

**Annual Priorities Report
In Compliance with 45 CFR 1620.7(c)**

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Dakota Plains Legal Services (DPLS) Policy 1620A, “Establishing Priorities, 45 CFR 1620,” requires the Executive Director to periodically conduct an effective appraisal of the needs of eligible clients in the geographic areas served by DPLS. The appraisal, in addition to input from “DPLS employees, board members, the private bar, and other interested persons” is to be based “upon information received from potential or current clients that is solicited in a manner reasonably calculated to obtain the views of all significant segments of the client population.”

DPLS continues to collect client needs surveys. Upon completion of the DPLS Quarterly Administrative File Reviews, surveys are sent out to clients and the surveys reveal that no change in the priorities or the types of services or cases that should be offered to our eligible clients. Survey respondents frequently identified family law, housing, public benefits (such as SSI), consumer/collection issues and wills and estates as very important or at least important. These areas have been a priority of DPLS for some time.

Dated this 16th day of December 2021.

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