



NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



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December 27, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) to enter into a **RETROACTIVE** agreement/MOU sponsorship with University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability (IOD) vendor # 177867, 57 Old Regional Drive, Unit #8, Concord, NH 03301, in the amount of \$10,000, to provide an intensive leadership training program for people with disabilities and their families, from September 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022, effective upon Governor and Council approval. The source of funds is 100% federal.

The funding is available as follows for state Fiscal Year 2022:

01-97-97-970010-71350000 – Developmental Disabilities Council

	FY2022
Class 20 – 500244, Current Expenses	\$10,000

EXPLANATION

This request is being made **RETROACTIVELY** due to delays in finalizing the MOU/agreement, as well as competing priorities for both organizations and necessary procedural clarifications, which further delayed the development of the MOU. However, steps have been taken to ensure that any further MOUs between the two organizations will be made and submitted in a timely manner for Governor & Council approval.

This request is to support the University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability (IOD) to run intensive training sessions for parents of children with disabilities and adults with disabilities. These trainings will assist them in developing their knowledge and skills to improve the quality of life for themselves and/or their family members, work with providers, state agencies, and communities to improve the effectiveness of developmental services and supports for all. These trainings will take place at a combination of virtual and hands-on locations in the State of New Hampshire.

The program consists of eight hands-on training sessions and extensive homework assignments. Statewide and national organizations assist the IOD in providing training and resources on a wide range of other topics such as goal setting and person-centered planning and best practices in education, employment, community living and integration, improving policy, and transition planning. Workshop participants are provided with financial assistance for the cost of overnight lodging and meals required for their participation. The Council has collaboratively supported this training from the beginning. The result is that over 900 parents and people with disabilities have successfully completed the training and become more effective in improving their lives and the lives of other NH citizens with disabilities. IOD, NH Leadership series agrees to submit a detailed post-event reporting form to the Council.

Councils on Developmental Disabilities were created by the federal Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act) in 1970. The New Hampshire Council was established in 1971. Councils are located in every State and Territory and represent a Federal-State partnership to expand opportunities and improve the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Councils are charged by Federal law to identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their State or Territory and to develop innovative and cost-effective strategies to meet those needs. Councils work to promote the independence and productivity of people with developmental disabilities and promote systems change that will eliminate obvious inequities in areas such as employment, education, and access to healthcare.

The geographic area served by this project agreement is statewide. The source of funds is 100% federal funds. In the event that federal funds become no longer available, general funds will not be used to support this contract.

Respectfully submitted,



Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre
Executive Director



University of
New Hampshire

NH Leadership Series
Institute on Disability/UCED

57 Regional Drive, Unit 8
Concord, NH 03301

www.nhleadership.org

**Memorandum of Understanding
between the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHCDD)
and the NH Leadership Series
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

The NH Council on Developmental Disabilities (NHCDD) agrees to support the NH Leadership Series through sponsorship in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with expenses that would enable individuals or family members of individuals with labels of intellectual disabilities to attend the NH Leadership Series. The series runs September 2021 through April 2022. Additionally, the NH Leadership Series commits to the following:

- The NHCDD will be represented throughout the series by providing a presentation about the mission, vision, and activities of the Council and ways for Leadership participants to get involved in Council activities.
- Creation of Leadership action groups will be informed by NHCDD policy priorities. Related groups will be encouraged to reach out to NHCDD to align efforts to enhance supports and services for individuals with disabilities and their families. NHCDD agrees to provide guidance to action groups through an informational meeting.
- The NH Leadership Series will recruit participants to apply to serve as Governor-appointed members of the NHCDD.
- The NH Leadership Series will infuse the NHCDD five-year plan priorities into the Series curriculum.
- NH Leadership agrees to submit a post-project reporting form to the NHCDD in a timely manner.

Kelly Nye-Lengerman

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Director, UNH Institute on Disability/ UCED

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Executive Director, NH Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Sheri L. Phillips
Sheri L. Phillips, Assistant Attorney General

12/27/2021

Sponsorship Total

\$10,000

Please make your sponsorship check payable to IOD/Leadership and mail to:

Institute on Disability/UCED

Attn: Jill Varney

10 West Edge Drive, Suite 101

Durham, NH 03824



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Date: 12-2-21

Re: Sponsorship Commitment Acknowledgement
Memorandum of Understanding
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NHCDD Executive Director
2 1/2 Beacon Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Isadora:

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Sponsorship total: \$10,000

Thank you,

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Sarah Sadowski
Project Director, NH Leadership Series
(603) 228 2084 ext. 46

**University of New Hampshire
Institute on Disability / UCED
NH Leadership Series**

Background

The 2021 – 2022 session of the NH Leadership Series is a nine-month, fourteen-session training series running from September 2021 to April 2022. The course is offered in a hybrid format, with the sessions from September until February offered virtually with a pivot to in-person instruction from March – April 2022. Participants attend virtual lectures and panel discussions and complete readings and assignments. Experiential learning, reflection, and applying key concepts happen through Action Groups and Home Groups. These small group settings allow participants to share ideas and take action on critical issues.

