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December 9, 2021

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 of Economic and Housing Stability, (the "Department") to enter into a **Retroactive** cooperative project agreement with Plymouth State University (VC#177866), Plymouth, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$110,000 for the Youth Action Board as required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), with the option to renew for up to five (5) additional years, effective retroactive to October 1, 2021, upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-42-423010-79270000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, HOMELESS & HOUSING, HOUSING – SHELTER PROGRAM

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2022	074-500589	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	TBD	\$82,500
2023	074-500589	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	TBD	\$27,500
			Total	\$110,000

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because the federal funding became available without the necessary time required to secure an agreement prior to the start date. The Department learned on September 15, 2021 that it was selected as a YHDP Community. The DHHS Bureau of Housing Supports (BHS) participated in the first required Housing and Urban Development (HUD) call on September 16, 2021 and learned that Planning Grant applications were due by Tuesday, September 21, 2021 for the specific purpose of paying the youth for their participation in building a Coordinated Community Plan to prevent and end youth homelessness. BHS learned on September 28, 2021 that BHS was awarded the planning grant funds for those purposes, and a grant agreement was executed on September 30, 2021. HUD did not formally release the grant

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agreement until later, due to a federal "black-out" period. BHS received the grant agreement the week of October 11, 2021. HUD informed YHDP communities that received planning grant funds that the funds needed to be available within thirty (30) days of the grant agreement date. A retroactive contract will meet this requirement.

This request is being made based on a Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care scoring model. Annually, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development releases a Continuum of Care Program competition. As part of this competition, the Department (as the Collaborative Applicant for the Balance of State Continuum of Care) is required to issue a Request for Proposals based on the HUD application. HUD issues strict guidelines that specify the eligible activities, populations to be served, expected performance outcomes, and time frames for the competition. All project applications, new and renewal, are scored based on a Rank and Review Policy and scoring tools that are created to match the HUD Notice of Funding Availability. This process was utilized in the selection of Plymouth State University as the highest scoring in the Youth Success Project's (YSP) ranking. All project applications and individual project scores are reviewed by HUD, which informs the Continuum of Care of the funding amount for all renewal projects

The purpose of this request is to pay the YSP Director and members to co-create a coordinated community plan as required by HUD for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program grant in the Balance of State Continuum of Care. This grant will provide funds, as required by HUD, to assist in the facilitation of the work of the NH Youth Success Project - NH's Youth Action Board. Plymouth State University (PSU) will be the home base for the NH YSP who will support a Director and YSP members, and help facilitate the YSP goals and objectives of creating the Coordinate Community Plan for this grant.

The Department will monitor services by:

- Analyzing monthly reports submitted by the Contractor.
- Reviewing the accomplishments of the Youth Success Project.
- Monitoring the number of individuals participating in this Program.

As referenced in the Cooperative Project Agreement, Exhibit A, Section B, Project Period, the parties have the option to extend the agreement for up five (5) additional years, 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, the youth and young adults selected will not be able to provide their expertise in lived experience in homelessness, required for this project, and the federal funding awarded by HUD for the Balance of State's Continuum of Care to add projects combatting these issues will be rescinded.

Area served: Balance of State Continuum of Care geography as defined by HUD, which includes all of NH except for the Manchester Continuum of Care, and the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care.

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Source of Federal Funds: CFDA # 14.267, FAIN # NH0130Y1T002000

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

Respectfully submitted,

DocuSigned by:
Christine Santaniello
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Lori A. Shbinette
Commissioner

F. Total State funds in the amount of \$110,000 have been allotted and are available for payment of allowable costs incurred under this Project Agreement. State will not reimburse Campus for costs exceeding the amount specified in this paragraph.

Check if applicable

Campus will cost-share _____ % of total costs during the term of this Project Agreement.

Federal funds paid to Campus under this Project Agreement are from Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement No. SS-2022-DEHS-05-YOUTH-01 from US Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Continuum of Care Program under CFDA# 14.267. Federal regulations required to be passed through to Campus as part of this Project Agreement, and in accordance with the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002, are attached to this document as Exhibit B, the content of which is incorporated herein as a part of this Project Agreement.

G. Check if applicable

Article(s) _____ of the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002 is/are hereby amended to read:

H. State has chosen not to take possession of equipment purchased under this Project Agreement.
 State has chosen to take possession of equipment purchased under this Project Agreement and will issue instructions for the disposition of such equipment within 90 days of the Project Agreement's end-date. Any expenses incurred by Campus in carrying out State's requested disposition will be fully reimbursed by State.

This Project Agreement and the Master Agreement constitute the entire agreement between State and Campus regarding this Cooperative Project, and supersede and replace any previously existing arrangements, oral or written; all changes herein must be made by written amendment and executed for the parties by their authorized officials.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the University System of New Hampshire, acting through the Plymouth State University and the State of New Hampshire, Division of Economic and Housing Stability have executed this Project Agreement.

By An Authorized Official of:
Plymouth State University

Name: Karen M. Jensen
Title: Director, Pre-Award Compliance
Signature and Date: *Karen Jensen* 12/8/2021

By An Authorized Official of:
Division of Economic and Housing Stability

Name: Christine Santaniello
Title: Associate Commissioner
Signature and Date: *Christine Santaniello* 12/9/2021

By An Authorized Official of: the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General
Name: J. Christopher Marshall

Title: Assistant Attorney General
Signature and Date: *J. Christopher Marshall* 12/9/21

By An Authorized Official of: the New Hampshire Governor & Executive Council
Name:

Title:
Signature and Date:

Campus Authorized Official: *KJ*
Date: 12/8/2021

EXHIBIT A

- A. Project Title:** Youth Success Project – YHDP – Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
- B. Project Period:** Upon Governor and Executive Council approval through September 30, 2022. The parties may extend the Agreement for up to five (5) additional years from the Completion Date, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.
- C. Objectives:** See Exhibit A-1
- D. Scope of Work:** See Exhibit A-1, Scope of Services; Exhibit A-2, Business Associate Agreement and Exhibit A-3, DHHS Information Security Requirements.
- E. Deliverables Schedule:** See Exhibit A-1 Scope of Services
- F. Budget and Invoicing Instructions:** See Exhibit A, Item F-1 and Item F-2

EXHIBIT B

This Project Agreement is funded under a Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement to State from the Federal sponsor specified in Project Agreement article F. All applicable requirements, regulations, provisions, terms and conditions of this Federal Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement are hereby adopted in full force and effect to the relationship between State and Campus, except that wherever such requirements, regulations, provisions and terms and conditions differ for INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, the appropriate requirements should be substituted (e.g., OMB Circulars A-21 and A-110, rather than OMB Circulars A-87 and A-102). References to Contractor or Recipient in the Federal language will be taken to mean Campus; references to the Government or Federal Awarding Agency will be taken to mean Government/Federal Awarding Agency or State or both, as appropriate.

Special Federal provisions are listed here: None or

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Date 12/8/2021

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Scope of Services

1. Statement of Work

- 1.1. The Contractor shall provide services in this agreement to assist in the facilitation in the work of the Youth Action Board related to the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant in the Balance of State Continuum of Care. Plymouth State University (PSU) will be the home base for the NH Youth Success Project and the Youth Action Board (YAB), who will support a Director, Youth Success Project (YSP) members, and help to facilitate YSP goals and objectives.
- 1.2. The Contractor shall ensure services are available in the Balance of State Continuum of Care regions.
- 1.3. For the purposes of this agreement, all references to days shall mean business days, Monday through Friday.
- 1.4. For the purposes of this agreement, all references to business hours shall mean Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 1.5. The Contractor and the Department acknowledge that this is a demonstration project, whereby, the Contractor shall, throughout the term of this agreement, develop and implement the documents referenced within this agreement.
- 1.6. The Contractor shall collaborate with the Department's YHDP Administrator to facilitate YSP goals and objectives. Activities include but are not limited to:
 - 1.6.1. Facilitating the hiring of the Youth Success Project (YSP) Director and providing stipends to members participating in YSP activities.
 - 1.6.2. Developing a work plan to ensure that milestones and time frames are being met in coordination with the YSP Director.
 - 1.6.3. Facilitating communication and work flows among the YSP Director, the YHDP Planning Committee(s), YHDP Technical Assistance group(s), and the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) YHDP Regional Administrator.
 - 1.6.4. Developing a concrete Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) for addressing youth homelessness in the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), in partnership with all three (3) CoCs in New Hampshire and in collaboration with all stakeholders indicated in Section 1.6.3.
 - 1.6.5. Participating in monthly meetings with the Director of YSP, YHDP Administrator, and the BHS Bureau Administrator.
- 1.7. The Contractor shall assist the YSP Director with goal planning, including but not limited to, establishing YSP as a nonprofit entity.
- 1.8. The Contractor shall assist the YSP Director with outreach to the State's Youth

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Serving systems in order to increase participation in the planning process. Outreach may include but is not limited to:

- 1.8.1. Word of mouth;
- 1.8.2. Referrals from other agencies;
- 1.8.3. Online recruitment including but not limited to:
 - 1.8.3.1. Facebook pages (including Groups and Events);
 - 1.8.3.2. Twitter;
 - 1.8.3.3. Instagram;
 - 1.8.3.4. Blogs; and
 - 1.8.3.5. Other platforms approved by the Department.
- 1.9. The Contractor shall assist the YSP Director in providing education and support by creating projects that support the YHDP Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) as a continuum of services to end youth homelessness.
- 1.10. The Contractor shall ensure that all YSP members participating in the planning process are paid for their services in a manner dictated by the YSP pay structure and governance. Payment shall be made based on occurrence and in the manner that may include but is not limited to the following: PayPal, Check, and Cash. All payment terms shall comply with the CCP standards established in accordance with Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- 1.11. The Contractor shall schedule and participate in weekly planning meetings and mentoring as determined by the YSP Director and members.
- 1.12. The Contractor shall provide support and guidance to the YSP Director and members during the YHDP planning committee meetings.
- 1.13. The Contractor shall actively and regularly collaborate with the Department to enhance contract management and improve results,
- 1.14.

2. Reporting Requirements

- 2.1. The Contractor shall submit an annual report thirty (30) days following the end of each reporting period to the YHDP Administrator and the Department to ensure the directives and goals are achieved with fidelity. Topics of reporting include but are not limited to:
 - 2.1.1. Work completed in meeting participation from youth;
 - 2.1.2. Accomplishments of the Youth Success Project;
 - 2.1.3. The number of individuals who participated in the completion of the Coordinated Community Plan to prevent and end youth homelessness in the Balance of State Continuum of Care.
 - 2.1.4. Any other key data and metrics identified by the Department in a format specified by the Department.

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3. Performance Measures

- 3.1. The Department will monitor Contractor performance by evaluating results of quarterly outcome reporting. Outcomes include but are not limited to:
 - 3.1.1. 90% of all YSP participants shall achieve the goals and objectives articulated in the work plan.
- 3.2. The Contractor shall actively and regularly collaborate with the Department to enhance contract management and improve results.
- 3.3. The Contractor shall submit any other key data and metrics identified by the Department in a format specified by the Department at the request of the Department.

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Budget Items	SYF 2022	SYF 2023	Total	
1. Salaries & Wages	\$48,004	\$15,338	\$63,342	
2. Employee Fringe	\$18,678	\$5,526	\$24,204	
3. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4. Supplies and Services	\$15,320	\$6,107	\$21,427	
5. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	
6. Facilities & Admin	\$4,800	\$1,533	\$6,333	
Totals	\$82,602	\$27,504	\$110,106	

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Payment Terms

1. This Agreement is funded by:
 - 1.1. 100% US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as awarded on October 11, 2021, CFDA 14.267, FAIN NH0130Y1T002000.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - 2.1. The Department has identified the Contractor as a Contractor, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.331.
 - 2.2. The Department has identified this Agreement as NON-R&D, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.332.
 - 2.3. The Indirect Cost Rate of 41% applies in accordance with 2 CFR §200.414.
3. Payment shall be on a cost reimbursement basis for actual expenditures incurred in the fulfillment of this Agreement, and shall be in accordance with the approved line item, as specified in Exhibit A, Item F-1.
4. The Contractor shall submit an invoice in a form satisfactory to the Department, with supporting documentation as requested by the Department, by the fifteenth (15th) working day of the following month, which identifies and requests reimbursement for authorized expenses incurred in the prior month. The Contractor shall ensure the invoice is completed, dated and returned to the Department in order to initiate payment.
5. In lieu of hard copies, all invoices may be assigned an electronic signature and emailed to dhhs.dbhinvoicesmhs@dhhs.nh.gov, or invoices may be mailed to:

DEHS Financial Manager
Department of Health and Human Services
105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
6. The Department shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available.
7. The final invoice shall be due to the Department no later than forty (40) days after the contract completion date.
8. The Contractor must provide the services in Exhibit A-1, Scope of Services, in compliance with funding requirements.
9. The Contractor agrees that funding under this Agreement may be withheld, in whole or in part in the event of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of Exhibit A-1, Scope of Services.

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10. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Contractor agrees that funding under this agreement may be withheld, in whole or in part, in the event of non-compliance with any Federal or State law, rule or regulation applicable to the services provided, or if the said services or products have not been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement.
11. Changes limited to adjusting amounts within the price limitation and adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years and budget class lines through the Budget Office may be made by written agreement of both parties, without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council, if needed and justified.
12. Audits
 - 12.1. The Contractor must email an annual audit to melissa.s.morin@dhhs.nh.gov if any of the following conditions exist:
 - 12.1.1. Condition A - The Contractor expended \$750,000 or more in federal funds received as a subrecipient pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200, during the most recently completed fiscal year.
 - 12.1.2. Condition B - The Contractor is subject to audit pursuant to the requirements of NH RSA 7:28, III-b, pertaining to charitable organizations receiving support of \$1,000,000 or more.
 - 12.1.3. Condition C - The Contractor is a public company and required by Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations to submit an annual financial audit.
 - 12.2. If Condition A exists, the Contractor shall submit an annual single audit performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to the Department within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal awards.
 - 12.3. If Condition B or Condition C exists, the Contractor shall submit an annual financial audit performed by an independent CPA within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.
 - 12.4. Any Contractor that receives an amount equal to or greater than \$250,000 from the Department during a single fiscal year, regardless of the funding source, may be required, at a minimum, to submit annual financial audits performed by an independent CPA if the Department's risk assessment determination indicates the Contractor is high-risk.
 - 12.5. 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

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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.

13. Funding: Funding for this Agreement is based upon and subject to availability of the Grant Award to support this project. If the funding for this Agreement is not available at the proposed levels, the Agreement will be amended accordingly.

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STANDARD EXHIBIT I

The Contractor identified as "University of New Hampshire" in Section A of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 and those parts of the HITECH Act applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Contractor and subcontractors and agents of the Contractor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the Department of Health and Human Services.

Project Title: Youth Success Project – YHDP – Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
Project Period: 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2022

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

(1) **Definitions.**

- a. "**Breach**" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- b. "**Breach Notification Rule**" shall mean the provisions of the Notification in the Case of Breach of Unsecured Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart D, and amendments thereto.
- c. "**Business Associate**" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. "**Covered Entity**" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- e. "**Designated Record Set**" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. "**Data Aggregation**" shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. "**Health Care Operations**" shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- h. "**HITECH Act**" means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- i. "**HIPAA**" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164.
- j. "**Individual**" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.502(g).



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- k. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- l. "Protected Health Information" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR Section 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- m. "Required by Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR Section 164.103.
- n. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- o. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- p. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" shall have the same meaning given such term in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- q. Other Definitions - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

(2) Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, the Business Associate, and its directors, officers, employees and agents, shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
 - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
 - II. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
 - III. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement (including this Exhibit) to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with 45 CFR 164.410, of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit A of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies. If Covered Entity does not object to:

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- such disclosure within five (5) business days of Business Associate's notification, then Business Associate may choose to disclose this information or object as Business Associate deems appropriate.
- e. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional reasonable security safeguards.

(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate:

- a. The Business Associate shall notify the NH DHHS Information Security via the email address provided in Exhibit K- Information Security Requirements of this Contract, of any Incidents or Breaches immediately after the Business Associate has determined that the aforementioned has occurred and that Confidential Data may have been exposed or compromised.
- b. The Business Associate shall promptly perform a risk assessment when it becomes aware of any of the above situations. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the following information, to the extent it is known by the Business Associate:
- The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
 - The unauthorized person who used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made;
 - Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed
 - The extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated.

The Business Associate shall complete the risk assessment without unreasonable delay and in no case later than two (2) business days of discovery of the breach and after completion, immediately report the findings of the risk assessment in writing to the Covered Entity.

- c. The Business Associate shall comply with all applicable sections of the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- e. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section 3(l) herein. The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by the Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.



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- f. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of this Exhibit.
- g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
- h. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
- i. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- k. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
- l. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of this Exhibit, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) Obligations of Covered Entity

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- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) **Termination for Cause**

In addition to Paragraph #14 of the Agreement, the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit I. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

(6) **Miscellaneous**

- a. **Definitions and Regulatory References.** All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, as codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 and as amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. **Amendment.** Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, including this Exhibit, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.
- c. **Data Ownership.** The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity under the Agreement.
- d. **Interpretation.** The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement or this Exhibit shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule and the HITECH Act.
- e. **Segregation.** If any term or condition of this Exhibit I or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit I are declared severable.
- f. **Survival.** Provisions in this Exhibit I regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of this Exhibit in section (3)(l), and the defense

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and indemnification provisions of section (3) and Paragraph #14 of the Agreement shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit I.

Department of Health and Human Services

The State by:

Christine Santaniello

Signature of Authorized Representative

Christine Santaniello

Authorized Representative

Associate Commissioner

Title of Authorized Representative

12/9/2021

Date

Karen Jensen

University of New Hampshire

Karen Jensen

Signature of Authorized Representative

Karen Jensen

Authorized Representative

Director, Pre-Award

Title of Authorized Representative

12/8/2021

Date

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A. Definitions

The following terms may be reflected and have the described meaning in this document:

1. "Breach" means the loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for an other than authorized purpose have access or potential access to personally identifiable information, whether physical or electronic. With regard to Protected Health Information, "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
2. "Computer Security Incident" shall have the same meaning "Computer Security Incident" in section two (2) of NIST Publication 800-61, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.
3. "Confidential Information" or "Confidential Data" means all confidential information disclosed by one party to the other such as all medical, health, financial, public assistance benefits and personal information including without limitation, Substance Abuse Treatment Records, Case Records, Protected Health Information and Personally Identifiable Information.

Confidential Information also includes any and all information owned or managed by the State of NH - created, received from or on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or accessed in the course of performing contracted services - of which collection, disclosure, protection, and disposition is governed by state or federal law or regulation. This information includes, but is not limited to Protected Health Information (PHI), Personal Information (PI), Personal Financial Information (PFI), Federal Tax Information (FTI), Social Security Numbers (SSN), Payment Card Industry (PCI), and or other sensitive and confidential information.

4. "End User" means any person or entity (e.g., contractor, contractor's employee, business associate, subcontractor, other downstream user, etc.) that receives DHHS data or derivative data in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
5. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
6. "Incident" means an act that potentially violates an explicit or implied security policy, which includes attempts (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to a system or its data, unwanted disruption or denial of service, the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of data; and changes to system hardware, firmware, or software characteristics without the owner's knowledge, instruction, or consent. Incidents include the loss of data through theft or device misplacement, loss or misplacement of hardcopy documents, and misrouting of physical or electronic

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mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

- 7. "Open Wireless Network" means any network or segment of a network that is not designated by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Information Technology or delegate as a protected network (designed, tested, and approved, by means of the State, to transmit) will be considered an open network and not adequately secure for the transmission of unencrypted PI, PFI, PHI or confidential DHHS data.
- 8. "Personal Information" (or "PI") means information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, personal information as defined in New Hampshire RSA 359-C: 19, biometric records, etc., alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, etc.
- 9. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 10. "Protected Health Information" (or "PHI") has the same meaning as provided in the definition of "Protected Health Information" in the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 11. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- 12. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means Protected Health Information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

A. Business Use and Disclosure of Confidential Information.

- 1. The Contractor must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Confidential Information except as reasonably necessary as outlined under this Contract. Further, Contractor, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- 2. The Contractor must not disclose any Confidential Information in response to a

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request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena; etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.

3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative data disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract shall not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

1. **Application Encryption.** If End User is transmitting DHHS data containing Confidential Data between applications, the Contractor attests the applications have been evaluated by an expert knowledgeable in cyber security and that said application's encryption capabilities ensure secure transmission via the internet.
2. **Computer Disks and Portable Storage Devices.** End User may not use computer disks or portable storage devices, such as a thumb drive, as a method of transmitting DHHS data.
3. **Encrypted Email.** End User may only employ email to transmit Confidential Data if email is encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
4. **Encrypted Web Site.** If End User is employing the Web to transmit Confidential Data, the secure socket layers (SSL) must be used and the web site must be secure. SSL encrypts data transmitted via a Web site.
5. **File Hosting Services, also known as File Sharing Sites.** End User may not use file hosting services, such as Dropbox or Google Cloud Storage, to transmit Confidential Data.
6. **Ground Mail Service.** End User may only transmit Confidential Data via *certified* ground mail within the continental U.S. and when sent to a named individual.
7. **Laptops and PDA.** If End User is employing portable devices to transmit Confidential Data said devices must be encrypted and password-protected.
8. **Open Wireless Networks.** End User may not transmit Confidential Data via an open

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wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.

9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

The Contractor will only retain the data and any derivative of the data for the duration of this Contract. After such time, the Contractor will have 30 days to destroy the data and any derivative in whatever form it may exist, unless, otherwise required by law or permitted under this Contract. To this end, the parties must:

A. Retention

1. The Contractor agrees it will not store, transfer or process data collected in connection with the services rendered under this Contract outside of the United States. This physical location requirement shall also apply in the implementation of cloud computing, cloud service or cloud storage capabilities, and includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations.
2. The Contractor agrees to ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
3. The Contractor agrees to provide security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
4. The Contractor agrees to retain all electronic and hard copies of Confidential Data in a secure location and identified in section IV. A.2
5. The Contractor agrees Confidential Data stored in a Cloud must be in a FedRAMP/HITECH compliant solution and comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security. All servers and devices must have currently-supported and hardened operating systems, the latest anti-viral, anti-hacker, anti-spam, anti-spyware, and anti-malware utilities. The environment, as a

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whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

- 6. The Contractor agrees to and ensures its complete cooperation with the State's Chief Information Officer in the detection of any security vulnerability of the hosting infrastructure.

B. Disposition

- 1. If the Contractor will maintain any Confidential Information on its systems (or its sub-contractor systems), the Contractor will maintain a documented process for securely disposing of such data upon request or contract termination; and will obtain written certification for any State of New Hampshire data destroyed by the Contractor or any subcontractors as a part of ongoing, emergency, and or disaster recovery operations. When no longer in use, electronic media containing State of New Hampshire data shall be rendered unrecoverable via a secure wipe program in accordance with industry-accepted standards for secure deletion and media sanitization, or otherwise physically destroying the media (for example, degaussing) as described in NIST Special Publication 800-88, Rev 1, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U. S. Department of Commerce. The Contractor will document and certify in writing at time of the data destruction, and will provide written certification to the Department upon request. The written certification will include all details necessary to demonstrate data has been properly destroyed and validated. Where applicable, regulatory and professional standards for retention requirements will be jointly evaluated by the State and Contractor prior to destruction.
- 2. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to destroy all hard copies of Confidential Data using a secure method such as shredding.
- 3. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to completely destroy all electronic Confidential Data by means of data erasure, also known as secure data wiping.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY

A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:

- 1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
- 2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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3. The Contractor will maintain appropriate authentication and access controls to contractor systems that collect, transmit, or store Department confidential information where applicable.
4. The Contractor will ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
5. The Contractor will provide regular security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
6. If the Contractor will be sub-contracting any core functions of the engagement supporting the services for State of New Hampshire, the Contractor will maintain a program of an internal process or processes that defines specific security expectations, and monitoring compliance to security requirements that at a minimum match those for the Contractor, including breach notification requirements.
7. The Contractor will work with the Department to sign and comply with all applicable State of New Hampshire and Department system access and authorization policies and procedures, systems access forms, and computer use agreements as part of obtaining and maintaining access to any Department system(s). Agreements will be completed and signed by the Contractor and any applicable sub-contractors prior to system access being authorized.
8. If the Department determines the Contractor is a Business Associate pursuant to 45 CFR 160.103, the Contractor will execute a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the Department and is responsible for maintaining compliance with the agreement.
9. The Contractor will work with the Department at its request to complete a System Management Survey. The purpose of the survey is to enable the Department and Contractor to monitor for any changes in risks, threats, and vulnerabilities that may occur over the life of the Contractor engagement. The survey will be completed annually, or an alternate time frame at the Departments discretion with agreement by the Contractor, or the Department may request the survey be completed when the scope of the engagement between the Department and the Contractor changes.
10. The Contractor will not store, knowingly or unknowingly, any State of New Hampshire or Department data offshore or outside the boundaries of the United States unless prior express written consent is obtained from the Information Security Office leadership member within the Department.
11. Data Security Breach Liability. In the event of any security breach Contractor shall make efforts to investigate the causes of the breach, promptly take measures to prevent future breach and minimize any damage or loss resulting from the breach. The State shall recover from the Contractor all costs of response and recovery from

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- the breach, including but not limited to: credit monitoring services, mailing costs and costs associated with website and telephone call center services necessary due to the breach.
12. Contractor must, comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security of Confidential Information, and must in all other respects maintain the privacy and security of PI and PHI at a level and scope that is not less than the level and scope of requirements applicable to federal agencies, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), DHHS Privacy Act Regulations (45 C.F.R. §5b), HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) that govern protections for individually identifiable health information and as applicable under State law.
 13. Contractor agrees to establish and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it. The safeguards must provide a level and scope of security that is not less than the level and scope of security requirements established by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Information Technology. Refer to Vendor Resources/Procurement at <https://www.nh.gov/doi/vendor/index.htm> for the Department of Information Technology policies, guidelines, standards, and procurement information relating to vendors.
 14. Contractor agrees to maintain a documented breach notification and incident response process.
 15. Contractor must restrict access to the Confidential Data obtained under this Contract to only those authorized End Users who need such DHHS Data to perform their official duties in connection with purposes identified in this Contract.
 16. The Contractor must ensure that all End Users:
 - a. Comply with such safeguards as referenced in Section IV A. above, implemented to protect Confidential Information that is furnished by DHHS under this Contract from loss, theft or inadvertent disclosure.
 - b. Safeguard this information at all times.
 - c. Ensure that laptops and other electronic devices/media containing PHI, PI, or PFI are encrypted and password-protected.
 - d. Send emails containing Confidential Information only if encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.

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- e. Limit disclosure of the Confidential Information to the extent permitted by law.
- f. Confidential Information received under this Contract and individually identifiable data derived from DHHS Data, must be stored in an area that is physically and technologically secure from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours (e.g., door locks, card keys, biometric identifiers, etc.).
- g. Only authorized End Users may transmit the Confidential Data, including any derivative files containing personally identifiable information, and in all cases, such data must be encrypted at all times when in transit, at rest, or when stored on portable media as required in section IV above.
- h. In all other instances Confidential Data must be maintained, used and disclosed using appropriate safeguards, as determined by a risk-based assessment of the circumstances involved.
- i. Understand that their user credentials (user name and password) must not be shared with anyone. End Users will keep their credential information secure. This applies to credentials used to access the site directly or indirectly through a third party application.

Contractor is responsible for oversight and compliance of their End Users. DHHS reserves the right to conduct onsite inspections to monitor compliance with this Contract, including the privacy and security requirements provided in herein, HIPAA, and other applicable laws and Federal regulations until such time the Confidential Data is disposed of in accordance with this Contract.

V. LOSS REPORTING

The Contractor must notify the NH DHHS Information Security via the email address provided in this Exhibit, of any Security Incidents and Breaches immediately after the Contractor has determined that the aforementioned has occurred and that Confidential Data may have been exposed or compromised.

The Contractor must further handle and report Incidents and Breaches involving PHI in accordance with the agency's documented Incident Handling and Breach Notification procedures and in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §§ 431.300 - 306. In addition to, and notwithstanding, Contractor's compliance with all applicable obligations and procedures, Contractor's procedures must also address how the Contractor will:

- 1. Identify Incidents;
- 2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
- 3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;
- 4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and
- 5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate

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Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

Incidents and/or Breaches that implicate PI must be addressed and reported, as applicable, in accordance with NH RSA 359-C:20.

VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT

A. DHHS contact for Data Management or Data Exchange issues:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

B. DHHS contacts for Privacy issues:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov

C. DHHS contact for Information Security issues:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

D. DHHS contact for Breach notifications:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

DHHSPrivacy.Officer@dhhs.nh.gov