

#### STATE OF VERMONT JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

#### MEMORANDUM

To:

Joint Fiscal Committee Members

From:

Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst

Date:

September 10, 2013

Subject:

**Position Request** 

Enclosed please find one (1) item that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration.

JFO #2640 – Request from the Vermont Department of Health Access to establish four (4) limited service positions. These positions will manage and support the appeals process under Vermont's health care exchange. Funding for these positions was approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee as part of JFO #2582. Expedited review has been requested.

[JFO received 09/10/13]

This item will be placed on the Joint Fiscal Committee's September 11, 2013 agenda.

# STATE OF VERMONT Joint Fiscal Committee Review Limited Service - Grant Funded Position Request Form

SPO 2640

This form is to be used by agencies and departments when additional grant funded positions are being requested. Review and approval by the Department of Human Resources <u>must</u> be obtained <u>prior to</u> review by the Department of Finance and Management. The Department of Finance will forward requests to the Joint Fiscal Office for JFC review. A Request for Classification Review Form (RFR) and an updated organizational chart showing to whom the new position(s) would report <u>must</u> be attached to this form. Please attach additional pages as necessary to provide enough detail.

Agency/Department: Dept Vermont Health Access		Da	te:
Name and Phone (of the person completing this request):	Kate Jones, 80	02-879-8256	
Request is for:  ☐Positions funded and attached to a new grant. ☐Positions funded and attached to an existing grant	approved by JF	O #	
<ol> <li>Name of Granting Agency, Title of Grant, Grant Fundir Center of Consumer Information and Insurance Overs Agreement to Support Establishment of State Operate</li> </ol>	sight, U.S. Dept	of Health and Huma	an Services, Cooperative
2. List below titles, number of positions in each title, prog based on grant award and should match information proving final approval:			
Title* of Position(s) Requested # of Positions Divis	sion/Program	Grant Funding Period	od/Anticipated End Date
Staff Attorney III 1 AF	CF/ESD HS CF	8/1/2013 - 12/31/2 8/1/2013 - 12/31/2 8/1/2013 - 12/31/2	2014
*Final determination of title and pay grade to be made by the Departmer Request for Classification Review.  3. Justification for this request as an essential grant programmer.  Failure to enact the establishment of an exchange to fact, signed into law in March of 2010.	ram need:		
I certify that this information is correct and that necessary available (required by 32 VSA Sec. 5(b).  Signature of Agency or Department Head	funding, space	8/29 Dai	/ <u>/3</u> le
Approved/Denied by Department of Human Resources		Da	
Approved/Denied by Pinance and Management	\	Dat	
	REC	EIVED	1/04/13
Approved/Denied by Secretary of Administration		Da	ie
Comments:	SEP	10 2013	DHR 11/7/05
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Agency of Human Services

Martha Heath, Chair of Joint Fiscal Committee

THRU:

TO:

Jeb Spaulding, Secretary Agency of Administration

FROM:

Dixie Henry, Deputy Secretary Agency of Human Services

DATE:

August 29, 2013

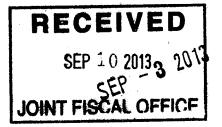
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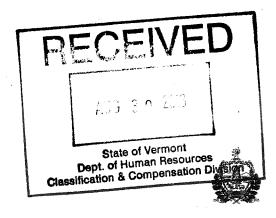
**Limited Service Position Request** 

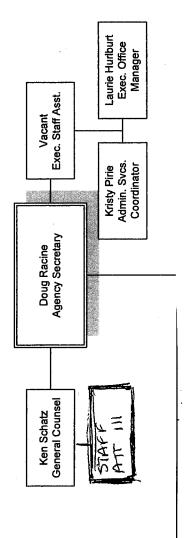
The Department of Vermont Health Access was awarded the State Planning and Establishment Grants for the Affordable Care Act's Exchange by the Center of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in August of 2012. The grant was accepted by JFC later that month under JFC approval # 2582 which included approval of 20 limited Service positions to assist with building the Vermont Health Connect. The Agency Of Human Services is now seeking approval for 4 additional positions that were included in that grant (Level Two grant) to support the anticipated work required to handle Fair Hearing appeals.