Learning Objectives

History

- Introduce the concept of disability as a difference, not deficiency.
- Identify and address the fundamental, ingrained values that led to institutionalization.
- Learn about the history of the treatment of persons with disabilities in NH.
- Define LEADERSHIP vs advocacy.

Creating a Vision

- Challenge assumptions about possibilities for people with disabilities.
- Begin to formulate a personal vision based on new understanding.

Community Organizing

- Develop an understanding of "personal power" and its relationship to civic responsibility.
- Understand the significance of determining self-interest.
- Develop the ability to initiate 1:1 interviews.
- Learn the power of community organizing.

Ideas Into Action

- Understand the NH Legislative Process.
- Understand how to cut an issue
- Work in an action group to create a plan for your group project assignment (action group) and make substantial progress on implementing.
- Discover connections for future volunteer/work opportunities as you formulate your vision.

Education

- Develop an understanding of the value of inclusive education and special education.
- Understand “the least dangerous assumption” and its applications.
- Learn how to develop/use meaningful instructional supports.

Creating a Good Life

- Develop an understanding of existing systems of support.
- Use a personal vision to successfully use, navigate, and challenge those systems to obtain a Good Life.
- Identify how educational practices and positive behavioral supports can impact subsequent life experiences.

The Legislative Process

- Understand the political process at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Learn how to be involved.
- Learn how to develop a public relationship with a legislator.



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Executive Director, NH Council on Developmental Disabilities

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Session Dates and Times for NH Leadership Series 2021-2022

Virtual Sessions

Session	Date(s)	Time	Time
Meet & Greet	Sept 17, 2021	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom
History	Oct 1 & 15, 2021	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom
Vision	Nov 5 & 19, 2021	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom
Community Organizing	Dec 3 & 17, 2021	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom
Turning Ideas to Action	Jan 7, 2022	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom
Education	Jan 21 & Feb 4, 2022	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom
A Good Life	Feb 18 & Mar 4, 2022	9:00am - 12:30pm	Online via Zoom

Virtual sessions will take place on 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

In Person Sessions

Session	Day	Date	Time	Location
Legislative Session Day 1 (overnight)	Fri	Mar 25, 2022	12:00pm - 7:00pm	Concord, NH
Legislative Session Day 2	Sat	Mar 26, 2022	8:00am - 4:00pm	Concord, NH
Action Group Presentations Day 1 (overnight)	Fri	Apr 08, 2022	10:00am - 4:00pm	Manchester, NH
Leadership Reunion/Gala	Fri	Apr 08, 2022	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Fratellos in Manchester, NH
Action Group Presentations and Graduation Day 2	Sat	Apr 09, 2022	8:00am - 4:00pm	Manchester, NH

Learning from the Past, Part 2
"The road to hell is paved with good intentions."
October 15, 2021, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Objectives

1. Develop a sense of community within this year's Leadership participants.
2. Introduce the concept of disability as a difference, not deficiency.
3. Identify and address the fundamental, ingrained values that led to institutionalization.
4. Learn about the history of the treatment and education of persons with disabilities in NH.

9:00 Welcome and Be Here Now

9:05 Linking the past, progressing to present and a hopeful future. Ken Norton
NAMI NH

9:40 Lost in Laconia

10:50 Break

11:00 Panel Discussion about the movie: Gordon Dubois, Rheal Laforest & Bill
Stumpf

11:40 Home Groups

12:15 Notes and Future information regarding Action Groups

12:20 Credo for Support

12:25 Evaluations- **please complete them before you leave**, this is important
for the future of Leadership. The link is in the chat.

12:30 Remember to send a family photo to Marcella- This is for the class collage.

See you November 5 for Creating a Vision!

Creating a Vision

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." Lewis

Carroll

November 5, 2021, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Objectives

1. Continue to develop a sense of community within this year's Leadership participants and explore what Leadership means.
2. Challenge assumptions about possibilities for people with disabilities in community, special education, etc.
3. Begin to formulate a personal vision based on new understanding.

9:00 Be Here Now

9:05 Welcome from: Heidi Petzold, Partners in Health

**9:15 My story & vision for assistive technology for all Therese Willkomm, PhD,
ATP, Clinical Associate Professor**

10:35 Break

10:45 Person Centered Planning - Kate Cray

11:15 Group Process- Sarah Sadowski, Director of Leadership

11:35 Choosing Action groups/5 topics will be chosen

12:00 Action groups meet

12:25 Evaluations- link in the chat

12:30 Remember to work on your relationship maps – info is in the ebinder

See you November 19th for Creating a Vision part 2!