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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Justice to accept and expend \$30,000 through a Memorandum Agreement from the University of New Hampshire Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC) in exchange for educational and planning services related to college campus sexual assault prevention guidelines upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2020. 100% Agency Income.

These funds are to be budgeted in the Sexual Assault Regional Training account number 02-20-20-201510-29060000 as follows:

<u>Class/Expense</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Current SFY17 Budget</u>	<u>Increase Amount</u>	<u>Revised SFY17 Budget</u>
020-500200	Current Expense	\$8,277	\$0	\$8,277
039-500188	Telecommunications	\$2,978	\$0	\$2,978
050-500109	Part Time Salaries	\$49,297	\$25,410	\$74,707
060-500601	Benefits	\$4,548	\$4,590	\$9,138
067-500557	Training of Providers	\$16,941	\$0	\$16,941
	In State Travel			
070-500704	Reimbursement	\$6,404	\$0	\$6,404
080-500714	Out of State Travel	\$5,226	\$0	\$5,226
		<u>\$93,672</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$123,672</u>
<b>Funding Source</b>				
000-400338	Federal Funds Est.	\$38,867	\$0	\$38,867
009-403681	Agency Income Est.	\$54,805	\$30,000	\$84,805
		<u>\$93,672</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$123,672</u>

## EXPLANATION

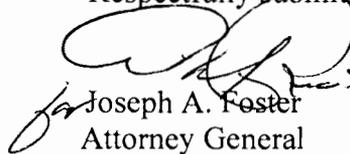
The University of New Hampshire Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC) has requested expertise from the Department of Justice Sexual Assault Regional Trainers on the development and promotion of policy and prevention resources relating to college campus sexual assaults.

Under this agreement, for approximately three years, the Department of Justice will provide technical assistance on how to develop, implement and disseminate guidelines for a tiered approach towards the prevention of sexual assault on campus. The Department will also give existing College Consortium members assistance to use established guidelines, policies and procedures.

The funds will be used to cover the cost of this collaboration for two existing part-time personnel dedicated to the Department of Justice Sexual Assault Regional Training program. There is no cost to the State for providing this service to the University of New Hampshire.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Foster  
Attorney General

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## **Memorandum of Agreement**

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by Prevention Innovations Research Center at the University of New Hampshire and the **New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victim Witness, Sexual Assault Resource Team program and the New Hampshire Violence Against Women Campus Consortium program.**

### **Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC) and the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General**

PIRC and the Personnel of the NH Attorney General's Office and its programs have collaborated on a number of efforts over the past 10 years including the release and dissemination of the NH VAW and VAM prevalence studies, strategies to improve victim responses and strategies to increase the adjudication of campus sexual assault. Presently the members of all four groups are collaborating on statewide effort to increase resource awareness to campus victims of assault and their allies including the development of an App that will be available on the 23 NH college campuses during the Fall 2016 semester.

### **Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC)**

The *White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault on Campus* identified PIRC as a key research center on the prevention of campus sexual assault and requested PIRC researchers examine the effectiveness of various dissemination methods (e.g., in person distribution, discussion, email, online) of campus sexual misconduct policies and resource information for first year college students.

PIRC at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) was established in October 2006. Our team is made up of researchers and practitioners who work collaboratively to develop and evaluate 1. Prevention strategies, 2. Evidence-based measures to document the problems of sexual and relationship violence and stalking, and 3. Comprehensive community tools to effectively address the causes of violence. The mission and goals of PIRC speak directly to our expertise and focus, which align perfectly with the goals and expectations for this grant opportunity: 1) Disseminate sexual assault policy and prevention information to organizations in a position to influence and implement policies and practices at post-secondary schools; 2) Provide technical assistance to a cadre of post-secondary schools to set policies and practices in place that prevent sexual assaults from occurring; and 3) Assess the success of policy establishment and sustained prevention strategies for the partnering organizations and the post-secondary schools.

Even prior to the establishment of PIRC at UNH, our researchers had strong ties to practitioners and the promotion of community engagement and scholarship. Since inception, PIRC has consistently looked for opportunities to translate research and evaluate its efficacy in different capacities. Through systematic inquiry, we have worked with community partners marginalized because of racism, sexism, and homophobia. We have adapted PIRC bystander strategies for Hispanic Serving Institutions, branches of the US Military, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations. We conducted a pilot study in partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) practitioners, and together, we are seeking funding to support the adaptation of our evidence-based prevention strategies for HBCU student populations. Our Bringing

in the Bystander ® In-Person Prevention Program has been adopted by 400 U.S. universities; 75 community & state organizations; the U.S. Army; Canadian universities; and Swedish youth organizations. And the Know Your Power ® Bystander Intervention Social Marketing Campaign has been adopted by 75 universities and the U.S. military, including being piloted on a U.S. Army Post in Europe.

UNH has embraced PIRC's work and leading role in developing and evaluating sexual assault prevention and response strategies. Like many universities, UNH is seeking to overcome challenges in these areas, and the presence of PIRC researchers on campus has provided our institution the opportunity to conduct regular climate studies, develop and implement evidence-based prevention and response strategies, and serve as a best practice model for colleges and universities across the country. PIRC's research has informed the way UNH provides support services to survivors, trains campus police officers to investigate sexual assault cases, and implements prevention programs for students.

**Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC) will be responsible for the following:**

- A. Dissemination of policy/prevention resources with regard to Office of Victim/Witness Assistance, including its Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) program and the NH Violence Against Women Campus Consortium (Consortium) program, and provision of technical assistance to OVWA, including:
- Developing and implementing a communication plan for consistently disseminating college sexual assault policies and prevention strategies to the existing SARTs and Consortium members at the eight participating schools;
  - Disseminating guidelines that encourage the existing SARTs and Consortium members at the eight participating schools to develop and implement primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention policies and activities at schools;
  - Providing technical assistance to existing SARTs and Consortium members at the eight participating schools to aid in the development of innovative strategies at post-secondary schools;
  - Incorporating White House Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault resources for developing policies/procedures into disseminated materials;
  - Creating and coordinating a Technical Advisory Group, comprised of OVWA, other Partner Organizations and Other Experts, to provide TA for policy development and prevention strategy implementation to the eight participating post-secondary schools;
  - Establishing and convening, semi-annually, a meeting of the Technical Advisory Group to review and advise PIRC on policy and prevention aspects of the project, strategies, research and evaluation findings, etc.;
  - Participating in and coordinating the participation of members of the Technical Advisory Group in any ongoing mandatory and proactive technical assistance provided by OWH.
- B. In regard to the eight participating post-secondary schools, PIRC will:
- Conduct Climate Studies at each of the participating post-secondary schools;
  - Establish and coordinate a Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Task Force (Task Force) at each of the eight participating post-secondary NH schools that will plan/implement strategies that address policies & prevention activities from WH Task Force, the Not Alone Campaign, and the It's On Us Campaign;
  - Convene Task Force meetings at each of the eight participating schools two times per academic year;

- Establish prevention strategies; create policies/interventions to reduce risk of SV, including bystander intervention; strengthen prevention, reporting and response policies; and change norms at each of the eight participating schools;
- Collaborate with each Task Force to plan/implement at least two Sexual Assault prevention activities per academic year, including bystander intervention for incoming students during orientation, at each of the eight participating schools;
- Work with the SART program of OVWA to facilitate development of a Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) at each school.

C. In regard to assessment of the project and dissemination of the findings, PIRC will:

- Develop outcome measures for Goals;
- Develop methods to assess need for SV policy and prevention approaches at 8 schools;
- Develop methods to assess/measure success of policy implementation and enforcement and prevention implementation;
- Evaluate Task Force establishment, prevention activities, and policy outcomes at eight schools;
- Cooperate with the U.S., Department of Health and Human Services, and Office of Women's Health;
- Track policy advances and overall initiative;
- Assess gaps and knowledge, beliefs, policies and access to services at eight schools;
- Track outreach participation and impact across membership organizations (Partner Organizations);
- Publish a report concerning the project and results.

D. PIRC will administer all aspects of the grant including grant reporting and fiscal management.

E. PIRC will provide annually to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General, \$10,000 for participation in this proposed project as described throughout this Memorandum of Agreement.

**New Hampshire Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victim/Witness Assistance**

The Office of Victim/Witness Assistance (OVWA) is charged with providing information and services to victims and witnesses in criminal cases prosecuted by the Department of Justice. In addition to providing direct service, the OVWA sponsors multi-disciplinary conferences that bring together personnel working in the criminal justice field to exchange information about methods and procedures for improving and expanding services to victims. The OVWA coordinates the New Hampshire Sexual Assault Resource Teams (SART) and the NH Violence Against Women Campus Consortium (Consortium). Both the SART and Campus Consortium Programs will be central to the efforts of this Memorandum of Agreement.

**OVWA will be responsible for the following:**

- A. Participation in PIRC Technical Assistance (TA) and adoption and promotion of recommended policy/prevention resources, including:
- Adopting and implementing the PIRC communication plan for consistently disseminating college sexual assault policies and prevention strategies to the NH Sexual Assault

Resource Teams (SART) and the NH Violence Against Women Campus Consortium (Consortium) affiliation with each of the eight participating schools;

- Disseminating guidelines that encourage existing SARTs and Consortium members at the eight participating schools to develop and implement primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention policies and activities at schools;
- Encouraging existing SARTs and Consortium members at the eight participating schools to implement PIRC recommendations for development of innovative strategies at post-secondary schools;
- Supporting existing SARTs and Consortium members at the eight participating schools to use resources for developing and adopting policies/procedures recommended by the *White House Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault*.

B. Participation in the Technical Advisory Group, comprised of OWWA, other Partner Organizations and Other Experts, to provide TA for policy development and prevention strategy implementation to the eight participating post-secondary schools, including:

- Identifying at least one person to represent the OWWA as a member of the Technical Advisory Group;
- Participating in semi-annual meetings of the Technical Advisory Group to review and advise PIRC on policy and prevention aspects of the project, strategies, research and evaluation findings, etc.;
- Providing Technical Assistance to participating schools as a member of the Technical Advisory Group as determined in the course of the project;
- Participating in mandatory technical assistance opportunities provided by OWH.

C. Providing Technical Assistance to the participating schools and supporting the development and implementation of the following projects:

- Developing a Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative Task Force (Task Force) at each school;
- Implementing strategies that address policies and prevention activities based on the *White House Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault*, the Not Alone Campaign, and the It's On Us Campaign;
- Conducting climate studies and assessing community readiness to engage students, and determine campus readiness to engage in prevention measures;
- Convening Task Force meetings at each of the eight participating schools two times per academic year;
- Establishing prevention strategies; creating policies/interventions to reduce risk of SV, including bystander intervention; strengthening prevention, reporting and response policies; and changing norms at each of the participating schools;
- Collaborating with each school's Task Force to plan/implement at least two Sexual Assault prevention activities per academic year, including bystander intervention for incoming students during orientation, at each of the eight participating schools;
- Developing of a Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) at each school;
- Including the local sexual assault and domestic violence crisis center, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), and Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) member in each school's Task Force;
- Implementing sexual assault policies and protocols related to survivor response and sexual assault case adjudication, and implementing and evaluating prevention strategies for students, faculty and staff members;
- Supporting PIRC's access to necessary information and personnel to enable assessments of policy and prevention effectiveness.

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