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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY

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November 15, 2024

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 Stability, to pay the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) (VC#168677-B001), Chantilly, VA in the amount of \$40,000 for annual membership dues effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Funding source: 58.85% Federal Funds, 41.15% General Funds.

05-95-45-450010-6125 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES-DEHS, BUREAU OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2025	026-500251	45144001	Memberships	\$40,000

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the State to continue participation in the Association. APHSA is a bipartisan national membership association representing state and local health and human services agencies and subject matter experts that help execute their mission to improve outcomes for people nationwide. They build resilience and bolster the well-being of people through access to food, health care, housing, employment, childcare, community support, and other key building blocks. APHSA also provides support regarding performance measurement and data analysis, health and human services IT systems, workforce development and training, and the legal dimensions of the field.

Listed below are answers to 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?

The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) was founded in 1930 as the American Public Welfare Association (APWA) and later changed its name to APHSA in 1997. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has been a member since 1990, and the New

Hampshire Department of Health and Welfare was a member in the years prior to 1990.

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

No.

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

Agencies from all 50 states are members as well as the District of Columbia and US territories. The Department is the sole New Hampshire agency belonging to the Association. All Divisions and Offices benefit from this membership.

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

APHSA's dues are based on population from the most recent US Census and the standard Cost of Living Adjustments.

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

The work of the Association supports the entire range of programs administered by the Department. Additionally, the Association represents the State before Congress and federal agencies on matters of concern to New Hampshire. With the many changes to federal programs being passed by Congress each year, it is increasingly important to have current information about changes, consequences of the changes, and the potential impact on each state, including the State of New Hampshire.

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

Yes. Educational and research materials are included in the membership costs and are provided to the Department. Materials include, but are not limited to, *This Week in Washington*, legislative summaries, policy papers, testimonies, e-mail alerts, and technical assistance.

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.

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.

No.

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.)

Ten DHHS employees are members: Lori Weaver, Commissioner; Morissa Henn, Deputy Commissioner; Ann Landry, Associate Commissioner; Christine Santaniello, Associate Commissioner; Patricia Tilley, Associate Commissioner, Karen Hebert, Director, Division of Economic Stability; Marie Noonan, Director, Division for Children, Youth and Families; Krista Morris, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs; Melissa St. Cyr, Chief Legal Officer, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer.

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10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.
Should the Governor and Council not approve this request, the Department may not have the most timely and accurate information available regarding federal programs, federal funding, and interpretation of proposed laws and rules, which is necessary for the efficient administration of Department programs.

Source of Funds: 58.85% Federal Funds, 41.15% General Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

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*The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families
in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.*

September 20, 2024

Lori Weaver
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant St
State Office Park South
Concord, NH 03301-3852

Dear Commissioner Weaver,

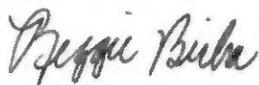
The human services system is a cornerstone of the well-being of our nation. Through the services and support you and your staff provide every day, more opportunities are created for individuals, children, and families to thrive. As your national membership association, the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) thanks you for your unwavering dedication and commitment to advancing the well-being of all people.

One of the key benefits of membership is APHSA's ability to connect leaders to accelerate learning and address the challenges facing human services agencies. We have several opportunities for you, as an agency CEO, to connect with your peers from across the nation:

- Monthly Virtual Peer Exchange – state CEOs and senior deputies only.
- State CEO retreat at the *2025 APHSA National Summit*.
- [APHSA Conferences and Events](#).
- Programmatic workgroups and committees (i.e., Summer EBT workgroup).
- Please contact Sheila Poole, VP External Relations, spoole@aphsa.org for more information.

We sincerely appreciate your leadership, continued financial support, and commitment to the well-being of the people and communities you support. Together we can, and we will, reach our desired future state for human services. Your *2025 Renewal Notice* is included.

Thank you,



Reggie Bicha
President and CEO



Sheila J. Poole
Vice President, External Relations



Guy DeSilva
Director, Member Operations



Invoice Date

9/4/2024

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New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Annual Membership Renewal Notice

Due on Receipt

Renewal Period January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH ALL PAYMENTS

If you have questions about your membership services/benefits or have changes in your agency, please contact Jordan Ahmad, at Jahmad@aphsa.org.

Payments made in the last 30 days may not be reflected at the time of this mailing.

Invoice #	Customer #					
INV-01579-X0B4V3	26565					
Description	Qty	Unit Price	Discount	Tax	Amount	
State Membership 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	1.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	
				Total	\$40,000.00	
				Payments	\$0.00	
				Balance	\$40,000.00	

**Make checks payable to American Public Human Services Association and reference APHSA member ID on all payments.
Mail to: PO Box 221542, Chantilly, VA 20153-1542
or send wire transfer to: United Bank ABA: 056004445 Account: 1010214235**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT!

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