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DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., and MOP 150, V.A.2., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to pay the Association of Public Health Nurses (VC# 265751), Westerville, Ohio in the amount of \$5,000 for annual membership dues, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for the membership period of one year, beginning on the date the dues are paid. 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in ELC CARES COVID-19 as follows:

	<u>FY 2024</u>
05-95-90-903010-19010000-026-500251 – Organizational Dues	\$5,000
Total FY 2024	\$5,000

EXPLANATION

The Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN) is the voice of public health nurses on a national level. APHN provides a forum for public health nurses to network and exchange ideas as well as accessing resources. APHN is a member of the Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations. The Council provides voice and visibility for public health nurses, sets a national policy agenda on issues related to public health nursing and advocates for excellence in public health nursing education, practice, leadership, and research. APHN is an affiliate of the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). Organizational membership dues cover **all** public health nurses serving in population-focused roles and provides them membership to APHN.

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 Association of Public Health Nurses began as the Association of State and Territorial

Directors of Nursing (ASTDN) in 1935 as an advisory group of state health department nurses. Over the years the membership was expanded to include public health nurses at all levels and others interested in public health nursing. On July 1, 2012, the name of the association was changed to The Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN) to better reflect the expanded membership. This is the first year that the State of New Hampshire is requesting APHN membership.

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

Answer: No. APHN is unique and specific for public health nurses.

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

Answer: Currently there are six other state health departments with organizational memberships. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is the only state agency requesting an organizational membership.

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

Answer: The APHN determines the annual dues for Organizational Members based on population served.

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

Answer: The benefits outlined below enable public health nurses to be aware of current information and gain knowledge to help promote and protect the health of the population.

- a. APHN provides opportunities for continuing education through webinars and an annual national conference.
- b. APHN also provides opportunities for networking, through conference calls, meetings and opportunities to receive and provide mentorship in public health nursing practice and leadership.
- c. Additionally, APHN provides opportunities to access resources such as free postings on the APHN Career Board and cost savings for members seeking to become Certified in Public Health (CPH).

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

Answer: Yes. APHN provides educational webinars at no additional cost to members.

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: No.

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

Answer: No, there is no travel included with the membership fee.

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: Megan Heddy, Section Chief for Infectious Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Care Services- Member.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization. Should this request not be authorized, the Agency would miss an opportunity to access the resources provided by this national organization. This would prevent public health nurses within our Agency from becoming involved with other public health nurses at the national level. Additionally, if the request is not authorized, we would lose an opportunity to recruit new nurses for the Agency as well as limiting the continuing education opportunities for our current staff.

Respectfully submitted,


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INVOICE 4427



Invoice # 4427
Invoice Date 06/23/2023
Invoice Due Due Upon Receipt

Amount Due	\$ 5,000.00
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Transactions

Description	Amount
Contributing Organizational Membership	\$ 5,000.00

Total Amount	\$ 5,000.00
Amount Paid	-\$ 0.00
Amount Due	\$ 5,000.00

If paying by check, remit to:

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