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January 20, 2023

*Sent via Email*

Mr. Tim Reiersen  
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Dear Mr. Reiersen:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [/Privacy Act] request dated August 15, 2022. Your request pertaining to information regarding the Suicide Prevention Lifeline has been assigned request number 08152022S168. Please refer to this number on any future correspondence.

Please be advised your request was submitted to the 988 team for processing. Based on the response received from this office it has determined that the records you are seeking does not require a search of documents. Therefore, I am including the direct response below and closing the files on this request.

After careful review, it has been determined that all records requested belong to Vibrant Emotional Health, the 988 Lifeline Administrator, a SAMHSA grantee. Therefore, SAMHSA does not have any federal records to provide for this request.

1. All public agency records relating to the application and approval, or disapproval, of Crisis Text Line, Inc. as a service provider (backup or otherwise) to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) (“988 Lifeline”).
2. All public agency records of communications between Crisis Text Line, Inc. and SAMHSA
3. All public agency records of communication between SAMHSA and Vibrant Emotional Health relating to Crisis Text Line, Inc.

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4. A list or other public agency records identifying the current backup providers to the 988 Lifeline

If you have any questions or are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FOIA Officer and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

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You have the right to appeal this determination. Your appeal can be submitted by email or in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services FOIA and Appeal Portal within 90 days from the date of this letter to:

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs  
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Portal: <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>

Sincerely,

*Farrah Monroe-Cook*  
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SAMHSA FOIA Officer

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