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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

**Orientation to the
Office of Community Services (OCS)
and
The Division of State Assistance (DSA)**

2015 NASCSP Mid-Winter Training Conference



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Major Programs in OCS

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- CSBG Discretionary (CED, Rural, JOLI)
- Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF)
- Assets for Independence (AFI)



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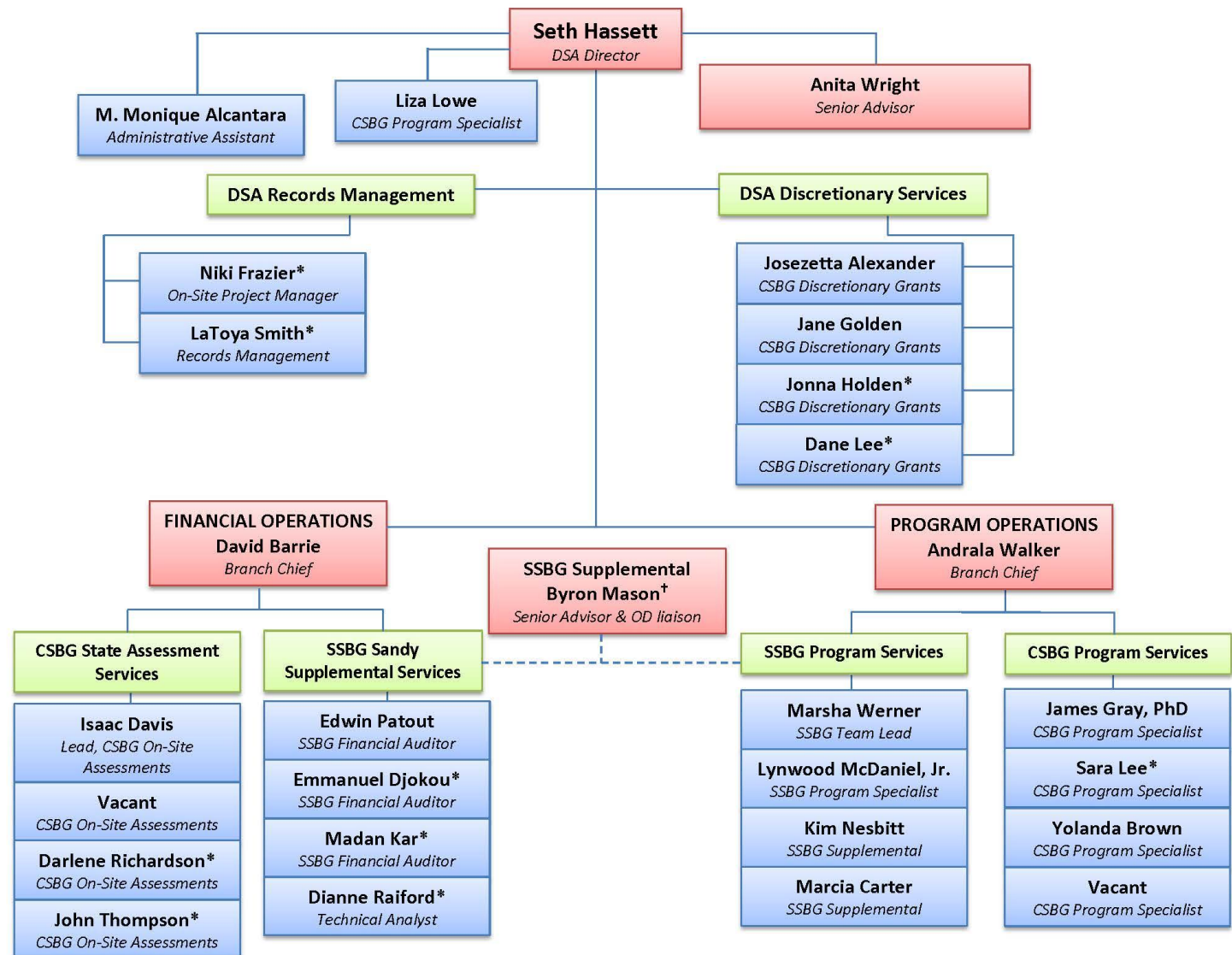
DSA

- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- CSBG Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)
Grants and Contracts



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*Contractor †Reports directly to OCS Deputy Director



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CSBG Training and Technical Assistance Projects

- **Cooperative Agreements**
 - Nationwide Performance Management System Development and Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting for CSBG
 - CSBG Legal Training and Technical Assistance
 - CSBG Learning Communities Resource Center
 - CSBG National Risk Mitigation Quality and Improvement Training and Technical Assistance Center
 - Regional Performance and Innovation Consortium (RPIC)
- **Contract**
 - Tribal Technical Assistance



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DSA CSBG Functions

- Review State CSBG Plans
- Training and Technical Assistance Grants and Contracts
- Communication and Guidance
- Monitoring and Assessment
- Performance Measurement and Reporting



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DSA CSBG Functions

Review of CSBG State Plans

- Model State Plan provided on CSBG website
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/csbg>
- Information Memoranda will serve as a reminder about FY15 plans
- OCS to receive plans by September 1, 2015
- OCS reviews and accepts the plans if key statutory requirements are addressed and the plan is complete



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What You May Expect

- DSA Contact:
 - Monthly/Quarterly Calls with States/Territories
 - Building Relationships
 - Brainstorming
 - Identifying and Addressing Concerns
 - Networking
 - Updates
 - Dear Colleague Notifications
 - Information Memoranda
 - Webinar Updates
 - Technical Assistance
 - Email
 - Sharing Best Practices, Outreach Information



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Monitoring Infrastructure

Regular CSBG

Federal Monitoring

- Annual review of State CSBG Plans to assure compliance with statutory requirements
- Statutorily Required State Assessments
- Risk Assessment of States
- Ad Hoc Financial Monitoring – Review of Audit Results
- Review of State Corrective Action Plans
- Other reviews as appropriate to assure program integrity

State Monitoring

- Annual review of eligible entity needs assessments and plans
- Statutorily Required Full Onsite Review of Eligible Entities – At least once every 3 years
- Onsite review of newly designated entities
- Follow-up reviews with eligible entities that fail to meet the goals, standards, and requirements established by the State
- Other reviews as appropriate.



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State Assessments

OCS Will Evaluate:

- Compliance to CSBG Statute and Federal Regulations
- State Monitoring of Eligible-Entities
- Federal Reporting of CSBG Program and Financial Data
- Internal Policies and Procedures



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Monitoring Procedures and Tools – Regular CSBG

- CSBG Monitoring Checklist (IM-102)
- State Assessments – Sample of States
 - Desk
 - On-Site



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QUESTIONS
And
Answers