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 DIVISION OF COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Based Care Services, Bureau of Military Community Based Care Services to hold a one-day educational conference for military and civilian providers who serve criminal justice system involved veterans on Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Courtyard Marriott & Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH 03301 for a total conference cost not to exceed \$16,480, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2015. Funds are available in the account below: *100% Federal*

**05-95-49-490510-2985 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: DIV OF COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES, COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES, BALANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM BIP**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Class/Account</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Job Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
SFY 2015	020-500200	Current Expenses	49053316	\$ 1,000
	021-502668	Food Non-Institutional	49053316	9,900
	067-500557	Training of Providers	49053316	2,080
	067-500559	Training of Providers	49053316	<u>3,250</u>
				\$16,230

**EXPLANATION**

The purpose of the Conference is to provide awareness, education and training to representatives of the criminal justice system, as well as military and civilian provider agencies who serve criminal justice system involved veterans. Conference attendees will include: judges, law enforcement, defense attorneys, prosecutors, mental health providers, correctional executives and officers, VA representatives, peer support counselors, alternative sentencing providers, members of veteran service organizations, National Guard representatives, legislators, substance abuse providers and others who work within the criminal justice system.

Major General William Reddel, Adjutant General of the NH National Guard will serve as the welcome speaker, presenting an overview of NH's military as well as information on the need to serve criminal justice involved system veterans. A speaker from the National Center on PTSD will present information on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder to include the realities of combat and warzone trauma, as well as the challenges facing family members. A New England Panel of 3-4 Judges will share challenges, successes and lessons learned from their experiences in

establishing a Veterans Court and/or Veterans Track. Breakout sessions will focus on: Trauma in the Military (PTSD, TBI, Suicide Ideation and Substance Abuse); Military Culture Training; Challenges and Resources (VA, Law Enforcement, Community Mental Health Centers and Easter Seals); and Mentorship and Peer Support. The conference will close with a panel of NH Veterans who will share their experiences with the criminal justice system, as well as their stories of resiliency and success. The moderator for this panel will be a representative from Justice for Vets, a professional services division of the National Association of Drug Court professionals that advocates nationally for the establishment of Veterans Treatment Courts.

The need to better understand and serve criminal justice system involved veterans is significant. The Manchester VA Medical Center provided services to 288 justice system involved veterans with pending criminal cases from October 2013 through October 2014. There are approximately 260 convicted veterans in the NH State Prison, representing approximately 10% of the total prison population.

The Nashua District Court established NH's first Veterans Behavioral Health Track in June of 2014, recognizing the need to provide services instead of incarceration for veterans and service members with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. The Nashua District Court efforts mirrors that of nearly 200 other Veteran Courts or Veteran Track nationwide.

There is interest from other courts throughout NH to serve this population, but greater education is needed. Specific conference goals include: education and training regarding the need to serve criminal justice system involved veterans; establishment of new Veteran Track sites, including best practices and promising practices; military culture training; education regarding post-traumatic stress disorder, including combat trauma; and education and training regarding the challenges, resources and military-civilian service coordination needed to serve this population.

The Bureau of Community Based Military Programs expects up to 275 individuals throughout New Hampshire to participate in this conference. The Courtyard Marriott & Grappone Conference Center was selected based on, its central location to a large percentage of NH's military population and its location to other geographical areas that have been identified as possible new Veteran Track sites.

Conference attendees are not required to pay any registration fee nor is it anticipated that there will be any overnight accommodations due to the conference taking place in the central part of the State. An itemization of the services to be provided and associated costs is attached.

Should the Governor and Executive Council deny this request, some of New Hampshire's most vulnerable veterans will not receive the care and services they need. Additionally, the criminal justice system and the military-civilian provider community will not have this opportunity to learn how to better serve criminal justice system involved veterans, or how to help improve the quality of life and quality of care provided to our military.

The Department contacted 19 facilities to obtain space to hold this conference in the central and southern areas of the State, including state owned facilities, non-profit agencies, educational institutions, and churches. These facilities were either not available for the conference date, or did not meet the requirements. Written quotes were obtained from four conference centers and a university.

To measure the success of the conference, participants will be asked to submit written evaluations of the conference and whether it met their expectations and achieved the stated goals of the conference.

