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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:54, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, to **retroactively** continue the full-time temporary position 8T3150, 21-1090 MISC SOC SCV SPECS-6, SOC 21, Pay Band 6, effective retroactive to November 10, 2023, upon Governor and Executive Council approval through November 9, 2024. 100% Other Funds (Opioid Abatement Trust Fund).

Funding is available in account Opioid Abatement Trust Fund as follows:

		<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
05-95-92-920510-3950-050-500109	Personal Services Temp	\$36,946	\$30,295
05-95-92-920510-3950-060-500601	Benefits	\$18,284	\$14,790
	Total	\$55,230	\$45,085

**EXPLANATION**

This request is **retroactive** due to a misunderstanding of when the position was technically created and when it expired, which was on November 9, 2023. There was a disconnect between the approval by the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission and the timing of the position development, that allowed for the tracking of the expiration date of the position to be overlooked. Through the budget process, the Department will be requesting inclusion of this position in the budget in order to manage this procedural deficiency.

The Miscellaneous Community and Social Service Specialist position was created and assigned to the Division for Behavioral Health to provide coordination and management of the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission planning the development and modification of programs, policies and procedures and managing and evaluating the work product of state and local programs providing services in accordance with RSA 126-A:84-86. The position coordinates and collaborates on grant agreement management with Division for Behavioral Health staff to effectively overcome obstacles and resolve issues. The role monitors and provides technical assistance on program activities related to Commission grants to ensure uniformity and adherence to policies, procedures, and grant expectations. Collaboration on ongoing program design and oversight with Division for Behavioral Health staff is imperative for system progression and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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