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November 21, 2014

To the Members of the Fiscal Committee
of the General Court

The Chairman of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court, as established by RSA 14:30-a, of which you are a member, has requested that you be notified that the Fiscal Committee will hold a special meeting regarding an Executive Order and a Positions Authorized request from the Office of The Governor on **Monday, November 24, 2014**, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Please find attached information to be discussed at that meeting.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey A. Pattison
Legislative Budget Assistant

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Attachments

FISCAL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL AGENDA

Monday, November 24, 2014 in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building

10:00 a.m.

- (1) Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 9:16-b, Reductions Authorized, the Office of The Governor will present an Executive Order for Fiscal Committee approval, to be distributed upon receipt by the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant

- (2) RSA 124:15 Positions Restricted:

FIS 14-196 Office of The Governor – authorization to create a new non-classified Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator position through June 30, 2015

- (3) Adjournment



MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Late Item
FIS 14 196

*Withdrawn by
Agency 11/07/14*

November 7, 2014

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Office of the Governor to create a new non-classified position, Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator, within budget class 016, (Personal Services Non – classified) for the purpose of improving coordination of New Hampshire’s substance use and other behavioral health policies to better combat substance misuse and to reduce long-term costs to the state, counties, local communities and business, effective upon the approvals of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Council through June 30, 2015.
2. Authorize the Office of the Governor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$91,057 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Oliver J. and Dorothy Penniman Hubbard New Futures Fund, to support a Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator to be effective from the date of Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2015.

Funds are to be budgeted in FY 2015 in the accounting unit entitled "Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant" as follows:

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Grant				
01-02-02-0200-90470000				
FY 2015				
Class	Description	Current Budget	Proposed Change	Revised Budget
Expenses:				
016-500141	Non-classified	\$ -	\$ 55,417	\$ 55,417
020-500200	Current Expense	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
037-500165	Technology-Hardware	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
038-500175	Technology-Software	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
060-500601	Benefits	\$ -	\$ 26,640	\$ 26,640
070-500700	In-state travel	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Total Appropriation:		\$ -	\$ 91,057	\$ 91,057
Funding:				
009-403881	Agency Income	\$ -	\$ 91,057	\$ 91,057

EXPLANATION

Mental Health and Substance Abuse are frequently co-occurring disorders, which if left untreated carry heavy societal and governmental costs. New Hampshire has recognized the need to address these challenges, and is making unprecedented public and private investments in improving behavioral health and substance abuse treatment.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment is a major focus of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

In addition, the Governor's Commission on Innovation, Efficiency and Transparency has identified improving the coordination of substance abuse treatment for people with co-occurring mental health disorders is a significant opportunity to improve state government efficiency and reduce the growth in future costs for state government, counties and local communities.

This grant will help New Hampshire make the most of these opportunities by putting in place a public-private partnership to improve New Hampshire's efforts to prevent substance abuse, and improve treatment for people with substance abuse disorders, and people with co-occurring mental health disorders. This partnership includes a Governor's policy director for behavioral health to work with state agencies and stakeholders to better coordinate the state's substance abuse disorder and other behavioral health efforts.

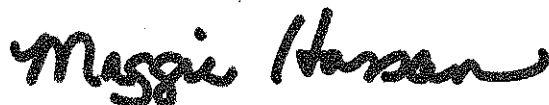
This liaison will work directly with, and be advised by the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment. Individual agencies and divisions will maintain their responsibilities to implement and oversee programs addressing mental health and substance use. The Governor's director for behavioral health will be charged, in coordination with the Governor's Commission, with:

- Coordinating of state resources, and to the extent possible local government and community partners -- to help treat mental health and substance abuse, and prevent substance abuse.
- Reducing unnecessary duplication of state efforts and resources.
- Coordinating state agency spending and budget proposals in the areas of mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention.
- Identifying and spreading evidence-based treatment practices, and working with state agencies -- and to the extent possible local government and community partners -- to ensure quality delivery of such services.
- Identifying barriers -- and helping coordinate efforts to remove such barriers -- to success for people with mental illness or substance abuse disorders, including access to housing, employment or treatment.
- Identifying gaps in New Hampshire's systems of care, and recommending strategies to address those gaps.
- Helping develop a seamless and effective continuum of care for people of all ages suffering from mental illnesses or substance abuse disorders.
- Recommending changes in public policy to improve the treatment of people with mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders, and to prevent substance abuse.
- Leading efforts to apply for grants that may assist the state's efforts in treating mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The awarding of this grant was not anticipated at the time that the FY 2014-2015 Budget was being crafted necessitating this request for funding for the balance of FY 2015. Nor has a similar program of this type, and the position being considered to coordinate this program, been previously requested of the legislature. If the position of Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator meets the goals of better coordinating state efforts to improve efficiency and services, we anticipate seeking its continuance in the FY 2016-2017 budget with an estimated program cost of approximately \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 and \$153,000 in FY 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Hassan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Governor Margaret Wood Hassan



NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

October 15, 2014

The Honorable Margaret Hassan
Governor
State of New Hampshire Office of the Governor
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Grant ID: 91529

Dear Governor Hassan:

I am pleased to inform you that a \$167,621.00 grant has been awarded to State of New Hampshire Office of the Governor to support the senior policy director for behavioral health position. This grant is made from the following fund(s): Oliver J. and Dorothy Penniman Hubbard New Futures Fund.

Please review the enclosed Terms of Award immediately and thoroughly. Deposit of the grant award check signifies your acceptance of the award and your agreement to comply with the terms of the award. It also serves as our receipt for this payment. If a grant award check is not included in this letter, it will be sent to your organization within two weeks of this notification.

Your organization must seek approval prior to making any significant change to the scope of work for which the grant was made, including any adjustments to the budget over \$500. Your organization is also required to submit a final report upon completion of the grant, or a status report on work in progress before subsequent grant applications will be considered.

Publicity for your program should make reference to the support provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. We also encourage you to share your story with us so we can help publicize your good work.

To find report and change forms, logos and guidelines for publicity and sharing your story, go to <http://www.nhcf.org/page.aspx?pid=690>. Please reference the above Grant ID in any correspondence with the Foundation.

If you have any questions about this grant or its terms, please contact Tym Rourke. We wish you success in your efforts and look forward to learning about your results.

Sincerely,

Katie Merrow
Vice President of Community Impact

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