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Representative Lynne Ober  
Chair, Finance Division I  
House of Representatives  
33 North State Street  
Legislative Office Building, Rooms 210-211  
Concord, NH 03301-6334

Dear Representative Ober and members of House Finance Division I:

Thank you for the opportunity to present our budget to House Finance Division I.  
Please find below written responses (**in bold/blue**) to your questions for our agency.

1. What new full-time staff has been added to your budget?  
**There have been no new full-time staff added to our budget.**
  - a. N/A
  - b. N/A
  
2. What new part-time staff has been added to your budget?  
**We have added a Clerk Interviewer position to our budget. The position is not new, but has been unfunded/unfilled since 2014 (see attached position waiver request/approval).**
  - a. Cost for each staff member added (salary, benefits, IT, telecom, desk, equipment, office space). **It is 100% remote work so there are no costs associated with desk/office space. The rate of pay is \$13.86/hr., with the maximum of 10 hours per week. The anticipated annual salary is \$7,207. Benefits for part-time staff is generally 8%; this would be calculated as approximately \$576.56/yr. for the position. The portion of IT, telecom and equipment is negligible and can be incorporated into our general administrative costs for the agency.**
  - b. Brief description of the need for each staff member added: **This temporary/Part-time position is needed for the development of our next Five-Year State Plan (due in August, 2021) and ongoing outreach/administrative support needs for the five-year plan.**
  
3. What positions had to be eliminated in order to meet the governor's budget requirements?  
N/A
  - a. Cost for each staff member added (salary, benefits, IT, telecom, desk, equipment, office space). N/A
  - b. Brief description of the need for each staff member added. N/A



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- c. How will work done by this position be accomplished without the position? N/A
4. Is your agency adequately staffed to complete all work assigned to your agency in state law? Yes.
5. If the answer to Q. 4 is no, please describe.
- a. If we cannot add adequate staffing, should we consider suspending that law for the biennium? N/A
6. What things are you doing (found in state law) that could be eliminated and why? **There are not any things that we are currently doing that could be eliminated because our work is guided by our Federal law/requirements, which are mirrored in our state enabling legislation.**
7. What priorities did you have that were not funded? **In order to meet the Governor's request for efficiency budget, we cut additional grants/scholarships and funds for demonstration activities from our budget in the amount of approximately 34K (from Class 72 - Grants, Projects and Sponsorships) available to the developmental disabilities community. Description? These include grants and scholarships to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families for training, conferences, employment activities, and youth projects. It also limits our ability to sponsor trainings, events, and activities designed to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. Moreover, large demonstration activity grants, including pilot projects designed to have a positive impact in systems change, would be limited. Examples Impact of not funding? Less resources would be available/provided directly to individuals, family members, and community-based organizations working within the developmental disabilities population.**
8. Please be prepared to discuss any HB2 sections that apply to your agency. N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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