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**NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**



August 31, 2020
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, to accept and expend funds from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), 10 West Edge Drive, Suite 101, Durham, NH, vendor # 177867 in the amount of \$1000.00 for the participation of the Council on Developmental Disabilities in a series of project meetings associated with the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) of the UNH Institute On Disability, Disability and Public Health Project, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Other

Funds will be deposited into account, 01-97-97-970010-7135, New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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006-403508	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1000
020-500252	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1000

EXPLANATION

RSA §19-J:2 provides that “the council may receive, administer and expend any funds...from any sources public or private, to serve as the designated state agency pursuant to the DD Act and to enter into contracts for the purposes of its programs.” The NH Council on Developmental Disabilities was selected to participate in the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG). The Council will participate in four (4) meetings in Fiscal Year 2021. Compensation for participants is two-hundred and fifty (\$250) per meeting Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Executive Director, of the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities, have been selected to attend the meetings.

The University of New Hampshire received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support a Disabilities and Public Health Project. The goal of the project is to increase capacity and action in health promotion, health care access and emergency preparedness activities for people with disabilities. The project aims to create a sustainable infrastructure to facilitate and oversee its work and to ensure that its mission

is carried on beyond the life of the project. To this end, the project convenes the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG), comprised of local experts from the fields of disability and public health. The selection process for membership in DCPG included review of the recommendations of multiple partners and stakeholders. The first meeting will take place September 18, 2020.

The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities was established in 1971, pursuant to the federal Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act) of 1970. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre', written in a cursive style.

Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre
Executive Director



**DPH Disability Community Planning Group
Scope of Work for Year 5 (of 5)**

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Dates of service: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

PO#:

Budget: \$1000

Justification:

The Disability and Public Health project (DPH) aims to create a sustainable infrastructure to facilitate and oversee the work of the project and to ensure that its mission is carried on beyond the life of the Cooperative Agreement with CDC/NCBDDDD. To this end, the project convenes the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG), comprised of local experts from the fields of disability and public health. Selection criteria for non-state representatives includes statewide organizations focused on cross-disability services, training, and/or advocacy.

The DCPG will assist DPH staff to fulfill project goals by undertaking the following actions:

- Meet 4 times annually during the 5 years of the project - At least 2 meetings will be held in-person in Concord, NH; remaining meetings may be via webinar or teleconference, at the discretion of the DCPG Chairperson;
- Provide guidance and feedback to project staff regarding the planning, prioritization and implementation of project activities;
- Mobilize support and partnerships to provide insight on the effectiveness of existing state policies and practices relating to disability; facilitate opportunities for constructive change;
- Promote DPH web presence and activities, including trainings, events, and data publications by engaging with DPH social media
 - Like / follow the project; retweet / share at least 1 DPH post per week; endorse DPH activities in at least 1 post per month.