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December 31, 2014

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
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, Bureau of Public Health Systems, Policy & Performance, to enter into an agreement with Danielle Speer, APRN, Vendor #263070-B001, in an amount not to exceed \$20,092, to provide reimbursement for payment of educational loans through the State Loan Repayment Program, to be effective April 1, 2015 or date of Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, through March 31, 2018.

100% General Funds

Funds are available in the following account for SFY 2015, and are anticipated to be available in the following account for SFY 2016, SFY 2017 and SFY 2018 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in future operating budgets.

05-95-90-901010-7965, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HHS: DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS, POLICY & PERFORMANCE, RURAL HEALTH & PRIMARY CARE.

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
SFY 2015	073-500578	Grants-Non Federal	90075000	\$1,674.34
SFY 2016	073-500578	Grants Non-Federal	90075000	\$6,697.36
SFY 2017	073-500578	Grants Non-Federal	90075000	\$6,697.32
SFY 2018	073-500578	Grants Non-Federal	90075000	\$5,022.98
			Total	\$20,092.00

EXPLANATION

State funds in this agreement will be used to provide payments to Danielle Speer, APRN, and are to be applied to the principal and interest of qualifying educational loans for actual cost paid for tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses relating to graduate or undergraduate education of a primary health care provider.

The State Loan Repayment Program provides funds to health care providers working in areas of the state designated as being medically underserved. These medically underserved areas identified as Health Care Professional Shortage Areas, Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas, Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, Medically Underserved Areas/Populations, and Governor's Exceptional Medically Underserved Populations are indicators that a shortage of health care professionals exists, posing a barrier to access healthcare services for the residents of these areas. As one of several approaches to improve access to healthcare services, the State Loan Repayment Program has proven to be a successful short and long-term strategy to recruit and retain physicians, dentists, and other

healthcare professionals into New Hampshire's underserved communities. In addition, the health care provider and practicing site that are participating in the State Loan Repayment Program agree to provide direct primary health care services especially for uninsured residents who are residing in our medically underserved areas of New Hampshire. A significant percentage of New Hampshire residents continue to face difficulty accessing primary care, mental, and oral health care services, due to workforce challenges.

The Contractor must be a U.S. citizen, not have any unserved obligations for service to another governmental or non-governmental agency, be New Hampshire Licensed, and ready to begin full-time or part-time clinical practice at the approved site once a contract has been signed. The Contractor is willing to commit to a minimum service obligation of thirty-six months (full-time employee) or a minimum service obligation of twenty-four months (part-time employee) with the State of New Hampshire to work in a federally designated medically underserved area or a State sponsored Dental Program with the Division of Public Health Services/Oral Health Program. A Contractor who has completed their initial service contract obligation with the State Loan Repayment Program may request a contract extension if funding is available.

The Contractor under this agreement is working full-time and is willing to commit to a minimum service obligation of 36 months with the State of New Hampshire to work in a federally designated medically underserved area. This Agreement contains the option to extend the Agreement for two additional years contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, remaining loan obligation of the Contractor, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Council.

Eligible practice sites include community health centers, migrant health centers, health care entities that provide primary health care services to underserved populations, federally qualified health centers, and other systems of care that provide a full range of primary and preventive health and services.

Should Governor and Executive Council not authorize this Request, it will have a critical impact on the ability of New Hampshire health care facilities to recruit and retain qualified primary care health professionals to work in the State's Health Professional Shortage Areas. It is well-established that a sizeable number of healthcare professionals carry a heavy debt-burden as they come out of training and are attracted to serving in those areas where a share of that burden can be taken away. This program serves to attract and retain such providers into underserved areas by relieving some of their financial burden that would otherwise make service in such areas unattractive. This shortage of health care workers can impact health care in a variety of ways, including decreasing quality of care, decreasing access to care, increasing stress in the workplace, increasing medical errors, increasing workforce turnover, decreasing retention rates and increasing health care costs.

To assure that the highest need areas receive priority, the Rural Health & Primary Care Section has implemented an in-house scoring process for all State Loan Repayment Program applications. State Loan Repayment Program applications receive weighted points based on the information required in the program guidelines and application. The criteria are based on: community needs; the specialty of the health professional (ability to meet the needs); the percent of the population served using sliding-fee schedules; bad debt/charity care as a percentage of revenue by the facility; the underserved area being served; the type of facility; indebtedness of the applicant; retention or recruitment needs of the facility; language other than English that is significant to the area; and the applicant's commitment to the community. These criteria may change, as workforce needs of the State change.

The State will make the first payment to the Contractor following completion of their first quarter, and quarterly thereafter for the duration of the contract. State payments are made directly to the Contractor to repay the principal and interest of any qualifying outstanding graduate or undergraduate educational loans. Before initiating each payment to the Contractor, the Rural Health and Primary Care Section will contact the employer to ensure the contract and Memorandum of Agreement requirements are being met.

Each Contractor entering into any State Loan Repayment Program contract agrees to complete a service obligation that runs the length of the contract and remain at the eligible practice site for the term of the contract. Contractors who fail to begin or complete their State Loan Repayment Program obligation or otherwise breach the terms and conditions of the obligations are in default of their contracts and are subject to the financial consequences outlined in their contracts.

Danielle Speer, APRN, is working full-time at Cottage Hospital Internal Medicine, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville, NH 03785, which is a Rural Health Clinic in a Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P). Danielle Speer's presence in a medically underserved rural area is part of the continuing effort to improve access to primary health care and reduce disparities within New Hampshire. Attached is a copy of the participant's Certificate of Licensure, resume and the employer's Insurance Certificate.

Area served: Grafton County.

Source of Fund: 100% General Funds.

Respectfully submitted,



José Thier Montero, MD, MHCDS
Director

Approved by:



Nicholas A. Toumpas
Commissioner

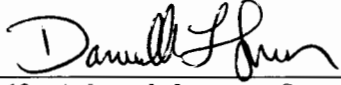
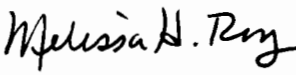

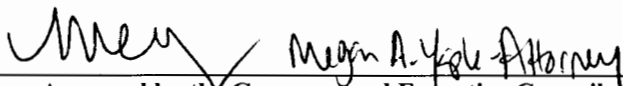
Subject: State Loan Repayment Program Contract

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Services		1.2 State Agency Address 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301-6504	
1.3 Contractor Name Danielle Speer, APRN		1.4 Contractor Address 90 Swiftwater Road Woodsville, NH 03785	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 747-2900	1.6 Account Number 05-95-90-901010-7965-073-500578	1.7 Completion Date March 31, 2018	1.8 Price Limitation \$20,092
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Brook Dupee, Bureau Chief		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-4501	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Danielle Speer, APRN	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>NH</u> , County of <u>Grafton</u> On <u>12-29-14</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of <u>Notary Public</u> or Justice of the Peace [Seal] 			
1.13.2 Name and Title of <u>Notary</u> or Justice of the Peace Melissa H. Roy MELISSA H. ROY, Notary Public My Commission Expires October 26, 2016			
1.14 State Agency Signature 		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Brook Dupee, Bureau Chief	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) By:  Megan A. York Attorney On: <u>1/22/15</u>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council By: _____ On: _____			

2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR/SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT A which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.
3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall not become effective until the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement ("Effective Date").
3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.
5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference.
5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.
5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.
6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.
6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.
7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.
7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.
7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder (“Event of Default”):

- 8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;
- 8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- 8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

- 8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;
- 8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;
- 8.2.3 set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or
- 8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word “data” shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. TERMINATION. In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (“Termination Report”) describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination

Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

11. CONTRACTOR’S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers’ compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS. The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the N.H. Department of Administrative Services. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the State.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$250,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 per occurrence; and

14.1.2 fire and extended coverage insurance covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each

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certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to endeavor to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("Workers' Compensation").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. WAIVER OF BREACH. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

17. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire.

19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

20. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

23. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.



Scope of Services

State Loan Repayment Program

The scope of services for this contract between Danielle Speer, APRN (Contractor) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (Department) is set forth in the attached "Memorandum of Agreement – State Loan Repayment Program" (Attachment 1) the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.



Exhibit B

Method and Conditions Precedent to Payment

The State shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed the Price Limitation, block 1.8, of the General Provisions, for the services provided by the Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Scope of Services.

The Method and Conditions Precedent to Payment between the Contractor and the State are set forth in the attached "Memorandum of Agreement – State Loan Repayment Program" (Attachment 1), and are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. Under no circumstances shall the payments in this Agreement exceed the Price Limitation in block 1.8.

Payment for said services shall be made as follows:

1. Payments will be made on a quarterly basis.
2. No later than the tenth working day following the close of each quarter, the State will contact the Contractor's employer to ensure that the Memorandum of Agreement and contract stipulations have been met.
3. Within thirty (30) days of confirmation, the State shall make payment to the Contractor.



SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Contractors Obligations: The Contractor covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for services provided to eligible individuals and, in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals such eligibility determination shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.
2. **Time and Manner of Determination:** Eligibility determinations shall be made on forms provided by the Department for that purpose and shall be made and remade at such times as are prescribed by the Department.
3. **Documentation:** In addition to the determination forms required by the Department, the Contractor shall maintain a data file on each recipient of services hereunder, which file shall include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor shall furnish the Department with all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations that the Department may request or require.
4. **Fair Hearings:** The Contractor understands that all applicants for services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for services shall be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or re-applicant shall be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with Department regulations.
5. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Contract to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit A of this Contract. The State may terminate this Contract and any sub-contract or sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor or Sub-Contractor.
6. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract or in any other document, contract or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the Effective Date of the Contract and no payments shall be made for expenses incurred by the Contractor for any services provided prior to the date on which the individual applies for services or (except as otherwise provided by the federal regulations) prior to a determination that the individual is eligible for such services.
7. **Conditions of Purchase:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to obligate or require the Department to purchase services hereunder at a rate which reimburses the Contractor in excess of the Contractors costs, at a rate which exceeds the amounts reasonable and necessary to assure the quality of such service, or at a rate which exceeds the rate charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders for such service. If at any time during the term of this Contract or after receipt of the Final Expenditure Report hereunder, the Department shall determine that the Contractor has used payments hereunder to reimburse items of expense other than such costs, or has received payment in excess of such costs or in excess of such rates charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders, the Department may elect to:
 - 7.1. Renegotiate the rates for payment hereunder, in which event new rates shall be established;
 - 7.2. Deduct from any future payment to the Contractor the amount of any prior reimbursement in excess of costs;



- 7.3. Demand repayment of the excess payment by the Contractor in which event failure to make such repayment shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder. When the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals for services, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for all funds paid by the Department to the Contractor for services provided to any individual who is found by the Department to be ineligible for such services at any time during the period of retention of records established herein.

RECORDS: MAINTENANCE, RETENTION, AUDIT, DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

8. **Maintenance of Records:** In addition to the eligibility records specified above, the Contractor covenants and agrees to maintain the following records during the Contract Period:
- 8.1. **Fiscal Records:** books, records, documents and other data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor during the Contract Period, said records to be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
- 8.2. **Statistical Records:** Statistical, enrollment, attendance or visit records for each recipient of services during the Contract Period, which records shall include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each such recipient), records regarding the provision of services and all invoices submitted to the Department to obtain payment for such services.
- 8.3. **Medical Records:** Where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department regulations, the Contractor shall retain medical records on each patient/recipient of services.
9. **Audit:** Contractor shall submit an annual audit to the Department within 60 days after the close of the agency fiscal year. It is recommended that the report be prepared in accordance with the provision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" and the provisions of Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the US General Accounting Office (GAO standards) as they pertain to financial compliance audits.
- 9.1. **Audit and Review:** During the term of this Contract and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
- 9.2. **Audit Liabilities:** In addition to and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department, all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.
10. **Confidentiality of Records:** All information, reports, and records maintained hereunder or collected in connection with the performance of the services and the Contract shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor, provided however, that pursuant to state laws and the regulations of the Department regarding the use and disclosure of such information, disclosure may be made to public officials requiring such information in connection with their official duties and for purposes directly connected to the administration of the services and the Contract; and provided further, that the use or disclosure by any party of any information concerning a recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the Department or the Contractor's responsibilities with respect to purchased services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of the recipient, his attorney or guardian.



Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the covenants and conditions contained in the Paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever.

11. **Reports:** Fiscal and Statistical: The Contractor agrees to submit the following reports at the following times if requested by the Department.
 - 11.1. Interim Financial Reports: Written interim financial reports containing a detailed description of all costs and non-allowable expenses incurred by the Contractor to the date of the report and containing such other information as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Department to justify the rate of payment hereunder. Such Financial Reports shall be submitted on the form designated by the Department or deemed satisfactory by the Department.
 - 11.2. Final Report: A final report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the term of this Contract. The Final Report shall be in a form satisfactory to the Department and shall contain a summary statement of progress toward goals and objectives stated in the Proposal and other information required by the Department.

12. **Completion of Services:** Disallowance of Costs: Upon the purchase by the Department of the maximum number of units provided for in the Contract and upon payment of the price limitation hereunder, the Contract and all the obligations of the parties hereunder (except such obligations as, by the terms of the Contract are to be performed after the end of the term of this Contract and/or survive the termination of the Contract) shall terminate, provided however, that if, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.

