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September 19, 2022

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to retroactively pay the Cannabis Regulators Association (VC#423160), Lexington, Kentucky, in the amount of \$2,500 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Council approval, for the membership period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 100% Other Funds.

Funding is available in the Therapeutic Cannabis Program account as follows:
05-95-90-901010-38990000-026-500251 – Membership Fees \$2,500

EXPLANATION

This item is **Retroactive** as the DPHS did not receive the invoice from the vendor until after the start date of the membership.

The Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) is a national network of cannabis regulators from across the United States. Members have access to a platform where they can seek and provide technical assistance to each other, share resources, and chat with peers in real time. Members also have access to monthly topic-based webinars, a state-by-state policy tracker, federal policy updates, annual meetings, special committees, and workshops.

Listed below are answers to the standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions.

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

Answer: The Cannabis Regulators Association was founded on November 12, 2020. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has never been a member of this organization since the organization's inception.

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

Answer: The Cannabis Regulators Association is the only organization that allows for a national

network of cannabis regulators and policy information. There are no other organizations that provide the same benefits.

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

Answer: There are currently 41 other state health departments that belong to this organization. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, as the cannabis regulator agency, is the only state agency that can request to become a member.

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

Answer: Membership dues for an Agency-level membership are \$2,500 per year for states. Statewide membership is \$10,000 per year for states that have cannabis regulators in more than one state agency.

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

Answer: Membership benefits include access to a national network of other cannabis regulators from across the country, access to a networking site for technical assistance and resources, access to monthly webinars, access to a state-by-state policy tracker, federal policy updates that may impact states, access to surveys, participation in annual meetings, workshops, and special committees.

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

Answer: There are opportunities to receive and participate trainings, technical assistance, monthly webinars and special committees. These are all provided at no additional cost.

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.

Answer: The membership is not required in order to receive any federal grants or in order to receive/participate in licensing or certification exams.

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.

Answer: There is no travel included with this membership.

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.)

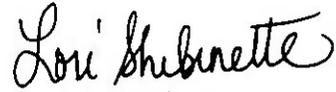
Answer: Michael Holt, Section Administrator, Bureau of Policy and Performance, Therapeutic Cannabis Program (Voting Member).

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

Answer: If the Division of Public Health Services does not belong to the Cannabis Regulators Association, it would not have national access to other states with cannabis regulators, or access to

technical resources and policy updates that may impact the Cannabis program in the State of New Hampshire. This membership will benefit the program by allowing for a network with peer states that can lead to better health outcomes for the clients served in this program in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,



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CANNRA

CANNABIS REGULATORS ASSOCIATION

To: Michael Holt, Section Manager
Therapeutic Cannabis Program
Division of Public Health Services
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Invoice Number: 101A
Invoice Date: September 1, 2022

DUES INVOICE FOR JULY 2022-June 2023

For: The Cannabis Regulators Association
Membership Level: Voting Agency

Total Due: \$2,500

(Federal Identification Number: 85-3620943)

Thank You for Your Support

The Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) accepts payment for state dues by check or electronic funds transfer. CANNRA policy prohibits payment of state dues by credit card, debit card or by any other method for which CANNRA would incur a transaction fee. Please note that CANNRA is an Affiliate of the Council of State Governments (CSG).

To submit payment via electronic funds transfer:
CANNRA uses Traditional Bank, Mt. Sterling, KY
Routing number: 042101514
Account number: 103543

To remit payment via check:
CANNRA
c/o The Council of State Governments
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If you need assistance completing any documentation related to this invoice, please contact Gillian Schauer, Executive Director of CANNRA, at gillian.schauer@cann-ra.org.