Area served: Statewide

Source of funds: 100% Federal Funds

In the event federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this request.

Respectfully submitted,

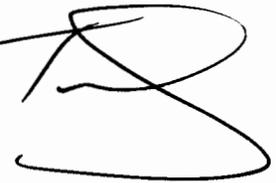


Sheri L. Rockburn  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:



Nicholas A. Toumpas  
Commissioner



**Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Community Based Care Services  
Bureau of Community Based Military Programs**

**Total Conference Costs**

Ballroom	\$1,200
3 Breakout Rooms	600
Breakfast and Lunch	9,900
Audio Visual Equipment	<u>280</u>
 Total Conference Center Costs	 \$11,980
 National Keynote Presenter, Justice for Vets Speaker fee (including travel expenses)	 \$1,500
 Other Speakers Speaker fees (including travel expenses – not to exceed \$250 each)	
4 New England Judges	\$1,000
4 New Hampshire Justice Involved Veteran Speakers	\$1,000
 Estimated Supplies (agenda, resource materials, folders and name tags)	 \$1,000
 <b>Total Conference Cost:</b>	 <b>\$16,480</b>

## Attachment XX

### Solicitation Summary

#### SUMMARY OF QUOTES AND INFORMATION RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO SOLICITATION FOR MEETING SPACE

Location for Central/Southern Area	Capacity for General Session	Event Cost Based on 275 People	Notes
Howard Recreation Building, Concord, NH	300		Too labor intensive
LOEB School, Bedford, NH	100		Can not meet capacity
The Audi (Concord Auditorium)			Can not meet requirements; auditorium does not allow food
NH Audubon Society-McLane Center, Concord, NH	100		Can not meet capacity
Center Point Church, Concord, NH			Not available
Grace Capital Church, Pembroke, NH			Not available
NH Forestry Department, Concord, NH	100		Can not meet capacity
NH Fire Academy, Concord, NH	109		Can not meet capacity
Shaker Museum, Canterbury & Enfield, NH	100		Can not meet capacity
Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord	50		Can not meet capacity
Local Government Center, Concord, NH	70		Can not meet capacity
Granite State College, Concord, NH	90		Can not meet capacity
NH Technical Institute, Concord, NH	245		Auditorium, tier seating; does not meet requirements
Nashua Community College, Nashua, NH	300		Auditorium, tier seating, does not meet requirements
Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH	300	\$11,980.00	Available
Nonni's/Holiday Inn, Concord, NH	230	\$13,206.50	Can not meet capacity
The Yard Restaurant, Manchester, NH	300	\$12,385.50	Available, but breakout rooms in another building
Southern NH University, Manchester, NH	325	\$9,951.25	Not available
The Radisson, Manchester, NH	400	\$13,612.50	Available

NH Criminal Justice System Involved Veterans Conference  
June 12, 2015, Grappone Conference Center  
8:00am – 4:15pm

- 8:00 – 9:00am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Resource Tables & Networking
- 9:00 – 9:20am Welcoming Remarks
- Serving Criminal Justice System Involved Veterans across NH
  - Overview of the Day
- 9:20 – 9:45am Major General William Reddel, Adjutant General, NH National Guard
- 9:45 – 10:30am Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Military  
*Speaker from National Center on PTSD*
- The Realities of Combat & Warzone Trauma
  - Caring for a Veteran with PTSD
  - Challenges Facing Family Members
  - Supporting Resiliency
- 10:30 – 10:45am Break
- 10:45 – 12:00pm Breakout Sessions (4 offered)
- Trauma in the Military (PTSD, TBI, Suicide Ideation and Substance Abuse)
    - Speaker from National Center on PTSD
  - Military Culture Training
  - Challenges and Resources (Panel Presentation)
    - VA, Law Enforcement, Community Mental Health Centers and Easter Seals)
  - Mentorship and Peer Support
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch (Resource Tables Available During Lunch)
- 1:00 – 2:30pm A New England Panel of Judges
- Judges from Rhode Island and Massachusetts will present challenges, successes and lessons learned
- 2:30 – 2:45pm Break
- 2:45 – 4:00pm Panel of NH Veterans
- Moderator from Justice for Vets
- 4:00 – 4:15pm Close and Evaluations