13. **Credits:** All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Contract shall include the following statement:
 - 13.1. The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

14. **Prior Approval and Copyright Ownership:** All materials (written, video, audio) produced or purchased under the contract shall have prior approval from DHHS before printing, production, distribution or use. The DHHS will retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols or guidelines, posters, or reports. Contractor shall not reproduce any materials produced under the contract without prior written approval from DHHS.

15. **Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which shall impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any governmental license or permit shall be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Contract the facilities shall comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and shall be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.

16. **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO):** The Contractor will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO) to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs (OCR), if it has received a single award of \$500,000 or more. If the recipient receives \$25,000 or more and has 50 or



more employees, it will maintain a current EEO on file and submit an EEO Certification Form to the OCR, certifying that its EEO is on file. For recipients receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantees with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, the recipient will provide an EEO Certification Form to the OCR certifying it is not required to submit or maintain an EEO. Non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, and medical and educational institutions are exempt from the EEO requirement, but are required to submit a certification form to the OCR to claim the exemption. EEO Certification Forms are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

17. **Limited English Proficiency (LEP):** As clarified by Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Contractors must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs.
18. **Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections:** The following shall apply to all contracts that exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold as defined in 48 CFR 2.101 (currently, \$150,000)

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF
WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)

- (a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and FAR 3.908.
- (b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
- (c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.

19. **Subcontractors:** DHHS recognizes that the Contractor may choose to use subcontractors with greater expertise to perform certain health care services or functions for efficiency or convenience, but the Contractor shall retain the responsibility and accountability for the function(s). Prior to subcontracting, the Contractor shall evaluate the subcontractor's ability to perform the delegated function(s). This is accomplished through a written agreement that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities of the subcontractor and provides for revoking the delegation or imposing sanctions if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions.
When the Contractor delegates a function to a subcontractor, the Contractor shall do the following:
 - 19.1. Evaluate the prospective subcontractor's ability to perform the activities, before delegating the function
 - 19.2. Have a written agreement with the subcontractor that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities and how sanctions/revocation will be managed if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate
 - 19.3. Monitor the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis



- 19.4. Provide to DHHS an annual schedule identifying all subcontractors, delegated functions and responsibilities, and when the subcontractor's performance will be reviewed
- 19.5. DHHS shall, at its discretion, review and approve all subcontracts.

If the Contractor identifies deficiencies or areas for improvement are identified, the Contractor shall take corrective action.

DEFINITIONS

As used in the Contract, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

COSTS: Shall mean those direct and indirect items of expense determined by the Department to be allowable and reimbursable in accordance with cost and accounting principles established in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, rules and orders.

DEPARTMENT: NH Department of Health and Human Services.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES: Shall mean that section of the Contractor Manual which is entitled "Financial Management Guidelines" and which contains the regulations governing the financial activities of contractor agencies which have contracted with the State of NH to receive funds.

PROPOSAL: If applicable, shall mean the document submitted by the Contractor on a form or forms required by the Department and containing a description of the Services to be provided to eligible individuals by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and setting forth the total cost and sources of revenue for each service to be provided under the Contract.

UNIT: For each service that the Contractor is to provide to eligible individuals hereunder, shall mean that period of time or that specified activity determined by the Department and specified in Exhibit B of the Contract.

FEDERAL/STATE LAW: Wherever federal or state laws, regulations, rules, orders, and policies, etc. are referred to in the Contract, the said reference shall be deemed to mean all such laws, regulations, etc. as they may be amended or revised from the time to time.

CONTRACTOR MANUAL: Shall mean that document prepared by the NH Department of Administrative Services containing a compilation of all regulations promulgated pursuant to the New Hampshire Administrative Procedures Act. NH RSA Ch 541-A, for the purpose of implementing State of NH and federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

SUPPLANTING OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS: The Contractor guarantees that funds provided under this Contract will not supplant any existing federal funds available for these services.



Exhibit C-1

REVISIONS TO GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Subparagraph 4 of the General Provisions of this contract, Conditional Nature of Agreement, is replaced as follows:

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including without limitation, the continuance of payments, in whole or in part, under this Agreement are contingent upon continued appropriation or availability of funds, including any subsequent changes to the appropriation or availability of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates, or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope of Services provided in Exhibit A, Scope of Services, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of appropriated or available funds. In the event of a reduction, termination or modification of appropriated or available funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever. The State shall have the right to reduce, terminate or modify services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction, termination or modification. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other source or account into the Account(s) identified in block 1.6 of the General Provisions, Account Number, or any other account, in the event funds are reduced or unavailable.

