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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, to pay the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc., (VC#170357 B001), 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 605, Washington, DC 20036 in the amount of \$10,900 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. 80% Federal Funds. 20% General Funds.

**05-95-92-920510-33840000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES; HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS
DEPT OF, HHS: DIVISION FO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, BUREAU OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL
SVCS, CLINICAL SERVICES**

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2021	026-500251	92053081	Organizational Dues	\$10,900
			Total	\$10,900

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the State to continue its membership with this Association. This membership provides information on public policies, provides direct assistance to help the Department to learn about and share best practices for drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and recovery, and provides a forum to discuss and plan for emerging and significant alcohol and drug related policy issues. The purpose of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. is to foster and support the development of effective and efficient State alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services through the State, District of Columbia, and Territories.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions.

1. **How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?**
 - A. The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. was

originally incorporated in 1971 to serve State Drug Agency Directors, and then in 1978 the membership was expanded to include State Alcoholism Agency Directors. The Department's Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services has been a member of the Association since 1971.

2. Is there any other organization that provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

A. No. the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. is charged by United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration with helping states adopt evidence based practices, develop Information Technology systems to support states in being able to demonstrate the effectiveness of programming, meet the Federal National Outcome Measurement Systems requirements, and facilitate communication and collaboration among states relative to alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services issues. The outcome measures cover a set of domains defined by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration and are intended to measure drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and recovery outcomes in a standard and comparable way.

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

A. All 50 United States and Territories belong to the Association. The Department's Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services is the Single State Agency for New Hampshire. The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abused Directions Inc. is constituted to provide an authoritative, coordinated and unified voice for all states and United States territories to respond to, and offer advice to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration relative to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

A. The dues structure was established when the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors Inc. were founded. The bylaws established a dues structure that includes "tiers" based on State population. This structure has not been changed since the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abused Directors Inc. was founded. The bylaws and policies and procedures guide processes that govern any dues increases.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

- A. Membership offers several benefits including but not limited to the following:
- I. Technical assistance to the Department to meet the evolving requirements for the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant.
 - II. Facilitation for the National Treatment Network with all states dedicated to the promotion of effective, socially responsive programs, and evidence and research based practices to expand and improve the publicly funded substance abuse treatment system in each state.
 - III. Facilitation for the Woman Services Network with all states dedicated to the development and promotion of evidence-based practice that addresses the unique alcohol and other drug prevention, treatment, and recovery service needs of women and their families throughout their lifespan.
 - IV. Assistance to the Department to ensure compliance with the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant set aside for women services.
 - V. Facilitation with the National Prevention Network with all states dedicated to comprehensive and effective services to reduce the incidence and prevalence of problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and to promote well-being and health. Members of the network are focused on optimizing State

alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and other human service systems to enhance and support national, State, and local prevention services. National Prevention Network is a critical partner in development, dissemination, and implementation of prevention policy.

VI. The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors provides direct access to key stakeholders and arranges for key public and private sector decision-makers to discuss important issues with the membership through various forums. The Association holds monthly All States conference calls where guest speakers from Capitol Hill, Federal agencies, and non-governmental stakeholders, and elsewhere dialogue directly with the members. The Association's Annual membership Meeting also connects its members with the leadership of Federal agencies with jurisdiction over funding for addiction services, including the United States Department of Health and Human Services; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services; Health Resources and Services Administration; Office of National Drug Control Policy; Department of Justice; Office of Management and Budget; and others. Finally, the the Associations' Board of Directors hosts important guests, during its quarterly Board Meetings in Washington, DC and elsewhere.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

A. Training and educational/research materials are included in the cost of membership.

Examples include:

I. Monthly Policy Forum Conference calls with all states.

II. Annual Policy Issue Briefs such as:

- a) An Inventory of Alcohol and Other Drug Cost Offset Studies for State Substance Abuse Agencies.
- b) Use of Buprenorphine and Implications for State Alcohol and Other Drug Systems. Buprenorphine is a medication to treat and combat the ongoing opioid epidemic and associated spike in overdose deaths.
- c) Current Research on Alcohol Policy and State Alcohol and Other Drug Systems.
- d) Guidance to States on Treatment Standards for Women with Substance Abuse Orders.

7. Is the membership required in order to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

A. No, membership is not required however technical assistance is provided to assist in meeting the evolving requirements for the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant. Stagg from the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services participates in webinars facilitated by the national Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. for this purpose.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

A. The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. hosts an annual meeting to foster and support the development of effective and efficient State alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment programs throughout the country. Meeting locations change annually, the cost of which is relatively low (\$400 for three days), however cost does not include transportation and sleeping accommodations, which is usually supported through funding for his purpose made

available from the Federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

The Department has four representatives acting in various capacities:

- i. New Hampshire's Single Agency Director is Annette Escalante, Director of the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services;
- ii. Jill Burke, Administrator II, represents the State in the National Prevention Network;
- iii. Jaime Power, Administrator II, represents the State in the National Treatment Network; and
- iv. Linda Parker, Program Specialist III, represents the State in the Women Services Network.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

- A. Should Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, opportunities would be eliminated that promote and preserve New Hampshire's interests relative to the block grant funding, and that assist with meeting the federal requirement to secure block grant funding. New Hampshire would not be able to participate in ongoing dialogue with National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. and the Federal agency that administers the block grant on alcohol and drug issues and policies. Additionally, New Hampshire would not receive issues briefs that recommend best practices and emerging trends that are developed and distributed by this Association to assist New Hampshire in its alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery services.

