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Lisa Morris, MSSW
Director

January 23, 2018

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

Retroactive

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to pay the Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives (ASTHVI), 639 Massachusetts Avenue NE Washington, D.C. 20002, Vendor #285150, \$5,000 for the annual membership dues, effective April 1, 2018. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds to support this request are available in the following accounts in State FY 2018.

05-95-90-902010-5896 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF POPULATION HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, ACA HOME VISITING

Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
SFY 2018	026/500251	Organizational Dues	90083200	\$5,000
			Total	\$5,000

EXPLANATION

The Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives is member-driven and dedicated to supporting members in the effective implementation and improvement of home visiting programs at the state, territory and tribal level. The evidence-based approaches of these programs, which are focused on pregnant women and families with children from birth through age five, help support families in their most important job of raising children to lead healthy and productive lives.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and 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. This organization began in 2014; this agency was a member for two years.

2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?**
 - A. No.
3. **How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?**
 - A. At least one person from at least 48 states, 5 tribes, and one territory is registered as an ASTHVI participant. We are the only New Hampshire state agency that we are aware of that is a member.
4. **How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)**
 - A. The Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives dues are based on Maternal Infant Early Childhood Grant amount.
5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?**
 - A. ASTHVI and its members pursue opportunities to inform and educate federal officials, policymakers, stakeholders, and the media about their work in states and communities. ASTHVI seeks to be a resource to work with evidence-based model developers on a state and national level that focus on the importance of high quality services for families with young children. Through peer-to-peer support, cooperation and open communication, ASTHVI looks to leverage best practices, and maximize the benefit of home visiting initiatives to children, families, and society as a whole. ASTHVI provides administrators of home visiting initiatives with a forum to share challenges, strategies and successes in implementing home visiting initiatives including, but not limited to, the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program.
6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.**
 - A. Through peer-to-peer support, cooperation and open communication, it looks to leverage best practices that maximize the benefit of home visiting initiatives to children, families, and society as a whole. ASTHVI provides administrators of home visiting initiatives with a forum to share challenges, strategies and successes in implementing home visiting initiatives including, but not limited to, the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program.
7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.**
 - A. No federal grants, or licensing, or certification exams are required.
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. There is no travel included with the membership fee.
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).**
 - A.

- Aurelia Moran, Home Visiting Program Supervisor, Maternal Child Health Section- Not yet a member, but would like to be.
- Kristi Hart, Home Visiting Program Coordinator, Maternal Child Health Section- Not yet a member.
- Sarah Pigsley, Program Assistant II, Maternal Child Health Section, not yet a member.
- Gary Titus, Systems Development Specialist III, Maternal Child Health Section- Not yet a member.

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

- A. This would reduce the amount of resources that the MIECHV program can access. It would also negatively impact opportunities for support from other states that have resources or best practices to share. ASTHVI takes input from all members to provide advocacy and education about the home visiting field. Not having membership would mean limited representation of the needs of the State of New Hampshire in this advocacy and education.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: Source of funds is 100% Federal Funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa M. Morris, MSSW
Director

Approved by:



Jeffrey A. Meyers
Commissioner

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Invoice

Maternal and Child Health Section
Bureau of Population Health and Community Services
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
29 Hazen Dr.
Concord, NH 03301

Please remit payment to:
ASTHVI
520 Massachusetts Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20002
Vendor Code: 294350

ASTHVI Membership

January 1 – December 31 2018

\$5,000

Once payment has been received, ASTHVI will send membership registration information to the point of contact listed below. All home visiting staff members in your agency will be eligible to become ASTHVI members.

Agency:	
Point of Contact:	Aurelia Moran
Title:	Home Visiting Program Supervisor
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