2. Subparagraph 10 of the General Provisions of this contract, Termination, is amended by adding the following language;

10.1 The State may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason, at the sole discretion of the State, 30 days after giving the Contractor written notice that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

10.2 In the event of early termination, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement, including but not limited to, identifying the present and future needs of clients receiving services under the Agreement and establishes a process to meet those needs.

10.3 The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the State and shall promptly provide detailed information to support the Transition Plan including, but not limited to, any information or data requested by the State related to the termination of the Agreement and Transition Plan and shall provide ongoing communication and revisions of the Transition Plan to the State as requested.

10.4 In the event that services under the Agreement, including but not limited to clients receiving services under the Agreement are transitioned to having services delivered by another entity including contracted providers or the State, the Contractor shall provide a process for uninterrupted delivery of services in the Transition Plan.

10.5 The Contractor shall establish a method of notifying clients and other affected individuals about the transition. The Contractor shall include the proposed communications in its Transition Plan submitted to the State as described above.

3. Extension:

This agreement has the option for a potential extension of up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Council.



Exhibit D

Exhibit D-Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements does not apply to this contract.

Exhibit D – Certification Regarding Drug Free
Workplace Requirements

Contractor Initials DS

Date 12/29/14



Exhibit E

Exhibit E- Certification Regarding Lobbying does not apply to this contract.



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Executive Office of the President, Executive Order 12549 and 45 CFR Part 76 regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See the attached definitions.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and



information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 - 11.1. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - 11.2. have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (contract) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - 11.3. are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (l)(b) of this certification; and
 - 11.4. have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
12. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

13. By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (contract), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:
 - 13.1. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
 - 13.2. where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).
14. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

Contractor Name:

12/29/14
Date

Danielle Speer
Name: Danielle Speer
Title: AND, ARND



**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO
FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

Contractor will comply, and will require any subgrantees or subcontractors to comply, with any applicable federal nondiscrimination requirements, which may include:

- the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3789d) which prohibits recipients of federal funding under this statute from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act requires certain recipients to produce an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan;
- the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. Section 5672(b)) which adopts by reference, the civil rights obligations of the Safe Streets Act. Recipients of federal funding under this statute are prohibited from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act includes Equal Employment Opportunity Plan requirements;
- the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity);
- the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), which prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of disability, in regard to employment and the delivery of services or benefits, in any program or activity;
- the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sections 12131-34), which prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation;
- the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sections 1681, 1683, 1685-86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally assisted education programs;
- the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. Sections 6106-07), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. It does not include employment discrimination;
- 28 C.F.R. pt. 31 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – OJJDP Grant Programs); 28 C.F.R. pt. 42 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Nondiscrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity; Policies and Procedures); Executive Order No. 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations); Executive Order No. 13559, which provide fundamental principles and policy-making criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations;
- 28 C.F.R. pt. 38 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); and Whistleblower protections 41 U.S.C. §4712 and The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013) the Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contract Employee Whistleblower Protections, which protects employees against reprisal for certain whistle blowing activities in connection with federal grants and contracts.

The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of grants, or government wide suspension or debarment.

Exhibit G

Contractor Initials

JS

Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Exhibit G



In the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights, to the applicable contracting agency or division within the Department of Health and Human Services, and to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Ombudsman.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

Contractor Name:

12/29/14
Date

Danielle Speer
Name: *Danielle Speer*
Title: *AKN P*

Exhibit G

Contractor Initials *DS*

Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections



CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, Part C - Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees, by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Section 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

1. By signing and submitting this contract, the Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of Public Law 103-227, Part C, known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994.

Contractor Name:

12/29/14
Date

Danielle Speer
Name: *Danielle Speer*
Title: *ARNP*



Exhibit I

Exhibit I- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Business Associate Agreement does not apply to this contract.



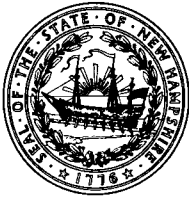
Exhibit J

Exhibit J- Certification Regarding The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Compliance does not apply to this contract.

Exhibit J – Certification Regarding The Federal Funding
Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Compliance

Contractor Initials DS

Date 12/29/14



ATTACHMENT 1
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Director

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
State Loan Repayment Program

Between Danielle Speer, APRN, Cottage Hospital, and New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Rural Health and Primary Care Section which administers the New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program. The Program eligibility requirements are established by federal law authorizing the State Loan Repayment Program (Section 388I of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by Public Law 101-597).