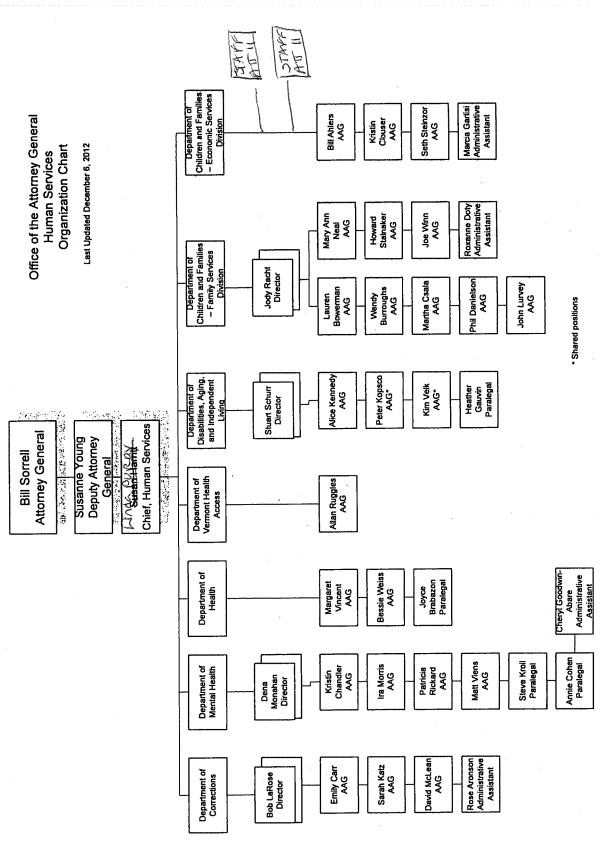
We are requesting creation of the following 4 additional positions to manage the appeals process: 1 Classified Limited Service Position for DCF/ESD and 3 Exempt Limited Service Attorney positions, 1 of which will be assigned to the AHS Central Office and 2 of which will be assigned to the Attorney General's Office for DCF. Additional positions to support this work, including 2 Human Services Board Hearing Officers and 1 Administrative Assistant B were recently approved under JFO approval #2632. At the time we requested the HSB positions in July, we had thought the four positions in this request had been approved previously. We subsequently learned that was not the case and are now seeking approval of these 4 positions to complete the teams necessary to handle the anticipated appeals.

We are asking for expedited approval process for this agreement due to the aggressive timelines and required completion date for this specific project of 12/31/2014. All required and relevant documentation has been attached. If you require further documentation that what has been provided or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention in this matter.



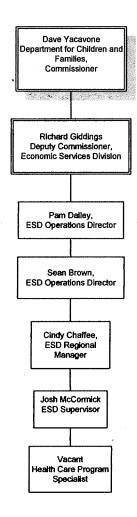






Note: DCF - Economic Services AAG's also provide additional administrative hearing support for DVHA

