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September 15, 2021

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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 94:3-b; Salary Adjustment for Recruitment or Retention, authorization is requested by the Department of Justice for the confirmation of the Joint Committee of Employee Classification's approval and recommendation of the establishment of a new salary grade DD range of \$64,246 to \$89,414 for the position of Victim/Witness Specialist effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.
2. Upon approval of requested action #1: That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to appoint Sunniva (Sunny) Mulligan Shea, Position # 9U670, (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2616-014-500134) as a Victim/Witness Specialist, at a salary level of \$72,644 (LG DD, Step 3), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 8, 2021, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2024.

EXPLANATION

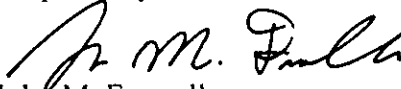
1. As requested in action #1: Chapter 346 Laws of 2019 (HB4), granted the Department of Justice (DOJ) a position entitled *Victim/Witness Specialist* with the ability for the Attorney General to appoint a candidate into this unclassified position effective upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council. The DOJ requests approval and confirmation of the letter grade DD designation, for the position title of Victim/Witness Specialist as approved by the Joint Committee of Employee Classifications.

2. As requested in action #2, appoint Sunniva Mulligan Shea at a labor grade DD, step 3 at a salary of \$72,644 pursuant to RSA 94:1-a, 1(a); Compensation for Certain State Officers; Unclassified State Employees.

Ms. Mulligan Shea, a resident of Hillsborough, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Notre Dame College in 1986 and a Juris Doctor from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1999. Prior to attending law school, she taught Preschool and Kindergarten programs at the Montessori School of Bedford. From 1999 to 2014 she engaged in a general law practice as an Associate at Steven A. Cherry and Associates in Henniker, where she also served as a Guardian ad Litem in criminal cases. In addition to her law practice, she held various positions at the University of New Hampshire School of Law including Adjunct and Assistant Professor (2006 to 2012) and Director of the Academic Success Program (2004 to 2013). After two years as a Victim/Witness Advocate in the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office (2014 to 2016), she joined the Department as a Victim/Witness Advocate with the Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit. Ms. Mulligan Shea is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, Greater Manchester Domestic and Sexual Violence Council, New Hampshire Commission on Aging, and Co-Chair of the Financial Abuse Specialty Team. I intend to continue her assignment with the Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit. Given her years of experience and expertise, a salary of \$72,644 (LG DD, Step 3) is requested for Ms. Mulligan Shea. Her resume is attached for your consideration.

I am very pleased to offer Ms. Mulligan Shea's appointment as a Victim/Witness Specialist at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Formella
Attorney General

Sunniva (Sunny) Mulligan Shea

EDUCATION:

Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH <i>Juris Doctor (JD)</i>	1999
Notre Dame College, Manchester, NH <i>B.A. Elementary Education</i>	1986
St. Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland, Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin <i>Montessori Teaching Certification</i>	1980

EXPERIENCE:

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office <i>Victim Witness Advocate</i> Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with victims of elder abuse and exploitation, Medicaid fraud, and homicide.• Advocate on YDC Task Force.	2016- Present
Hillsborough County Attorneys Office <i>Victim Witness Advocate</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with victims throughout and beyond the criminal process	2014-2016
Steven A. Cherry and Associates, Henniker, NH <i>Associate</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Practice ▪ Family law, juvenile law, debt collection, landlord-tenant disputes, estate planning• Criminal Guardian ad Litem ▪ Representing child victims of crimes in criminal trial process	1999-2014 1999-2006 2006-2014
University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH <i>Director of Academic Success Program</i>	2004-2013
University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Adjunct Professor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundamentals of Lawyering ▪ Taught second semester, first year law students practical lawyering skills, including client interviews, trial practice, interrogatories, motions, and negotiations	2006-2012

- Introduction to the American Legal System
 - Designed and taught course for international masters program students on organization and procedures of the American legal system, including judicial structure, common law development and initiation and prosecution of a cases

Montessorri School of Bedford, Bedford, NH 1985 – 1995
 Taught Preschool and Kindergarten programs

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Standards and Training, Concord, NH 2016 - Present
 • Present on Elder Abuse and Exploitation for Police Academy to full and part time academy

Presentations throughout the State on elder abuse and exploitation and scams 2016 – Present
 • Over 140 events

Rivier College, Nashua, NH Fall, 2018
 • Taught Victimology class

Rivier College, Nashua, NH Spring/Fall 2015
 • Presentation on Victim Witness Advocate work

University of New Hampshire, Durham NH Feb. 2012, 13
 • Guest lecturer in Masters Program on victim advocate work

Guardian ad Litem Board, Concord, NH 2007 – 2013
 • Train Guardian ad Litem in annual training to represent child victims in criminal cases