Area Serviced: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 80% Federal Funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. CFDA #93.959 FAIN T1010035, and 20% General Funds.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, additional General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori A. Shibinette
Commissioner

May 5th, 2020

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Dear Ms. Escalante:

Unprecedented time: As you know, we are navigating an incredibly difficult time in our nation's history. The COVID-19 pandemic has altered our way of life in countless ways. In the process, we have experienced a great deal of suffering and hardship. At the same time, we have witnessed inspiring acts of kindness and courage as well.

Thank you for your membership as we are stronger together: As a fellow State agency leader, I am writing to express my admiration for your tireless efforts that have helped save and improve lives during this unprecedented time. As President of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), I am writing to thank you for continuing to serve as a member of the Association. I am sure you agree that our individual efforts as State leaders are significantly enhanced through our collective work supported by NASADAD.

Annual dues invoice: I am also writing today to provide the invoice for your annual dues for Fiscal Year 2021. Membership dues represent a critical component of NASADAD's budget. These resources allow the Association to support membership services that are not provided through grants or contracts. NASADAD dues were first established when the Association was originally incorporated in 1971. Specifically, the Association utilizes a population-based dues structure that is included in NASADAD's Policies and Procedures.

NASADAD activities related to COVID-19: NASADAD dues have helped support services provided to members related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the crisis first began to impact the U.S., members immediately expressed the benefits of sharing experiences with, and approaches to, managing the system during the pandemic. NASADAD quickly moved to support calls focused on State-to-State sharing about issues across prevention, treatment and recovery. NASADAD also created a special section of the Association's web page on COVID-19 issues (<https://nasadad.org/covid-19-resources/>) to serve as an information hub for members. As the crisis evolved, NASADAD's work progressed as well.

The Association began educating national organizations and federal stakeholders regarding (1) actions being taken by NASADAD members, (2) barriers to services and challenges with program implementation, and (3) federal policy recommendations for consideration.

On-going public policy work: The annual dues help support NASADAD's robust public policy program. The Public Policy Department has a long-established history of serving as an effective voice in Washington, D.C. for State alcohol and drug agencies. This voice is informed, valued and trusted. The Public Policy Staff is regular presence on Capitol Hill, around federal agencies, and with fellow NGO stakeholders. NASADAD's weekly "D.C. Update" provides timely information on legislative and regulatory developments impacting NASADAD members. The "All States Monthly Policy Calls" feature speakers from Capitol Hill, the Administration and other stakeholder communities to facilitate information sharing about cutting edge issues related to prevention, treatment and recovery.

Invaluable program work led by the Research and Program Applications Department: The Research and Program Applications Department is another critical component of NASADAD. In particular, the Department utilizes a "States-helping-States" approach to ensure timely help for members on a range of issues. For example, NASADAD staff work directly with State members to craft inquiries that are sent to their colleagues in order to learn about and share best practices and "lessons learned." The Department also generates documents on cutting edge issues such as program and service delivery for opioid dependence, adolescents, and women's services, to name a few examples.

Fact Sheet on the Benefits of Membership: We have attached an information sheet for your State budget office, Governor or legislature entitled, "NASADAD Membership: Services and Benefits." We also stand ready to adjust this document to meet State specific needs.

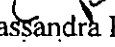
Recent NASADAD Meetings and Events: In addition, we have included as an attachment the most recent edition of NASADAD's Meetings Report to show the type of outreach and collaboration NASADAD conducts on a regular basis.

Option – Pre-payment for 2021 Annual Meeting Registration: A number of States have indicated the desire to streamline payments to the Association. In particular, a number of members asked NASADAD to create an option where members could include with their dues a pre-payment for the 2021 Annual Meeting registration. Members could include registration payments for State directors, National Prevention Network members (NPNs) and National Treatment Network members (NTNs).

If you are interested in the pre-payment option, or if you have any questions regarding dues, please contact Mr. Hollis McMullen, NASADAD's Director of Finance, at (202) 468-1101 or email hmcullen@nasadad.org, regarding the dues for FY 2021.

I look forward to seeing you at the NASADAD/NTN/NPN/WSN Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,


Cassandra Price (GA)
President
NASADAD

Cc: Robert Morrison, Executive Director, NASADAD
Hollis McMullen, Director of Finance, NASADAD

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	ANNUAL DUES FOR NASADAD FY: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 FEDERAL ID NUMBER: 52-0983141 Please return the yellow copy of this invoice with your payment. Thank you.	\$10,900	\$ 10,900