Full Time Services

This loan repayment contract is for full-time clinical practice, defined as working a minimum of 40 hours per week, for at least 45 weeks each service year. The 40 hours per week may be compressed into no less than 4 days per week, with no more than 12 hours of work to be performed in any 24-hour period. Participants do not receive credit for hours worked over the required 40 hours per week, and excess hours cannot be applied to any other work week. Research and teaching are not considered to be “clinical practice”. Time spent for all health care providers and dentists in “on-call” status will not count toward the 40-hour workweek, except to the extent the provider is directly serving patients during that period. Up to 7 weeks (35 work days) of leave is allowed from the practice site in each year (vacation, holidays, professional education, illness, or any other reason).

- a. For most type of providers, at least 32 hours of the minimum hours per week must be spent providing direct patient care in the outpatient ambulatory care setting at the approved service site. The remaining 8 hours of the minimum 40 hours must be spent providing clinical services for patients in the approved practice site(s) providing clinical services in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the approved site(s), or performing practice-related administrative activities. Practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed 8 hours of the minimum 40 hours per week.
- b. OB/GYN physicians, family practice physicians who practice obstetrics on a regular basis, certified nurse midwives, and behavioral/mental health providers: the majority of the 40 hours per week (not less than 21 hours per week) is expected to be spent providing direct patient care. These services must be conducted in an approved ambulatory care practice site during normal schedule office hours, with the remaining 19 hours spent providing inpatient care to patients of the approved practice site, or providing clinical services in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the approved practice site(s), performing practice related administrative activities. Practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed 8 hours of the minimum 40 hours per week.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

1. NOW COMES the State of New Hampshire through the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Rural Health and Primary Care Section, who agree to make state loan repayment contributions for Danielle Speer, APRN, New Hampshire Licensed (Hereinafter referred to as the Contractor). Funds in this agreement will be used to provide loan repayments to the Contractor, who is employed by Cottage Hospital, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville, NH 03785 (Hereafter referred to as the Employer), is working full-time at Cottage Hospital Internal Medicine, 90 Swiftwater Road, Woodsville, NH 03785 (Hereafter referred as the Practice Site).
2. The Practice Site is a Rural Health Clinic located in a Medically Underserved Area/Population of New Hampshire. The geographic area to be served is in Grafton County, New Hampshire.
3. State funds in this agreement will be used to provide payments to the Contractor to be applied to the principal and interest of qualifying educational loans for actual cost paid for tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses relating to graduate or undergraduate education of a primary care provider. The funds must be used immediately to reduce outstanding loan balances that are deemed valid under the program.

4. In this contract agreement, the Contractor will be signing for a minimum continuous service obligation of thirty-six months in exchange for twelve payments, the State of New Hampshire will pay directly to the Contractor the principal and interest owed by the Contractor, in an amount not to exceed \$20,092.00 over the service term. The agreement is to be effective April 1, 2015, or date of Governor and Executive Council approval, whichever is later through March 31, 2018. Following the effective date or the date of Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, the first payment of the contract will be paid during the first month of the following quarter, and quarterly thereafter for the duration of the contract. This agreement contains the option to extend the agreement for two additional years contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, remaining loan obligation of the Contractor, the agreement of the parties and the approval of the Governor and Executive Council.
5. Before initiating state payments, the Rural Health & Primary Care Section will contact the Employer to ensure the Memorandum of Agreement stipulations are being met and verification that their non-federal loan repayment funds have been paid to the contractor prior to the State of New Hampshire releasing its funds, if employer's funds are to be paid.
6. The Contractor and Employer shall;
 - a. The Contractor and Employer participating in the Loan Repayment Program agree to provide direct patient care in an outpatient ambulatory care setting at the approved practice site during scheduled office hours under this agreement.
 - b. The Contractor entering into any State Loan Repayment Program contract agrees to complete a service obligation that runs the length of the contract and remains at the eligible practice site for the term of the contract. Contractors under contract with the State who fail to begin or complete their State Loan Repayment Program obligation or otherwise breach the terms and conditions of the obligations are in default of their contracts and are subject to the financial consequences outlined in their contracts and Memorandums of Agreement.
 - c. The Employer will maintain the employment of the Contractor in the program for the length of service required under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement, except in the cases of the health professional's termination due to substandard job performance or lay off due to financial constraints.
 - d. The Employer shall maintain the practice schedule of the Contractor for the number of hours per week specified in the Memorandum of Agreement. Any changes in practice circumstances are subject to the approval of the Rural Health & Primary Care Section based upon the policies of the program. The Employer/Practice Site must notify the Primary Care Workforce Coordinator and receive approval for any changes in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance of any consideration of permanent changes in the sites or circumstances of the contractor under their agreement.
 - e. The Contractor must maintain the appropriate professional license/certification and conform to all State laws and administrative rules pertaining to profession being practiced. If there are any restrictions that would prevent the Contractor from doing their duties at the Practice Site, the Contractor will be in violation of the contract and Memorandum of Agreement.
 - f. The Contractor and Employer will allow the Division of Public Health Services, Rural Health & Primary Care Section to conduct periodic monitoring either through site visits, telephone calls, exit surveys or compliance with written reports for the program.
 - g. The Contractor and Employer will charge for services at the usual and customary rates prevailing in the service areas, except that the Practice Site shall have a policy providing the patients unable to pay the usual and customary rate shall be charged a reduced rate according to the practice site's sliding discount-to-fee-schedule based on poverty level or not charged; and
 - h. The Contractor and Employer will not discriminate on the basis of a patient's ability to pay for care or the payment source including Medicare and Medicaid, and provide free care when medically necessary.
 - i. If the Contractor is providing services in a designated medically underserved area and is relocated to a Practice Site that is not in a designated medically underserved area, termination of the contract may result, and the health care provider will not be in default.
 - j. The Contractor and Employer shall notify the Rural Health & Primary Care Section within seven (7) calendar days in the event of termination of employment of the Contractor and must include specific reason(s) for termination.

