



May 26, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan and the Honorable Council State House Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities, pursuant to RSA 19-J:2, to accept funds in the amount of \$1000.00 from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Durham, NH, for the participation of the Council on Developmental Disabilities in in a series of project meetings associated with the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) of the UNH Institute On Disability, Disability and Public Health Project, in the State Fiscal Year 2016 and through June 30, 2016. 100% Other (UNH grant)

Funds will be deposited into account, 01-97-97-970010-7135, New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities.

| | | <u>FY16</u> |
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| 006-403508 | Miscellaneous Revenue | \$1000 |
| 020-500200 | Current Expenses | \$1000 |

EXPLANATION

RSA §19-J:2 provides that "the council may receive, administer and expend any funds...from any sources public or private, to serve as the designated state agency pursuant to the DD Act and to enter into contracts for the purposes of its programs." The NH Council on Developmental Disabilities was selected to participate in the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG). The Council will participate in four (4) meetings in Fiscal Year 2016. Compensation for participants is two-hundred and fifty (\$250) per meeting. Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director, and David Ouellette, Program Specialist, of the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities, have been selected to attend the meetings.

The University of New Hampshire received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support a Disabilities and Public Health Project. The goal of the project is to increase capacity and action in health promotion, health care access and emergency preparedness activities for people with disabilities. The project aims to create a sustainable infrastructure to facilitate and oversee its work and to ensure that its mission

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is carried on beyond the life of the project. To this end, the project convenes the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG), comprised of local experts from the fields of disability and public health. The selection process for membership in DCPG included review of the recommendations of multiple partners and stakeholders.

The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities was established in 1971, pursuant to the federal Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act) of 1970. Councils are located in every State and Territory and represent a Federal-State partnership to expand opportunities and improve the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Councils are charged by Federal law to identify the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in their State or Territory and to develop innovative and cost effective strategies to meet those needs. Councils work to promote the independence and productivity of people with developmental disabilities and promote systems change that will eliminate obvious inequities in areas such as employment, education, and access to healthcare.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Stamatakis Executive Director

TITLE I THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 19-J NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Section 19-J:2

19-J:2 Council Established. – There is established the New Hampshire council on developmental disabilities which shall promote the inclusion, integration, productivity, independence, and self-determination of people with developmental disabilities in New Hampshire, and carry out the requirements of Subtitle B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (hereinafter known as the "DD Act"), 42 U.S.C. sections 15021 through 15029, and subsequent amendments thereto. The council may receive, administer, and expend any funds that may be available under this federal act, or from any other sources public or private, to serve as the designated state agency pursuant to the DD Act and to enter into contracts for the purposes of its program.

Source. 2006, 179:1, eff. July 1, 2006.



Disability and Public Health project Disability Community Planning Group Scope of Work for Year 1 (of 1)

Contact information

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Dates of service

4 meetings between July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Budget

\$1000 (\$250 per meeting, 4 meetings)

Justification

The Disability and Public Health project aims to create a sustainable infrastructure to facilitate and oversee the work of the project and to ensure that its mission is carried on beyond the life of the Cooperative Agreement with CDC/NCBDDD. To this end, the project convenes the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG), comprised of local experts from the fields of disability and public health. The selection process for membership in DCPG included review of the recommendations of multiple partners and stakeholders.



INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY / UCED
A University Center for Excellence on Disability

March 24, 2015

Charles E. Drum, MPA, JD, PhD Director, Institute on Disability/UCED University of New Hampshire 10 West Edge Drive Suite 101 Durham, NH 03842

Dear Dr. Drum:

The NH Council on Developmental Disabilities is pleased to support your grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for funding the NH Disability and Public Health Project under the announcement "Improving the Health of People with Disabilities through State Based Public Health Programs." Our Council and the Institute on Disability have successfully collaborated on this project for the past three years, and we are excited to continue working together.

The mission of our Council is to promote "dignity, full rights of citizenship, equal opportunities, and full participation for all NH Citizens with developmental disabilities". Our Council is a national leader in the area of emergency preparedness for people with disabilities and has played a leadership role in the initiatives of the NH Foundation for Healthy Communities to educate providers and the public about the health care needs of individuals with developmental disabilities through numerous trainings and provider education initiatives, emphasizing improved communications between patients and providers. We are prepared to provide assistance to the project by participating on the project's advisory committee (the New Hampshire Disability Community Planning Group), reviewing health and disability educational materials developed by the project, assisting in recruiting participants in the project's health promotion and emergency preparedness activities, and/or serving as a dissemination vehicle for project information.

In these challenging times for persons with disabilities in New Hampshire, it is important to promote and maximize heath and increase the quality of life among people with disabilities. We wish you success with your application and look forward to continuing our collaboration.

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Sincerely,

David Ouellette, MS
Director of Projects

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