



MARGARET WOOD HASSAN  
Governor

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Withdrawn by  
Agency 11/10/14

November 7, 2014

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

  
Approved by Fiscal Committee 11/24/14  
Date

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
And the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Office of the Governor to create a new non-classified position, Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator, within budget class 016, ( Personal Services Non – classified) for the purpose of improving coordination of New Hampshire’s substance use and other behavioral health policies to better combat substance misuse and to reduce long-term costs to the state, counties, local communities and business, effective upon the approvals of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Council through June 30, 2015.
2. Authorize the Office of the Governor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$91,057 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Oliver J. and Dorothy Penniman Hubbard New Futures Fund, to support a Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator to be effective from the date of Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2015.

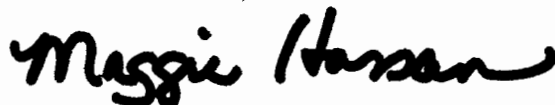
This liaison will work directly with, and be advised by the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment. Individual agencies and divisions will maintain their responsibilities to implement and oversee programs addressing mental health and substance use. The Governor's director for behavioral health will be charged, in coordination with the Governor's Commission, with:

- Coordinating of state resources, and to the extent possible local government and community partners -- to help treat mental health and substance abuse, and prevent substance abuse.
- Reducing unnecessary duplication of state efforts and resources.
- Coordinating state agency spending and budget proposals in the areas of mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention.
- Identifying and spreading evidence-based treatment practices, and working with state agencies – and to the extent possible local government and community partners – to ensure quality delivery of such services.
- Identifying barriers – and helping coordinate efforts to remove such barriers – to success for people with mental illness or substance abuse disorders, including access to housing, employment or treatment.
- Identifying gaps in New Hampshire's systems of care, and recommending strategies to address those gaps.
- Helping develop a seamless and effective continuum of care for people of all ages suffering from mental illnesses or substance abuse disorders.
- Recommending changes in public policy to improve the treatment of people with mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders, and to prevent substance abuse.
- Leading efforts to apply for grants that may assist the state's efforts in treating mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The awarding of this grant was not anticipated at the time that the FY 2014-2015 Budget was being crafted necessitating this request for funding for the balance of FY 2015. Nor has a similar program of this type, and the position being considered to coordinate this program, been previously requested of the legislature. If the position of Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator meets the goals of better coordinating state efforts to improve efficiency and services, we anticipate seeking its continuance in the FY 2016-2017 budget with an estimated program cost of approximately \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 and \$153,000 in FY 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Hassan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Governor Margaret Wood Hassan



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

October 15, 2014

The Honorable Margaret Hassan  
Governor  
State of New Hampshire Office of the Governor  
State House  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Grant ID: 91529

Dear Governor Hassan:

I am pleased to inform you that a \$167,621.00 grant has been awarded to State of New Hampshire Office of the Governor to support the senior policy director for behavioral health position. This grant is made from the following fund(s): Oliver J. and Dorothy Penniman Hubbard New Futures Fund.

Please review the enclosed Terms of Award immediately and thoroughly. Deposit of the grant award check signifies your acceptance of the award and your agreement to comply with the terms of the award. It also serves as our receipt for this payment. If a grant award check is not included in this letter, it will be sent to your organization within two weeks of this notification.

Your organization must seek approval prior to making any significant change to the scope of work for which the grant was made, including any adjustments to the budget over \$500. Your organization is also required to submit a final report upon completion of the grant, or a status report on work in progress before subsequent grant applications will be considered.

Publicity for your program should make reference to the support provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. We also encourage you to share your story with us so we can help publicize your good work.

To find report and change forms, logos and guidelines for publicity and sharing your story, go to <http://www.nhcf.org/page.aspx?pid=690>. Please reference the above Grant ID in any correspondence with the Foundation.

If you have any questions about this grant or its terms, please contact Tym Rourke. We wish you success in your efforts and look forward to learning about your results.

Sincerely,

Katie Merrow  
Vice President of Community Impact

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