



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20201

Ref: 2023-00127-A-PHS
SAMHSA Request #08152022S168

April 20, 2023

Tim Reiersen

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Sent via email: [@proton.me](mailto:)

Dear Mr. Reiersen:

This is in response to your **April 17, 2023**, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal, concerning the failure the *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)* to timely response to the request referenced above, submitted by you on **August 15, 2022**.

Because the actions necessary to complete your initial request are yet to be accomplished, I am remanding this request back to SAMHSA for completion of its revised response to your request. Once SAMHSA issues its final, revised response, you will receive new appeal rights for any possible denials.

This action will close your appeal and allow the necessary, remaining processes to take place in response to your initial request. SAMHSA is currently processing your request and estimates that its revised response to your request will be completed in the next three to four weeks. We will, however, monitor the progress of this request.

If you would like to discuss our response, you may contact the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

Beth Kramer
HHS FOIA Public Liaison
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
E-mail: [@hhs.gov](mailto:)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The email address for OGIS is: [@nara.gov](mailto:).

You have the right to judicial review of this action in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 USC § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely yours,

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