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

REQUESTED ACTION

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar, pursuant to MOP 1200, I.D., authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, to pay the Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives (ASTHVI) (VC#285150), Washington, D.C. in the amount of \$6,500 for annual membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Funding source: 100% Federal Funds.

05-95-90-902010-58960000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: PUBLIC HEALTH DIV, BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH AND NUTRITION, HOME VISITING FORMULA GNT

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Job Number	Class Title	Total Amount
2025	026-500251	90083211	Organizational Dues	\$6,500

EXPLANATION

The ASTHVI is member-driven and dedicated to supporting the effective implementation and improvement of home visiting programs at the state, territory, and tribal level. These programs are focused on pregnant women and families with children from birth through age five, and help support families raising children to lead healthy and productive lives. This membership enables the State to support maternal and child health programs and receive support and training from national leadership on issues affecting children and families.

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?

This organization began in 2014; DHHS has been a member for seven years.

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?

At least one person from at least forty-eight (48) states, five (5) tribes, and one (1) territory are registered as ASTHVI participants. DHHS is the only New Hampshire state agency that is a member.

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

The ASTHVI dues are based on the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) federal award.

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

ASTHVI and its members pursue opportunities to inform and educate federal officials, policymakers, and other stakeholders about maternal and child health work in states and communities. ASTHVI seeks to be a resource to work with evidence-based model developers on a state and national level that focus on the importance of high-quality services for families with young children. ASTHVI leverages best practices and maximizes the benefits of home visiting initiatives to children, families, and society as a whole. ASTHVI provides administrators of home visiting initiatives with a forum to share challenges, strategies and successes in implementing home visiting initiatives including, but not limited to, the MIECHV program.

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

There are no specific materials included in the membership, however, through networking and communication, members have access to peers and shared research, leveraging best practices that maximize the benefit of home visiting initiatives to children and families.

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. Membership is not required for federal grants, 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.

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.)

Kristi Hart, Home Visiting Program Administrator, Maternal Child Health Section- Member and committee member;

Paula Gyurcsan, Home Visiting Program Manager, Maternal Child Health Section- Member and committee member;

Eva Thurston, Home Visiting Family Engagement Lead, Maternal Child Health Section – Member;

Gary Titus, Systems Development Specialist III, Maternal Child Health Section- Member and committee member.

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

Not participating in the ASTHVI membership would reduce the New Hampshire MIECHV program's access to peer-to-peer meetings and discussions impacting home visiting at a national level. It would diminish the number of opportunities for support from other states that have resources or best practices to share. ASTHVI takes input from all members to provide advocacy and education about the home visiting field. Not having membership may reduce the availability of resources and representation from the organization of the needs within the State of New Hampshire in maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programming.

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

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Invoice 24-275

15 August 2024

New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services
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For	Date	Amount
ASTHVI 2025 Membership Dues	January 1 - December 31, 2025	\$6,500

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