DCF August 29th 2013



# Request for Classification Action New or Vacant Positions EXISTING Job Class/Title ONLY

### **Position Description Form C/Notice of Action**

For Department of Personnel Use Only Date Received (Stamp) Notice of Action # Action Taken: New Job Title Current Class Code \_\_\_\_\_ New Class Code \_\_\_\_\_ Current Pay Grade \_\_\_\_\_ New Pay Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Current Mgt Level\_\_\_\_ B/U \_\_\_ OT Cat. \_\_\_\_EEO Cat. \_\_\_\_FLSA \_\_\_\_ New Mgt Level \_\_\_\_\_ B/U \_\_\_OT Cat. \_\_\_EEO Cat. \_\_\_FLSA \_\_\_\_ Classification Analyst\_\_\_\_\_ Date Effective Date: Comments: Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge & Skills: \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Demands: \_\_\_\_\_ Accountability: \_\_\_\_\_ Willis Rating/Components: Working Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_ Position Information: Incumbent: Vacant or New Position Position Number: Current Job/Class Title: Agency/Department/Unit: Department Children & Family Services GUC: Pay Group: Work Station: Essex Zip Code: Position Type: Permanent Limited Service (end date ) 6/30/14 12/31/2014 93 Funding Source: Core Sponsored Partnership. For Partnership positions provide the funding breakdown (% General Fund, % Federal, etc.) 100% Federal Supervisor's Name, Title and Phone Number: Check the type of request (new or vacant position) and complete the appropriate section. 冈 New Position(s): REQUIRED: Allocation requested: Existing Class Code 469300 Existing Job/Class Title: DCF Health Care Program Specialist

b.

Position authorized by:

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Page 2  ☐ Joint Fiscal Office – JFO # Approval Date: Pending
Legislature – Provide statutory citation (e.g. Act XX, Section XXX(x), XXXX session)
Other (explain) Provide statutory citation if appropriate.
☐ Vacant Position:
a. Position Number:
b. Date position became vacant:
c. Current Job/Class Code: Current Job/Class Title: Current Job/Class T
d. REQUIRED: Requested (existing) Job/Class Code: Requested (existing) Job/Class Title:
e. Are there any other changes to this position; for example: change of supervisor, GUC, work station? Yes   No  If Yes, please provide detailed information:
For All Requests:
1. List the anticipated job duties and expectations; include all major job duties: This Health Care Program
specialist will provide additional capacity for the anticipated increase in Appeals due to the implementation of Vermont Health Connect. The Health Care Program Specialist will provide informal review and resoltuion of
individual appeals.
2. Provide a brief justification/explanation of this request: The State of Vermont expects a significant and
temporary spike in the number of appeals filed during the initial year of the Exchange. Appeals positions are
needed within the Agency of Human Services (Department for Children and Families), at the Human Services Board, and at the Attorney General's Office. With funding from the Level Two grant, the State plans to
implement an informal review system, with new staffing in both DCF/ESD and DVHA as well as the Attorney
General's office. Through business requirements and program development efforts, the State now also
expects the number of individual eligibility appeals that result in Fair Hearing to increase significantly. The
introduction of a 72 hour expedited Fair Hearing process (an ACA requirement) creates operational readiness hurdles that require additional staffing capacity. This position is critical to ensure Vermont Health Connect is
operational ready and can successfully meet the needs of Vermonters.
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3. If the position will be supervisory, please list the names and titles of all classified employees reporting to this position (this information should be identified on the organizational chart as well). This position will not be supervisory.
Personnel Administrator's Section:
4. If the requested class title is part of a job series or career ladder, will the position be recruited at different levels? Yes ☐ No⊠
5. The name and title of the person who completed this form:

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6. Who should be contacted if there are questions about this position	n (provide name and phone number):
7. How many other positions are allocated to the requested class titl	e in the department:
8. Will this change (new position added/change to vacant position) a organization? (For example, will this have an impact on the supervis duties be shifted within the unit requiring review of other positions; or classification process.) N/A	or's management level designation; will
Attachments:	
Organizational charts are required and must indicate whe	re the position reports.
☑ Class specification (optional).	
For new positions, include copies of the language authorize that would help us better understand the program, the need for	zing the position, or any other information or the position, etc.
Other supporting documentation such as memos regarding explanation regarding the need to reallocate a vacancy (if app	g department reorganization, or further
Personnel Administrator's Signature (required)*	 Date
Supervisor's Signature (required)*	8/28/13
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Appointing Authority or Authorized Representative Signature (require	d)* Date

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Attach additional information or comments if appropriate.