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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of State, Division of Vital Records Administration, 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301 in the amount of \$62,500 for the Division of Vital Records Administration to improve the new situational surveillance feature of the NH Vital Records Information Network effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2018. 100% Federal Funds

Funds are available in State Fiscal Year 2018.

05-95-90-902010-50230000 – HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF POPULATION HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, ZIKA PREGNANCY SURVEILLANCE

Fiscal Year	Class	Title	Activity Code	Amount
2018	102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	90005023	\$62,500.00
			TOTAL:	\$62,500.00

EXPLANATION

Approval of this Memorandum of Agreement is to allow Vital Records to support enhancements by adding a new feature to the NH Vital Records Information Network (NHVRIN). These improvements will allow the Department to better implement time-sensitive pop-up surveillance questions that can be placed upon the birth record to gather close to real-time situational awareness of events such as birth conditions caused by the Zika Virus or future emerging threats. This enhancement will allow pilot testing of surveillance questions through triggering questions based on the hospital of birth data field before system-wide implementation thus improving data quality, and offer the option for geographically targeted surveillance, when necessary. This enhanced functionality greatly increases the ability of the Department to gather critical information quickly when new threats emerge relevant to birth outcomes. Currently, pilot testing must be done on paper and slows down the process of gathering time-sensitive data on potentially rapidly emerging threats.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not approve this request, New Hampshire will have only limited ability to respond quickly to any new emerging birth outcome threats. The proposed enhancement increases the potential of this new tool. The process used by existing methods of surveillance are not as timely as this innovation. Because of the time lag for pilot testing on paper,

families may not have immediate access to essential care and services. Timely surveillance data is vital in order to understand the impact of fast-emerging public health issues.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Federal. CFDA#93.073. . FAIN#NU50DD000009-01-04.

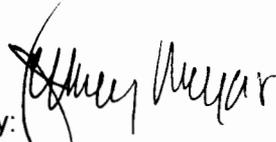
In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, additional General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Morris, MSSW
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Approved by:



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NH Vital Records Information Network Update Regarding Zika Virus



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

**Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), Bureau of Population Health and
Community Services, Maternal and Child Health Section (MCH)**

And

Department of State, Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA)



1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is between the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), Bureau of Population Health and Community Services, Maternal and Child Health Section (MCH), 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301, and the New Hampshire Department of State (DOS), Division of Vital Records Administration (DVRA), 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301.
- 1.2. The purpose of this MOA is to provide a mechanism for DPHS to financially support DVRA activities related to improving public health surveillance functionality within the New Hampshire Vital Records Information Network (NHVRIN) system, using 100% federal grant funds.
- 1.3. This MOA is effective from date of Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2018.

2. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. DVRA shall facilitate enhancements to the NH Vital Records Information Network (NHVRIN) which include, but are not limited to enabling customization of time-sensitive, pop-up surveillance questions based on birth hospital in order to allow pilot testing of surveillance questions.
- 2.2. DOS shall submit one (1) invoice to DHHS by e-mail to DPHSContractBilling@dhhs.state.nh.us at the end of the project which shall include activities performed during the billing period.

3. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. DHHS shall transfer funds to DOS upon the receipt of the invoice, for up to a maximum of \$62,500 in SFY 2018.

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NH Division of Public Health Services

2/20/18

Date

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Jeffrey R. Meyers, Commissioner
NH Department of Health and Human Services

2/24/18

Date

William M. Gardner

William M. Gardner, Secretary of State
NH Department of State

2/1/18

Date

Stephen M. Wurtz

Stephen M. Wurtz, State Registrar
NH Department of State
Division of Vital Records Administration

1/3/18

Date

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The preceding Memorandum of Agreement, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Date

3/3/18

Name:
Title:

[Handwritten Signature]
Name: *Megan A. [unclear]*
Title: *Attorney*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: _____ (date of meeting).

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Date

Name:
Title: