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DIVISION OF ECONOMIC & HOUSING STABILITY

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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Economic and Housing Stability, to pay Economic Mobility Pathways, (EMPATH) 308 Congress Street, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02210 (Vendor #TBD) \$2,500 for annual membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through December 31, 2020. 100% General Funds.

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State Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Job Number	Class Title	Amount
2020	026-500251	45058211	Memberships	\$2,500

EXPLANATION

This request will enable the New Hampshire Employment Program (NHEP) to access shared learning and network benefits with other states and counties. Members track and share aggregate programmatic outcomes and data with the use of the Bridge, a revised front end assessment tool which captures data from clients in a holistic method. This corresponds to the social determinants of health and direct department resources available. NHEP will be tracking performance measurements to improve our work participation rate requirement.

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

EMPATH (formerly Crittenton Women's Union established in 2006. There is no other organization providing case management technical assistance to our agency. This will be the first year in which DHHS has held a membership to this organization.

2. Is there any other organization that provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

There are no other agencies providing this service.

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

Currently there are 118 organizations in the EMPATH Learnig Network. Bureau of Employment

Supports (BES) is the sole Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) agency from New Hampshire involved with EMPATH.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)

Dues are based on experience, agency status and population served.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

- Connection to a peer learning network.
- Access to the online Exchange portal that includes Mobility Mentoring® resources, a discussion forum, and Exchange member directory.
- Invitation to participate in collective advocacy initiatives with EMPATH and other Exchange member organizations.
- Access to live monthly webinars.
- Designed to expand your organization's understanding of Mobility Mentoring® and related topics.
- Monthly e-newsletters containing member updates, information about upcoming events, and additional resources.
- Exchange publications including annual member reports.
- Discounted and priority access to EMPATH conferences and events.
- Access to EMPATH's online living wage career tool for an additional fee.
- Includes all Level One benefits, plus:
 - Full access to the online Exchange portal that includes past webinar recordings, practitioner tools and resources, and EMPATH's online living wage career tool.
 - Access to EMPATH tools and tool updates including the Bridge to Self-Sufficiency® and Goal Action Plan and member-adapted tools.
 - Invitation to participate in regular subgroup discussions with EMPATH and other Exchange member organizations.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

- *Essentials* training, additional members-only trainings, and train-the-trainer scaling tools.
- Discounted training and technical assistance.
- Two hours of specialized outcomes measurement technical assistance.
- Data sharing and annual outcomes reports placing your organization in context with other members and national and regional benchmarks where available.
- Access to purchase the *Mobility Mentoring® Practitioner's Guide* for an additional \$1,500 fee.

7. Is the membership required in order to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

No

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

No

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

BES staff New Hampshire Employment Program managers and administration.

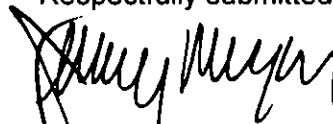
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

Without this technical assistance NHEP would have a challenge with limited staff and technical resources to collect and analyze the aggregate and individual data tracking necessary in order to deliver systemic and timely process changes for the increased self-sufficiency of TANF families and incorporate whole family approach case management.

Area served: statewide.

Source of funds: 100% General Funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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