- k. The Contractor and Employer shall notify the Rural Health & Primary Care Section in writing within seven (7) calendar days if the Contractor, for any reason chooses to take a leave of absence due to physical or mental health disability, or the terminal illness of an immediate family member, that results in the participant's temporary inability to perform the program's obligations. This includes any medical conditions or a personal situation that: 1) would make it temporarily impossible for the Contractor to continue the service obligation or payment of the monetary debt; or 2) would temporarily involve an extreme hardship to the Contractor and would be against equity and good conscience to enforce the service or payment obligation. An amendment to their loan repayment contract would be at the discretion of the RHPC Section Administrator and contingent upon the approval of the Governor and Council.
 - l. Failure of the Employer/Practice Site to comply with the provisions contained within the Memorandum of Agreement, at the discretion of the Section Administrator, Rural Health & Primary Care Section, will result in denial of any loan repayment and practice sites who are out of compliance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement may not be eligible for future State Loan Repayments.
 - m. The Commissioner of the NH Department of Health and Human Services, or designee, shall review the circumstances associated with a failure of the Contractor to complete the period of obligated services. If the failure is determined to be caused by circumstances beyond the Contractor's control, the Commissioner may waive any or all of the provisions of paragraphs 2.2.4 through 2.2.6 of Exhibit A of the contract. The Contractor must provide appropriate documentation of the circumstances.
 - n. Transfer requests are considered in extreme situations on a case-by-case basis. The Contractor under the State Loan Repayment Program is expected to honor their contract with the healthcare organization and the State. An example of when a transfer request might be approved is the closure of the healthcare organization under the Memorandum of Agreement. Should a transfer request be approved, the healthcare provider will be expected to continue at another equally qualified site within two months. In no circumstances can a health care provider leave the employing healthcare practice site without prior approval from the Rural Health & Primary Care Section, or s/he will be placed in default and will be considered in breach of contract.
7. The Contractor will be paid by the State in twelve payments during the term of the contract. The first payment of the contract will be paid during the month of the following quarter, and quarterly thereafter for the duration of the contract.
- a. First payment of \$1,674.34 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - b. Second payment of \$1,674.34 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - c. Third payment of \$1,674.34 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - d. Fourth payment of \$1,674.34 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - e. Fifth payment of \$1,674.34 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - f. Sixth payment of \$1,674.33 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - g. Seventh payment of \$1,674.33 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - h. Eighth payment of \$1,674.33 of providing services obligated under this contract.
 - i. Ninth payment of \$1,674.33 of providing services obligated under the contract.
 - j. Tenth payment of \$1,674.33 of providing services obligated under the contract.
 - k. Eleventh payment of \$1,674.33 of providing services obligated under the contract.
 - l. Twelfth and final payment of \$1,674.32 of providing services obligated under the contract.
8. This Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective upon signature of all parties and will remain in force from the effective date, or date of Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, and quarterly thereafter for the duration of the contract. All parties may initiate review and/or a modification at any time should changing conditions warrant. Any modifications to this agreement shall be in writing and approved by all signatories. Termination of this agreement without providing written notice to all parties at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance will be considered in default of this agreement.
9. Failure to comply with the State Loan Repayment Program requirements or the provisions contained within paragraphs 1 through 9 of this Memorandum of Agreement may, at the discretion of the Rural Health & Primary Care Section Administrator, result in denial of any further payments and termination of this contract. In addition the participant may be subject to penalties outlined in his/her contract. Employers who are out of compliance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement may be ineligible to participate in the State Loan Repayment Program in the future.

