

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeb Spaulding, Secretary of Administration
THROUGH: Doug Racine, Secretary of Agency of Human Services
FROM: Mark Larson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access
RE: National Council on Aging: Contract #20763, Sole Source Request for No-Cost Contract

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The National Council on Aging is in partnership as the sole licensee for the online Stanford University chronic disease self-management program (CDSMP). Beginning in 2011 they achieved funding adequate to offer the program nation-wide, making it available to Vermonters for free.

For the past six years the Blueprint for Health has offered the in-person Stanford CDSMP. Based on feedback from consumers, having the option to participate in an online program in addition to the in person group program, would reduce barriers for participation such as transportation, work schedules, and participating during episodes of acute symptoms.

The Blueprint for Health would like to enter into a partnership with NCOA to promote the online program for Vermonters. The partnership would leverage the existing resources of NCOA and Blueprint and would not involve and transfer of funding. Specifically, in exchange for promoting the on-line CDSMP through our existing network of in-person CDSMP providers and serving on their advisory panel, NCOA will provide the Blueprint with data on participants, with their consent, to be included in the overall evaluation of the Vermont program.

NCOA is the only provider of this service per their agreement with Stanford University, justifying a sole source request on behalf of the Blueprint.

APPROVAL: _____

JEB SPAULDING, SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

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