Western New England School of Law Aug 2010
 • Presentation to faculty on designing and implementing an Academic Success program

University of Las Vegas, CA June 2013
 • Presented on academic early intervention

CERTIFICATIONS:

Parent Coordination Certification Training, Basic and advanced 2012

National Association of Counsel for Children - Child Welfare Law Specialist 2011

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Financial Abuse Specialty Team – Member / Co-Chair	2016-Present
New Hampshire Commission on Aging – Member	2019-Present
Greater Manchester Domestic and Sexual Violence Council	2017-Present
New Hampshire Bar Association – Member	1999-Present
American Bar Association – Member	2005-2014
New England Consortium of Academic Support Professionals	2008-2014

VOLUNTEER WORK:

Girls at Work, New Boston, NH – Board Member (non profit working with at risk girls)	2011-2013
NH Attorney General’s Task Force on Juvenile Offenders	2010-2011
Citizens’ Emergency Response Team, Goffstown, NH	2008-2014
DOVE Attorney	2004-2014
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99 - Charter Representative	2006-2009
CASA of New Hampshire	1995-2007

INTERESTS: Kayaking, water aerobics, swimming, snowmobiling, reading

REFERENCES

Available upon request

177. Department of Justice; Victim/Witness Specialist Positions Reclassified and Established.

The positions of victim/witness specialist position numbers 18674, 19419, 9T2817, and 9T2811 within the department of justice shall be designated as unclassified positions. There are hereby established within the department of justice 4 unclassified victim/witness specialist positions. The salary of the victim/witness specialist positions shall be determined after assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation for the positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon completion of this action and appointments to the unclassified positions, position numbers 18674, 19419, 9T2817, and 9T2811 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of the available appropriations to the unclassified positions. Funding shall be transferred into the proper unclassified expenditure class in the victim witness general accounting unit. The incumbents in the abolished classified positions shall be offered the opportunity to seek the attorney general's nomination for the unclassified victim/witness specialist positions.

178. New Paragraphs; Department of Justice; Criminal Justice Bureau; Victim/Witness Specialist Positions Established. Amend RSA 21-M:8-b by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraphs:

V. The attorney general, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may appoint permanent victim/witness specialists within the limits of the appropriation made for the appointments, who shall hold office for a term of 5 years. Any vacancy in such position may be filled for the unexpired term. The victim/witness specialists may be removed only as provided by RSA 4:1.

VI. The attorney general, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may appoint unclassified, full-time temporary victim/witness specialists within the federal appropriations made for the appointment, who shall hold office subject to continuation of the federal grant funds supporting the victims/witness program. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The victim/witness specialists may be removed only as provided by RSA 4:1 or if the federal appropriation no longer supports the positions.

VII. There is established within the department of justice an unclassified full-time elections attorney. The salary of the elections attorney is established in RSA 94:1-a, I(c).

179. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Curatorial Responsibilities Suspended. Due to inadequate funding and staffing resources at the department of natural and cultural resources, the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources may suspend the requirements of RSA 227-C and RSA 12-A relative to curatorial responsibilities, for each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

180. Statewide Public Boat Access Fund; Appropriation to Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Amend RSA 233-A:13 to read as follows:

233-A:13 Statewide Public Boat Access Fund Established. There is hereby established a nonlapsing statewide public boat access fund. The \$5 boat registration surcharge collected pursuant



State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

CONCORD

April 26, 2021

Commissioner Charles Arlinghaus
Department of Administrative Services
25 Capitol Street, Room 120
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Commissioner Arlinghaus,

This is to inform you that the Joint Committee on Employee Classification (RSA 14:14-c) voted on April 23, 2021 to approve the following salary range under RSA 94:3-b for the position listed below:

Director, Nursing, Department of Corrections
Salary range \$110,000-155,000

The committee also voted on April 23, 2021 to approve the unclassified salary grades in RSA 94:1-a for the positions listed below:

Deputy Director, Risk and Benefits, Department of Administrative Services
Salary Grade: GG

Chief Pharmacist, Department of Corrections
Salary Grade: NN

Pharmacists (4 positions), Department of Corrections
Salary Grade: KK

Director, Professional Standards, Department of Corrections
Salary Grade: GG

Director, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Department of Health and Human Services
Salary Grade: HH

Information Security Officer, Department of Health and Human Services
Salary Grade: GG

Director of Communications (title changed from Public Information Officer),
Department of Justice
Salary Grade: FF

Victim/Witness Specialists (4 positions), Department of Justice
Salary Grade: DD

We plan on including these changes in legislation in the future.

Sincerely,

Sen. John Reagan, Chairman
Joint Committee on Employee Classification