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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 support the expansion of the preventative framework Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness (Promising Futures initiative), 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 1.0-GOV COMM FD

Account: 06-56-56-562010-10740000

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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Upon approval by the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, on December 2, 2020, this funding would be used to support access to K-12 substance misuse prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions and social-emotional learning practices, 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 schools in the selection and implementation of prevention strategies, evidence-based interventions and training to develop, enhance, and expand a preventative multi-tiered system of support.

The Department of Education will use the funding provided by the DHHS from the Governor's Commission funds only to support the implementation of substance-misuse prevention curricula and social-emotional learning practices. 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



Lori A. Shibette
Commissioner

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

129 PLEASANT STREET, CONCORD, NH 03301
603-271-9564 1-800-804-0909
Fax: 603-271-6105 TDD Access: 1-800-735-2964 www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas

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August 12, 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 for expansion of the Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness program 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's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs).

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.

05-95-92-920510-33820000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIV, BUREAU OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES, GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FUNDS.

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2021	049-584956	Contracts for Prog Svc	92058502	\$500,000
			Total	\$500,000

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to expand the Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Wellness program in participating New Hampshire school districts. Phase 1 of the implementation process includes the exploration of program fluency and program adoption in participating school districts.

The Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness will serve approximately 5,000 youth between the ages of 12 to 18 from the date of Governor and Executive Council approval to June 30, 2021.

The New Hampshire Department of Education will be implementing and maintaining the Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness by establishing a team to institute operating procedures, using current partnership and service contract data to determine program needs and to identify areas of redundancy with program fidelity and outcomes, measuring the benefits of program implementation and securing buy-in within education districts,

community organizations, behavioral health organizations and other stakeholders within New Hampshire communities by increasing confidence in the program core features and practices.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the New Hampshire Department of Education has established a number of operational changes to prevent and reduce the potential negative effects to meet the contract deliverables. The New Hampshire Department of Education has successfully been using e-platforms to deliver and enhance methods of communication, collaboration and planning in establishing Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Wellness in several NH districts since the onset of COVID 19.

The New Hampshire Department of Education has been able to successfully replicate the Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Wellness implementation stages relying on Zoom technology for the necessary district leadership meetings as well as Tiers 1-3 teams. The tasks that need to happen during the implementation stage will be accomplished through virtual technology (Zoom) as well as other relevant e-platforms such as email.

The Department will monitor the Memorandum of Understanding by reviewing quarterly summaries provided by the New Hampshire Department of Education on the progress of program expenditures and program outcomes.

As referenced in Section 2, Term of the attached 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 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 program delivery that reduces risk for youth substance misuse.

Area served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 100% Other Funds from The Governor's Commission Funds

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shabinette

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-01-MULTI-01

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301 and the New Hampshire Department of Education ("DOE"), 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 (referred to as the "Parties").
- 1.2. The purpose of this 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) for the expansion of the Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness (MTSS-B) program in participating New Hampshire school districts for youths between the ages of twelve (12) to eighteen (18).
- 1.3. In connection with the performance of this MOU, the DHHS and the DOE shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

2. TERM

- 2.1. Duration: This MOU is effective upon the date of approval by the Governor and Executive Council 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, and approval by the Governor and Executive Council.
- 2.2. Modification: The parties may modify this MOU by mutual written agreement at any time, subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council.
- 2.3. 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. In the event of an early termination of this MOU for any other reason than the completion of services, the DOE shall deliver to the DHHS, not later than thirty (30) days after the termination, a "Termination Report" describing in detail all activities performed and the MOU funds used up to and including the date of termination. In the event the services and/or prescribed outcomes described within this MOU are not met to the satisfaction of the DHHS, the DHHS reserves the right to terminate this Agreement and any remaining funds will be forfeited. Such termination shall be submitted in writing to the DOE and will require the DOE to deliver a final Termination Report as described above.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- 3.1. The DOE agrees to:
 - 3.1.1. Use the funding provided by the DHHS from the Governor's Commission funds only to support the implementation and maintenance of the MTSS-B Model.
 - 3.1.1.1. Begin implementing Phase 1: Exploration and Adoption by:



- 3.1.1.1.1. Establishing an exploration team to institute team operating procedures to increase fluency with MTSS-B core features and practices.
 - 3.1.1.1.1.1. The exploration team shall be comprised of key executive-level team members within the school.
- 3.1.1.1.2. Using data from current district-level partnerships and service contract assessments to determine program needs and to identify areas of redundancy with program fidelity and outcomes.
- 3.1.1.1.3. Determining the benefits of implementation by assessing the compatibility of MTSS-B with school districts and communities using a tool approved by the DOE.
- 3.1.1.1.4. Securing buy-in to increase confidence in the MTSS-B core features and practices with school administrators, teachers, school support staff, school boards, parents, community organizations serving youth, behavioral health organizations and other stakeholders by providing information sessions, presentations and technical assistance from the DOE in the facilitation of implementation.
- 3.1.1.2. Make funds available to local education agencies for program implementation and maintenance through an application process.
- 3.1.2. The DOE shall provide quarterly summaries on the progress of the use funds to the Governor's Commission and the DHHS. Any data provided in these summaries shall be aggregated and not include any personally identifiable information or other confidential information.
- 3.1.3. The DOE shall take appropriate steps to accept and expend the funds provided within the project period. The DOE agrees to submit quarterly invoices to the DHHS for costs incurred. Invoices must include a description of services and associated costs.
 - 3.1.3.1. Mail, or email, Invoices to:
 - Jill Burke
 - Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services
 - 129 Pleasant Street
 - Concord, NH 03301
 - (603) 271-6112
 - Jill.Burke@dhhs.nh.gov

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 the MTSS-B program up to a maximum amount of \$500,000 in State Fiscal Year 2021.
 - 4.1.2. Pay the DOE within thirty (30) days of receipt of the approved invoices.
 - 4.1.3. Monitor the expenditure of funds within this MOU by reviewing quarterly summaries and associated invoices provided to the DHHS by the DOE.

5. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

Memorandum of Understanding Between DHHS and NHLC
MOU-2020-DHHS-OCOM-02-MASKS-01



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- 5.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this MOU to the contrary, all obligations of the DHHS hereunder are contingent upon the availability and continued availability of funds from the Governor's Commission. The DHHS shall not be required to transfer funds from any other source in the event that such funds become unavailable. The DHHS may adjust encumbrances between State Fiscal Years within the price limitation through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.
 - 5.2. Disputes arising under this MOU which cannot be resolved between the agencies shall be referred to the New Hampshire Department of Justice for review and resolution.
 - 5.3. This MOU shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
 - 5.4. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this MOU and shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.
 - 5.5. In the event any of the provisions of this MOU are held to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Memorandum of MOU will remain in full force and effect.
 - 5.6. This MOU, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire MOU and understandings between the parties, and supersedes all prior Memoranda of Understanding and understandings relating hereto.
 - 5.7. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity, such immunity being hereby specifically preserved.



APPROVALS:

Lon A. Shiblette
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Commissioner
NH Department of Health and Human Services

8/20/2020
Date

Frank Edelblut
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Commissioner
Department of Education

8.28.20
Date

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

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

09/03/20
Date:

Catherine Pinos
Name:
Title: Catherine Pinos, Attorney

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

Date:

Name:
Title: