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Six-Month Status Report on: Division of Blind Services (DBS) Miami Lighthouse, Inc. Small Group Activities Program

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Status as of June 16, 2022

Finding	Recommendation(s)	Management Response as of December 16, 2021	Management Response as of June 16, 2022	Anticipated Completion Date & Contact
DBS did not monitor the Senior Group Activities (SGA) Program in accordance with the contract for Fiscal Year 2019-20.	We recommend that DBS conduct on-site or desk review monitoring of the Miami Lighthouse, Inc. Senior Group Activities Program in accordance with contract requirements. We further recommend DBS develop a risk assessment tool and monitoring plan for each monitoring period to aid its monitoring requirement to more strategically review CRP-based blind services programs.	Concur. The Division acknowledges the recommendations noted. The Division has a monitoring plan and risk assessment tool for annual contract monitoring. The Division will prioritize monitoring using the risk tool as a baseline. The Division will utilize its monitoring plan and risk assessment tool during the 2021-2022 FY. On-site and/or desk monitoring will be prioritized based on the results of these guides. Additionally, there will be an ongoing effort to continue monitoring of contracted vendors on an annual basis.	<i>The Division continues to utilize its risk assessment tool to assist with monitoring prioritization of contracted vendors. The Division also refers to its monitoring plan to guide in the types of monitoring the Division conducts. For the Year-Ended 2020-2021 contracts, the Division actively monitored, via on-site or desk, its contracted vendors. Specifically, the Miami Lighthouse was considered a low priority vendor based on the Division's Risk Assessment tool, and therefore, was monitored via desk review only.</i>	<i>Annual desk monitoring of the Miami Lighthouse SGA contract for the Year-Ended 2020-2021 has been completed per the auditor's recommendations and the Division's monitoring expectations.</i>