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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES

BUREAU OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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October 15, 2012

RETRO

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Requested Action**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Based Care Services, Bureau of Behavioral Health to pay the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), 66 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 302, Alexandria, VA 22314, vendor #177758-B002, \$8,979.00 for annual membership dues, effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Funds to support this request are available in the following account for State Fiscal Year 2013:

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05-95-92-920010-5945 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-DIV. OF, DIV. OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CMH PROGRAM SUPPORT.

<u>Class/Object</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>
026-0251	Organizational Dues	92000005	\$8,979.00

**Explanation**

The purpose of this request is to pay annual membership dues to National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. This request is retroactive because the invoice, dated July 11, 2012, was received on July 16, 2012, after the effective date of membership. Additionally, the invoice was set aside during the preparation phase of the FY 2014-2015 agency budget, which was a priority. The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors is a not-for-profit organization representing the viewpoints and concerns of state mental health agencies to Congress, federal agencies and other national organizations by tracking legislation, leading collaborative efforts, initiating proposals to streamline and simplify federal mental health programs and regulations, and educating members of Congress about issues facing state mental health agencies.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and 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 National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors was formed in 1959. New Hampshire has been a member for at least the last 20 years.

2. Is there any other organization which 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?

All 50 states, 4 territories, and the District of Columbia belong to the organization. No other New Hampshire state agencies are members of this association.

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

Dues are based on state population, although small states like New Hampshire are capped at \$8,979 annually.

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

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors' mission is to organize, reflect, and advocate for the collective interests of state mental health authorities and their directors at the national level. The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors conducts environmental scans in the delivery and financing of mental health services and builds and disseminates knowledge and experience reflecting the integration of public mental health programming in evolving healthcare environments. Membership provides the Department with informational and program resources which far exceed the annual costs.

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

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors provides technical assistance to states to ensure their access to best practices, provides the most current knowledge in mental health and related fields, and helps translate the recommendations from the President's Freedom Commission into action at the state and local levels. The cost of technical assistance and training is included in the membership.

Over the past 12 months, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors has continued to provide training and technical assistance to the state including two keynote presentations at the NH Association for Infant Mental Health-Child and Family Services conference, a presentation entitled "Promoting Alternatives Seclusion and Restraint through Trauma Informed Practices" at the Moore Center in Manchester followed by a roundtable discussion with their trauma informed task force, consultation with a national expert on developing contract language to enter into managed care financial arrangements for community mental health services, and consultation on financial efficiency in operations in a managed care system.

The Association directly operates the following federally-funded training and technical assistance centers: the National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning, the Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint through Trauma Informed Care initiative, and the Social Marketing/Communications Technical Assistance for the Children's System of Care Program. The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors also serves as a key partner on a variety of other training and technical assistance efforts, including: the Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance project, the Behavioral Health for Older Americans Technical Assistance Center, the National Technical Assistance Center for Primary Care and Behavioral Health, and the Financing Reform and Innovation initiative.

The National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning has led national initiatives on the following:

- a. Improving Disaster Mental Health Planning and Preparedness;
- b. Closing the gap of cultural disparities in mental health services systems;
- c. Preventing violence and trauma in inpatient mental health settings;
- d. Facilitating peer-run recovery-oriented services systems;
- e. Developing evidence-based practices for older persons, adults, and children;
- f. Assuring for the full inclusion of consumers, families and advocates in service development and operations;
- g. Redesigning funding and finance mechanisms;
- h. Integrating person-driven treatment planning into mental health hospitals;
- i. Supporting states' strategic planning efforts;
- j. Implementing co-occurring disorder services for persons with mental health conditions and substance abuse issues, intellectual disabilities, and persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; and
- k. Workforce development materials for mental health leaders and the direct care workforce.

7. Is the membership required 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.

This membership fee does not include any travel.

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).

Department of Health and Human Services Associate Commissioner Nancy Rollins is a voting member of the association and serves as a Board Member.

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

New Hampshire would be the only state that is not a member of this organization. Consequently, New Hampshire would not have a voice at the table to communicate the viewpoints and concerns of state mental health agencies to Congress, federal agencies and other national organizations. It would severely limit the state's ability to affect national legislation in the mental health field, join in collaborative efforts with other states, and bring about efforts to streamline and simplify federal mental health programs and regulations. In addition, it would deprive New Hampshire of a valuable resource for current knowledge in mental health and related fields as well as technical assistance.

This is a renewal membership. There is no increase in the annual membership dues from last year.

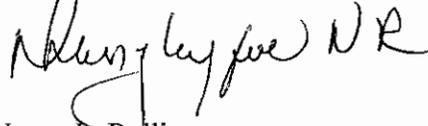
Area served: statewide.

Source of funds: 66% General Funds, 34% Federal Funds.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program

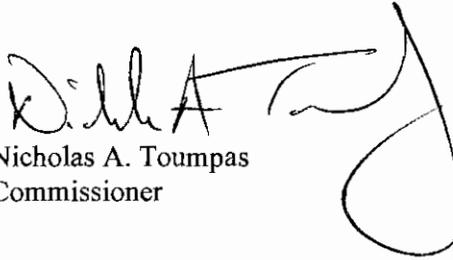
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Respectfully submitted,



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Associate Commissioner

Approved by:



Nicholas A. Toumpas  
Commissioner

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Alexandria, VA 22314

## INVOICE

Federal ID#: 52-0784740

DATE

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7/11/2012

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### BILL TO

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Associate Commissioner  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Community Based Care Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Brown Building  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

### DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

For professional services and information by the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors for the year ending June 30, 2013.

**State Dues: \$8979.00**

**Mail check to:**

NASMHPD  
66 CANAL CENTER PLAZA, SUITE 302  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314  
ATTN: ACCOUNTING DEPT.

**NASMHPD Contact:** Jay Meek (703) 682-5186 EMAIL: [jay.meek@nasmhpd.org](mailto:jay.meek@nasmhpd.org)

**TOTAL DUE: \$8979.00**