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Improper National Sex Offender Public Website Checks Lead to Disallowed Costs/ CNCS Management Follow Up on Internal Control and Use of Volunteers Issues

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A Hotline call alleged that Senior Corps management with the Central County United Way (CCUW), Hemet, CA, were inflating volunteer service hours; assigning volunteer service activities outside the scope of the grant and displacing staff.

The CNCS-OIG investigation found evidence that grantee management had some of its volunteers performing service outside the scope of the grant and displaced staff with volunteers. Additionally, CNCS-OIG investigators found that four members served in the Forster Grandparent Program before completing the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) check requirement. There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove that volunteer timesheets were inflated due to the lack of adequate documentation.

CNCS management concurred that CCUW failed to conduct timely and complete NSOPW checks and disallowed \$5,250 for the late NSOPW checks. Additionally, CNCS management reported it will conduct a site visit to determine if additional cost should be disallowed for the questionable service performed outside the scope of the grant; displacement; and review its internal controls concerning its timekeeping procedures.

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