy Impact Assessment June 30, 2023 MARS-E V2.2 Self Assessment & Privacy Attestation June 30, 2023 Procedures Privacy Incident Management System (PIMS) Phase 2 July 2023 PIMS Phase 3 Requirements Ongoing

## FY23 PRIVACY NUMBERS – 07/01/22 Through 06/30/2023

#### **Number of Incidents**

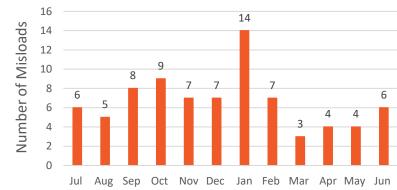
FY23 Total = 140 FY22 Total = 170



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#### **Number of Misloads**

FY23 Total = 80 FY22 Total = 85



#### Number of CSR Errors

FY23 Total = 5 FY22 Total = 7



## **FY23 Policy and Procedure Update**

Updated During FY23 08.06.02 Suspension of Producer Authorization

<u>Review In Progress</u> 02.01.03 Compliance Meetings 02.01.02 Chief Compliance Officer 04.05.02 Acceptable Use Policy

Review Upcoming (through 12/31/23) 02.01.04 Code of Conduct 02.03.09 Accounting of Disclosures 03.03.04 IT IDIQ Request for Resumes 03.03.12 Novation, Change of Name Agreements 04.02.04 Consultant Time and Entry Approval Process 04.05.06 Periodic Recertification of MHBE Access 04.05.08 Password Reset Policy and Procedure 05.03.01 EEO, Discrimination, and Reasonable Accommodations 05.03.03 Recruitment Policy and Procedure 07.02.01 Social Media Policy 07.03.01 MD Public Information Act (PIA) Request 08.01.01 Review of Eligibility Overrides 09.02.02 Mobile Communication Device Policy



## **MHBE FY23 External Audit Timeline**

MHBE Internal Assessment and External Audit Timeline – Fiscal Year 2023															
Audit Activity	Start Date	End Date	Status	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
EIPM <b>Pilot</b>	7/1/22	5/31/23	Complete												
MDH PERM AUDIT RY23	7/1/22	Present	In Progress												
DBM-RED Audit	9/16/22	3/1/23	Complete												
System Security Report (SSR) / IRS Corrective Action Plan (CAP)	7/1/22	5/31/23	Complete												
Independent External Financial Audit - FY 2022	2/1/23	3/30/23	Complete												
Independent External Programmatic Audit - PY 2022	3/1/23	5/29/23	Complete												
SMART – Plan Year 2022	3/1/23	5/29/23	Complete												
Office of Legislative Audits (OLA)	6/28/23	12/31/23*	In Progress												

\*Subject to OLA Discretion



## **FY23 YTD Audit Status Report**

Audit Findings (2) DBM RED Audit (1) Independent External Audit <u>CMS</u>

MDH Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Audit RY23

### JIRA Tickets In Response to Audit Findings and Internal Reviews

### **Completed During FY23**

MH-54847: Unearned Income MH-60754: Income Verification Failure MH-62071: Incorrect HH Relationships MH-62410: Alimony Income not Used MH-63473: Income Copied from Prior Application

#### **In-Progress**

MH-59462: Batch Renewal Failure MH-62748: Pension Income Error MH-64044: Additional Income Verification Failure MH-64121: Issues with Requesting Coverage



## **FY23 Internal Reviews**

Internal Review	Start Date	End Date	Status	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
HR and Organizational	8/16/22	10/22/22	Complete												
Effectiveness	0/10/22	10/22/22	Complete			_									
IDIQ Program	9/28/22	1/9/23	Complete												
CSC/Fulfillment Contract Monitoring	11/29/22	2/16/23	Complete												
Appeals and Grievances	12/7/22	1/31/23	Complete												
Marketing &	1/26/23	6/16/23	Complete												
Communications	1/20/23	0/10/23	complete												
Policy & Plan	1/30/23	6/16/23	Complete												
Management	1/30/23	0/10/23	Complete												



# **Questions?**

# Thank you for your leadership.



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