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December 18, 2020

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, NH 03301

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Department of Education, Bureau of Student Wellness requests authorization to accept and expend funds from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$500,000, to provide funding from the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs to increase access to Kindergarten through the 12th grade (hereinafter referred to as "Promising Futures 2.0") substance-misuse prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions, and social-emotional learning practices to New Hampshire school districts, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Transfers from Other Agencies.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

OSEW-PROM FUT 2.0-GOV COMM FD
Account: 06-56-56-562010-15730000

Class	Description	FY 2021
<u>Income</u>		
001-484992	Transfers From Other Agency	\$(500,000)
<u>Expenditures</u>		
073-500583	Grants – Non-Federal	\$500,000

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to ensure the development, enhancement and expansion of a statewide system of support for and technical assistance to local educational agencies and schools to implement an evidence-based, multi-tiered framework for improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students.

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On September 23, 2020, the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs voted to approve the use of funding to support the expansion of the Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness framework in NH schools, pursuant to its authority under RSA 12-J:3.

The Director of the DHHS Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services serves as the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission and is responsible for administering the budget. Approval of this Fiscal Item will allow the Department of Education to accept the authorized funding from the Governor's Commission to support the implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness framework.

Through the provision of technical assistance and training to local educational agencies and schools, the Department of Education will develop, enhance, and expand a system of support and technical assistance for an evidence-based, multi-tiered behavioral framework for improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students, statewide.

The Department of Education will use the funding provided by the DHHS from the Governor's Commission funds only to support the implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness framework. The Department of Education will provide semi-annual summaries on the progress of the use of funds to the Governor's Commission and to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Should this request not be approved, the state of New Hampshire's ability to improve behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students will be significantly diminished.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
073	Grants – Non-Federal	Appropriation to grant funds to NH Local Education Agencies

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

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Lori A. Shibley
Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

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November 13, 2020

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, on behalf of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Hampshire Department of Education (VC#200915-B001), Concord, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$500,000 to support New Hampshire school districts and community organizations with access to adequate training and evidence-based K-12 prevention strategies and interventions for students affected by substance misuse disorders, with the option to renew for up to one (1) additional year, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Other Funds (Governor Commission Funds).

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2021, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-05-95-092-920510-33820000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIV, DIV , BUREAU OF DRUG and ALCOHOL SERVICES, GOVERNOR COMMISSION FUNDS

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2021	049-584956	Transfers to Other State Agencies	92058502	\$500,000
			Total	\$500,000

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to support New Hampshire school districts and community organizations with access to adequate training and evidence-based K-12 prevention strategies and interventions that will assist in reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors for students affected by substance misuse disorders.

Participating New Hampshire school districts and community organizations across the state will benefit from evidence based K-12 prevention strategies and interventions such as the Law Enforcement Against Drugs, Good Behavior Game and other social emotional learning evidence-based practices upon Governor and Council approval to June 30, 2021.

The Department of Education will develop, enhance, and expand a statewide system of support for, and provide training to, local educational agencies and participating schools to

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implement an evidence-based, multi-tiered framework for improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students and to decrease risk factors and strengthen protective factors of substance misuse disorders for youth.

The Department will monitor contracted services using the following performance measures as reported in the semi-annual summaries:

- Decrease in substance misuse over the past thirty (30) days.
- Increase in age of first substance misuse.
- Increase in skill(s) and knowledge.
- Increase in connection to community resources.

As referenced in Section 2, Term, Subsection 2.2, Duration of the original Memorandum of Understanding, the parties have the option to extend the agreement for up to one (1) additional year, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and Governor and Council approval.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, behavioral health and wellness programs will not have the required support to successfully implement, maintain, and improve delivery that reduces risk for youth substance misuse.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: Governor Commission Funds

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Lori A. Weaver
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Lori A. Weaver
Deputy Commissioner

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



AND

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MOU-2021-BDAS-03-EVIDE-01

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding is between the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Behavioral Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, 128 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 and the New Hampshire Department of Education ("DOE"), Bureau of Student Wellness, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 (referred to as the "Parties").
- 1.2. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to set forth the roles and responsibilities of the DHHS and the DOE regarding the use of funds from the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (Governor's Commission) in order to support NH school districts and community organizations with access to adequate training and evidence-based K-12 prevention strategies and interventions that will assist in reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors for students affected by substance use disorders.
- 1.3. The Director of the DHHS Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services serves as the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission and is responsible for administering the budget for the Governor's Commission.
- 1.4. On December 14, 2018, the Governor's Commission voted to approve funding to support access to K-12 substance-misuse prevention strategies and intervention and social-emotional learning practices. The original vote was renewed on March 10, 2020, pursuant to its authority under RSA 12-J: 3.
- 1.5. The DOE will develop, enhance, and expand a statewide system of support for, and provide training to, local educational agencies and schools to implement an evidence-based, multi-tiered framework for improving behavioral outcomes and learning conditions for students in participating communities and to decrease risk factors for substance misuse.
- 1.6. In connection with the performance of this Memorandum of Understanding, DHHS and DOE shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

2. TERM

- 2.1. Effective date: This MOU is effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.
- 2.2. Duration: The duration of this MOU is from the Effective Date through June 30, 2021. The parties may extend this MOU for up to one (1) year at any time by mutual written agreement, subject to the continued availability of funds, satisfactory performance of responsibilities, approval by the Governor's Commission, and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.
- 2.3. Modification: The parties may modify this MOU by mutual written agreement at any time, subject to the approval of the parties, review by the Office of the Attorney General, and appropriate State of New Hampshire approval.



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- 2.4. **Termination:** Either party may unilaterally terminate this MOU upon written notice to the other party, in which case the termination shall be effective thirty (30) days after the date of that notice or at a later date specified in the notice.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The DOE agrees to:

- 3.1. Use the funding provided by the DHHS from the Governor's Commission funds to support the implementation of substance-misuse prevention strategies and interventions and social-emotional learning practices.
- 3.2. Provide access to evidence-based K-12 prevention strategies and interventions to New Hampshire school districts and community organizations that includes but is not limited to:
- 3.2.1. Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD).
 - 3.2.2. Good Behavior Game (GBG).
 - 3.2.3. Other Social Emotional Learning Evidence-Based Practices.
- 3.3. Provide social emotional learning training to New Hampshire school districts and community organizations to reduce risk and strengthen protective factors of substance use disorders for youth.
- 3.4. Provide semi-annual summaries on the progress of the use of funds to the Governor's Commission and to the DHHS. Data provided in these summaries shall be aggregated and not include any personally identifiable information or other confidential information and will evaluate the following anticipated outcomes:
- 3.4.1. Decrease in substance misuse over the past thirty (30) days.
 - 3.4.2. Increase in age of first substance misuse.
 - 3.4.3. Increase in skill(s) and knowledge.
 - 3.4.4. Increase connection to community resources.
- 3.5. The DOE shall take appropriate steps to accept and expend the funds provided within the project period. The DOE agrees to submit annual invoices to the DHHS for costs incurred. Invoices must include a description of services and associated costs. Invoices shall be emailed to invoicesforcontracts@dhhs.nh.gov. Questions regarding invoices can be directed to

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4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 4.1. The DHHS agrees to:
- 4.1.1. Provide funding to the DOE to support the implementation of substance-misuse prevention strategies and interventions and social-emotional learning practices in communities, statewide, upon receipt of approved invoices and subject to the DOE's compliance



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

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

11/16/2020

Date: _____

DocuSigned by:

Name: Catherine Pinos

Title: Attorney

The foregoing Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the following authority of the State of New Hampshire:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____