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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner

Joseph E. Ribsam, Jr
Director

February 7, 2018

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth, and Families to **retroactively** pay an annual membership fee to the the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), (formerly known as the American Public Welfare Association, APWA), Washington, DC (vendor 168677 B001) for Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, in the amount of \$13,000.00. Funds are available as follows:

05-95-42-421010-29560000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES, CHILD PROTECTION, OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Job #	Class Title	Amount
2018	026-500251	42105840	Memberships	\$ 13,000.00

EXPLANATION

The above action is requested to **retroactively** renew the Division's membership in the the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA). The request is made retroactively because the Division thought this was included in the Department APHSA membership. This APHSA membership dues is for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 are \$13,000.00. Membership will be renewed on an annual basis.

Participation in the American Public Human Services Association benefits the State of New Hampshire. Approval of this request will enable the State to continue its participation in the Association. The Association is a national bipartisan information and advocacy group representing the needs of human social services. The work of the Association supports the entire range of programs administered by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. The Association is a reliable and invaluable source of timely and accurate information on federal programs, federal funding, future directions, and interpretation of proposed laws and rules.

The Association represents the State before Congress and federal agencies on matters of concern to New Hampshire. With the many changes to federal programs being passed by Congress each year, it is increasingly important to have current information about those changes, their consequences and the potential impact on each state, including our own. The most accurate and readily available information of this type is necessary for the efficient administration of our programs.

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

APHSA is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization representing appointed state and local health and human service agency commissioners. APHSA was founded in 1930 as the American Public Welfare Association and changed its name to APHSA in 1997. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has been a member since 1990 and the NH Department of Health and Welfare was a member in the years prior to that.

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

No

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

Agencies from all 50 states are members as well as the District of Columbia and US territories. The Department is the sole New Hampshire agency belonging to the Association. All Divisions and Offices benefit from this membership.

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

In 2015, the AAICPC Committee Members voted to separate from APHSA in regards to payment of dues and bill states independently. A tiered payment system was put in place and states were placed in one of three tiers based on state size and population. New Hampshire was placed in the smallest tier due to being a smaller state, therefore, required to pay the least amount a state would pay. In 2016, the AAICPC Annual Membership Compact Fee Notice was sent to all states.

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

APHSA is the only association of the nation's top government human service executives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories—and their key state program managers, plus hundreds of county-level directors of human services throughout the nation—for the exchange of knowledge, data, best practices, policy review and development, networking and advocacy.

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

Yes. Included in the cost are educational/research materials the Department receives including, but are not limited to, *This Week in Washington*, Legislative Summaries, Policy Papers, Testimonies, E-mail Alerts and Technical Assistance.

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

No

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.

No

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.

New Hampshire has a designated Compact Administrator and Deputy Compact Administrator. Both administrators have voting privileges as members of the AAICPC. In 2016, New Hampshire's Compact Administrator was voted in as a member of the AAICPC Executive Committee.

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

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children is the mechanism New Hampshire has to ensure protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for foster care, adoption, parental, relative and residential placements. The Interstate Compact is a uniform law that has been enacted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It establishes orderly procedures for the interstate placement of children and fixes responsibility for those involved in placing the child. Not being a member of the AAICPC would negatively impact New Hampshire's ability to ensure safety, provide protection and services to children when seeking placement out of state as well as to children who are placed within New Hampshire from other states.

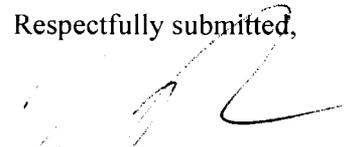
Should Governor and Council determine to deny this request, the Department of Health and Human Services would need to devote scarce resources to the development and maintenance of multiple sources for information it relies upon for the efficient management of its programs. Continuation of membership in the American Public Human Services Association is the most efficient means for procuring needed information.

Area served: statewide.

Source of funds: 50% Federal Funds; 50% General Funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph E. Ribsam, Jr
Director

Approved by:


Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner



October 31, 2017

Ms. Kara Buxton, Grants Administrator
Compact Administrator (CA)

Federal I.D: 36-2166948/D.U.N.S: 07-480-9344

Ms. Caitlyn Bickford, Program Specialist IV
Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA)

NH Department of Health and Human Services
Division for Children, Youth and Families
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

AAICPC Annual Membership Compact Fee Notice

Please pay by December 1, 2017

Renewal Period January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH ALL PAYMENTS

Please pay the amount below to renew your annual Compact membership with AAICPC/APHSA.
To make credit card payments, please contact Alvin Brown at (202) 682-0100, ext. 238 or abrown@aphsa.org.

If you have any questions about your membership services, please contact Carla Fults at (202) 682-0100 ext. 242 or cfults@aphsa.org.
Please notify us of any changes in your agency contact information by e-mailing to scampbell@aphsa.org and memberservice@aphsa.org

APHSa Member ID: 14505

Invoice #: 2018-14505

ICPC Compact Fee	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
	Balance Due	\$6,500.00

Make checks payable to APHSA and reference APHSA member ID on all payments.

ABA: 056001066 Account: 157106335

Credit Card Payment: MC AMEX VISA Credit Card No. _____

Expiration Date: _____ Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Telephone No: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT!

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Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children



Final Notice

July 31, 2017

Federal I.D: 36-2166948/D.U.N.S: 07-480-9344

Ms. Lorraine Bartlett, Director, Division for Children, Youth and Families
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