All information provided to the Division of Public Health Services, Rural Health and Primary Care Section will be held in strict confidence.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Steven Platt

11/21/14

President/CEO
Cottage Hospital

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 21 day of November, 2014.

SEAL

Robin M. Heath

Notary Public

ROBIN M. HEATH, Notary Public
My Commission Expires March 26, 2018

Danielle Speer

11/18/14

Danielle Speer, APRN
Cottage Hospital Internal Medicine

Date

Alisa Druzba

11-26-14

Alisa Druzba
Section Administrator
Division of Public Health Systems
Rural Health & Primary Care Section

Date

Client#: 5854

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

10/07/2014

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	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
INSURED Cottage Hospital 90 Swiftwater Road PO Box 2001 Woodsville, NH 03785	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE			NAIC #
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A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? <input type="checkbox"/> Y/N (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below N/A		HN002449	10/01/2014	10/01/2015	\$1,000,000 Each Claim \$3,000,000 Aggregate Claims Made Coverage

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

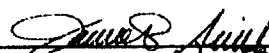
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CANCELLATION

NH DHHS
Director, Div of Public Health Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301-6504

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



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and pre-employment physicals as well as pelvic exams. Carried out minor procedures including suturing and abcess care.

Fall 2005 Practicum: 224 hours at a primary care office. Assessed, diagnosed and managed acute and chronic illnesses. Monitored patients to determine effectiveness of treatment. Completed many comprehensive history and physicals as well as pre-operative clearance physicals. Communicated with other members of health care team as needed.

Nicaragua Practicum: 80 hours in Managua. Provided health care to families in their homes and community clinics. Completed family and community assessment. Organized health fair and taught class on how to obtain a complete history and physical to graduate students in nursing program.

Spring 2005 Practicum: 40 hours at internal medicine practice. Gathered complete histories, conducted health assessments, established diagnosis and plan of care in collaboration with preceptor.

2001 **University of Vermont**
BSN, Professional Nursing

Burlington, VT

Member of Sigma Theta Tau & Golden Key National Honor Society.

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Articles:

Xin Zhang, Yunan Tang, Jianping Jin, Danielle Speer, Silva Markovic-Plese. IFN β -1a-mediated up-regulation of TLR7 and its signaling pathway inhibits the secretion of Th17 polarizing cytokines in human DCs. *In review JI, 2008.*

Published Abstracts:

Zhang, X., Rogan, S., Tang, Y., Jin, J., Speer, D., Markovic-Plese, M.: Proteomic Characterization of Cerebrospinal Fluid and Genomic Characterization of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells in Patients with Clinically Isolated Syndrome Suggestive of Multiple Sclerosis, *Neurol Suppl 1, Vol 70, 2008*

Rangolam, V., Speer, D., Markovic-Plese, M.: Interferon beta -1a induces IL-27 and down-regulates IL-6, IL-23, and IL-1b in dendritic cells, establishing inhibitory conditions for Th-17 cell differentiation. Implications for treatment of multiple sclerosis. *95th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Immunologists, San Diego, CA.*

Markovic-Plese, S., Speer, D., Jin, J., Chen, Y., Smrka, J., Ingram, L., Jewells, V.L: Statin and Intramuscular Interferon Beta-1a Combination Therapy is Safe and Well-tolerated in Patients with Clinically Isolated Syndrome Suggestive of Multiple Sclerosis, a Pilot study. *Multiple Sclerosis, Suppl 2, Vol 13, 2007.*

CERTIFICATIONS:

ANCC certified ANP Exp. 7/2016
BLS Exp. 11/2014



Online Licensing

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License Information

Specialty:

Adult Nurse Practitioner

License No: 067688-23 Profession: Nursing License Type: APRN

License Status: Active Issue Date: 5/8/2013 Expiration Date: 3/14/2015

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Board Action

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