



# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Executive Council

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TO: All District Three Constituents  
FROM: Executive Councilor Janet Stevens

DATE: June 2, 2021

The Executive Council met on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 to review and vote on 132 warrant/agenda items and to approve Civil Commissions, Nominations and Confirmations, as well as Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services Nominations, Confirmations and Appointments. The Executive Council will vote on the nominees at the next meeting of the Council on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Additionally, 4 Informational Items, Pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, RSA 4:45, RSA 4:47 and Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, and 2020-25 were included on the agenda.

### **Medicaid Managed Care Contract Presentation**

At the June 2, 2021, Executive Council meeting, a presentation on the proposed New Hampshire Medicaid Care Management Services Contract for SFY 2022 (Amendment #6) was facilitated by New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services Medicaid Director, Henry Lipman; Principal and Consulting Actuary, John Meerschaert, of Millman Inc., and representatives of the three Managed Care Organizations with existing contracts – AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire Inc., Boston Medical Center Health Plan Inc., and Granite State Health Plan Inc.

The proposed increase in total shared price limitation is \$1,188,660,571.00 and covers approximately 208,000 New Hampshire residents via the Granite Advantage Health Program (Medicaid Expansion for New Hampshire); Child Health Insurance Program; and Standard Medicaid Population. The contract would go into effect July 1, 2021, with no change to the completion date of August 31, 2024. Federal contributions are 90%, 71.88% and 53.12% for each of the forementioned Medicaid programs.

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### **#2 MOP 150, I, B (2): Approval of Acceptances**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY**

#C. Authorized to accept donations of used office furniture worth an estimated used retail value of \$21,617 from **Select Demo Services LLC, Salem, NH**, for the purpose of providing furniture at various office locations throughout the Department.

### **#5 MOP 150, I, B (5): Other Items**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#E. Authorized to amend a **Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant to the Town of Salem, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-19-19, item #188)**, to amend the scope of services for water system improvements and extend the completion date to December 1, 2022 from December 31, 2021. No Additional Funding. **100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.**

## **DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

**#18** Authorized to amend existing contracts with the vendors in bold as detailed in letter dated January 11, 2021 (originally approved by G&C on 6-20-18, item #27G), for the provision of primary health care services for underserved, low-income and homeless individuals, by increasing the price by \$2,209,138 from \$10,019,683 to \$12,228,821 and by extending the completion dates from June 30, 2021 to March 31, 2022. **19.71% Federal, 80.29% General Funds. Lamprey Health Care LLC of Newmarket was a recipient of \$52,891.00 - cumulative \$141,042 - for Primary Care for Homeless. To date - Lamprey Health Care LLC has received \$2,302,218.00 for Primary Care Services.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**#34** Authorized the Bureau of Mechanical Services to enter into a contract with **RGB Incorporated, Raymond, NH**, for providing Aerial Lift ANSI Inspection, scheduled maintenance, repair service and unanticipated emergency repairs and associated parts, on the basis of a low bid offer of \$111,390. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **95% Highway, 5% Other Funds.**

**#35** Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way to pay a property owner \$68,076 as documented in the Contemplated Awards List, for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from April 22, 2021 through May 5, 2021. Effective upon G&C approval. **A1 Fleet Door Services awarded business re-establishment funds for \$68,076.00 - Exit 4A Derry**

**#37** Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance, Well Section, to enter into a contract with Skillings & Sons LLC, Amherst, NH, for a 6-inch drilled well and pump on the property of **Philip Miles, Greenland, NH**, in the amount of \$30,550. Effective upon G&C approval through May 20, 2022. **100% Highway Funds.**

**#39** Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Brox Industries Inc., Dracut, MA, for resurfacing 18 miles of Tier 2 roadways in Districts 4, 5 and 6, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,222,621.55. (2)Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$211,131.08 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 24, 2022. **99% Federal, 1% Other Funds. Hampton 1A inlay pavement resurfacing for 2.3 miles**

**#42** Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with K5 Corporation of Rockland, MA, for maintenance of select stenciled and transverse line pavement markings statewide, on the basis of a low bid of \$192,288.80. Effective upon G&C approval through October 15, 2021. **100% Other Funds. Work will include NH 125 Corridor Plaistow to Rochester**

**#44** Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into an agreement with **John Turner Consulting Inc., North Hampton, NH**, to provide on-call construction engineering and inspection services for various transportation projects statewide, in the amount of \$1,950,000. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2024.

**#45** Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for pavement resurfacing on NH 101 in Exeter and Hampton in District 6, on the basis of a low bid of \$6,977,096.70. (2)Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$348,854.84 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through July 29, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. Pavement resurfacing on NH 101 25.7 miles within District 3**

## **OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

**#53** Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with **Rockingham Planning Commission, Exeter, NH**, in the amount of **\$22,222** as part of the **Targeted Block Grant Program for planning assistance and training** to municipalities on local, municipal and regional planning issues. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. **100% General Funds.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES**

**#63** Authorized to amend an existing contract with **Tighe & Bond Inc., Portsmouth, NH** (originally approved by G&C on 6-19-19, item #154), for Professional Civil Engineering, Environmental and Master Planning Services for planning and design of various projects as necessary and required by the Department, by exercising a renewal option, by increasing the price by \$500,000 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD**

**#71** Authorized the NH State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with **Rockingham County Conservation District, Brentwood, NH, in the amount of \$17,828 for Gateway Enhancement Odiorne Point State Park, Coastal & Pollinator Habitats project in the Town of Rye, NH, Rockingham County.** Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2023. **100% Other Funds.**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT**

**#77** Authorized to enter into a contract with **Collins Engineers Inc., Portsmouth, NH,** for Engineering Services for the Statewide Public Boat Access Program, in the amount of \$200,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **75% Federal, 25% Public Boat Access Funds.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**#82** Authorized the State Council on the Arts to enter into a contract with artist Ingrid Pichler, Swampscott, MA, for creation of artwork for the **10th Circuit District Court in Hampton, NH,** in the amount of \$12,270. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2021. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

## **DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**#85** Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to enter into a sole source contract with the New England State Travel Directors Council Inc., d/b/a **Discover New England, Portsmouth, NH,** for collaborative international marketing, in the amount of \$500,000. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. **100% General Funds.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**#90** Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in a letter dated March 30, 2021, totaling \$19,352 to fund Household Hazardous Waste collection projects. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2021. **100% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds.**  
one primary and one secondary clarifier, in the amount of \$110,000. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. **100% WRBP Funds. Following municipalities received funding - Derry (\$9046.00); Portsmouth (\$4193.00)**

**#96** Authorized to award a Local Source Water Protection grant to Southern NH Planning Commission, in the amount of \$16,023 to complete a project to protect public drinking water supplies. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2022. **100% Federal Funds. The Town of Chester awarded \$16,023.00 to update the 2008 Source Water Protection Plan.**

**#102** Authorized to enter into a **sole source** memorandum of agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Laboratory Services, Concord, NH, to perform laboratory services, in the amount of \$149,052. Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. **100% General Funds. Sample testing of shellfish for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning on Seacoast water bodies.**

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**#109** Authorized the Division of Education and Analytic Resources to contract with **Community & School Partners LLC, Rye, NH,** to upgrade the Educational Statistics System application, in the amount of \$186,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2021, with an option for renewal for one additional one year term. **8% Federal, 92% General Funds.**

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

#124 Authorized to accept and place on file the list of vendors that agencies have contracted with for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. **Contracts under \$10,000 were awarded to: Messi Productions of Derry; Sean McCarthy of Hampton; Captains Pond Protective Association of Salem; City of Portsmouth; Portsmouth Historical Society.**

### Informational Items

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

**Major Walter A. Hale IV, Portsmouth, NH,** to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, NH Air National Guard.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Air Resources Council	Jason R. Leduc, Portsmouth
Board of Professional Geologists	Jeffrey M. Marts, Sandwich
Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services	Catherine A. Keane, Concord
Director, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services	Justin A. Cutting, Hampton
Executive Director, New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Authority	Dorothy Tripp Taylor, Hopkinton
New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority	Peter F. Imse, Bow
New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority	Patricia A. Morin, Hopkinton
Lakes Management Advisory Committee	Ryan Cardella, Gilford
Public Water Access Advisory Board	Michelle Davis, Concord
State Fire Marshal	Sean P. Toomey, Warner
State Liquor Commission	Joseph W. Mollica, (i), Concord
Transportation Appeals Board	Robert J. Letourneau, Ashland
Transportation Appeals Board	Christopher R. Bean, Concord

## NOMINATIONS

Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services	Joseph B. Bouchard, Concord
Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services	Christine Santaniello, Laconia
Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services	Morissa S. Henn, Salt Lake City, UT
Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs	Taylor Caswell, Hollis
Electricians' Board	Michael Palmeri, Amherst
Enhanced 911 Commission	E. Douglas Hackett, Cornish
Enhanced 911 Commission	Sandra Teti, Rochester
Medical Review Subcommittee	Clifford M. Levy, Contoocook
New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority	Todd C. Emmons, New London
New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority	Donna M. Marsh, Stratham
New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers	Raymond J. Goulet, Manchester
New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board	Daniel J. Enxing, Windham
Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys and Task Force	Robin Burroughs Davis, Andover
Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys and Task Force	Luis Rosa, Hancock

## Medicaid Managed Care Contract Presentation - continuation

This is New Hampshire's largest state contract and I have reviewed and examined not only the 370-page contract – yet have also researched the five prior contracts, actuarial reports, state Medicaid data (pediatric boarding, enrollment trends etc.), Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulations etc. It is my goal to advocate for the best, possible health care for eligible New Hampshire residents, while questioning budget expenditures.

I was perhaps the most prepared/vocal member of the Executive Council at the presentation. My concerns ran the gamut from: Pediatric/Adolescent Boarding (33 New Hampshire residents boarding both in-state and out of state June 1, 2021); percentage of provider denials, suspended claims and need for clarification on denials by category; proposed/amended staffing changes which would allow for implementation of much needed services from 2021 to June of 2022; phasing out of reports from Regional Advisory Boards; to delays in certification for behavioral health care providers (despite access to national database – CAQH); to methodology for rate differentials for two estimates on end of public health emergency.

Please call me if I can provide further information.