

Committee on Ways and Means
 Witness Disclosure Requirement – “Truth in Testimony”
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

Your Name: <i>Tracy Wareing</i>		
1. Are you testifying on behalf of a Federal, State, or Local Government entity? a. Name of entity(ies). b. Briefly describe the capacity in which you represent this entity. <i>APHSA represents state human service agencies.</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are you testifying on behalf of any non-governmental entity(ies)? a. Name of entity(ies). b. Briefly describe the capacity in which you represent this entity.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) which you have received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years that are related to the subject matter of the hearing:		
4. Please list any grants, contracts, or payments originating from foreign governments which you have received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years that are related to the subject matter of the hearing:		
5. Please list any offices or elected positions you hold.		
6. Does the entity(ies) you represent, other than yourself, have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships you are not representing?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) which were received by the entity(ies) you represent during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years, which exceed 10 percent of entity(ies) revenues in the year received. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract. Attach a second page if necessary. <i>See attached document.</i>		
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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

American Public Human Services Association/Association of
Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

Grant # 90XA0150

This Cooperative Agreement between the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau, and the American Public Human Services Association for its affiliate, the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC), funds and set the terms and conditions governing the "Supporting Permanent Placement of Foster Care Children Through Electronic Records Exchange", funded under grant number 90XA0150 through a financial assistance award received by HHS from the Partnership Fund for Program Integrity Innovation (The Partnership Fund). Authorization for this funding is through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-117) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. 112-74).

This cooperative agreement is in effect for the project period of 17 months beginning September 30, 2013. Pursuant to P.L. 95-224, this cooperative agreement provides for the substantial involvement and collaboration of the Children's Bureau in activities related to the "Supporting Permanent Placement of Foster Care Children Through Electronic Records Exchange".

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to provide funding to implement a real-time, on-line data exchange for States to share records and other information to support permanent placements of foster care children in homes across state lines. The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC) has identified current paper-based processes as causing excessive delays. The pilot evaluation will measure timeliness of communication, expeditious exchange of case documentation and similar immediate outcomes as well as utilization and adherence to streamlined ICPC processes. Additional questions, such as those related to the permanency of child placements and the associated savings, may be addressed if it is feasible to do so within the project period. Results, which will be included in a final public report, will inform further adoption of the system across states.

The initial pilot will include at least 5 states and ultimately, beyond the pilot period, the system will be used by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands (ICPC Compact Members). The system will serve and benefit children, families, the public, private and tribal child welfare agencies nationwide and other multidisciplinary groups that work in support of and throughout the child placement continuum.

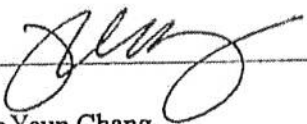
Responsibilities of the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and its affiliate, the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC)

1. APHSA/AAICPC will complete all activities and tasks in accordance with the workplan described in the APHSA/AAICPC proposal.
2. Within 30 days of receiving the financial assistance, APHSA/AAICPC will meet with the Children's Bureau for consultation regarding the plans for carrying out all components of this project.
3. Within 45 days of receiving the financial assistance award, APHSA/AAICPC will submit to the Children's Bureau for review and approval any clarifications or revisions to the workplan, if necessary, to address comments raised by the Children's Bureau during the application review process or initial briefing.
4. Any subsequent revisions to the workplan, if necessary, will be submitted to the Children's Bureau for review and approval.
5. APHSA/AAICPC will vet all resumes for key positions on the project with the Children's Bureau.
6. APHSA/AAICPC will collaborate with the Children's Bureau by participating, at least quarterly, in consultations, meetings, briefings, teleconferences, and other forums to review current and planned activities, to share information, and to promote national coordination.
7. Insofar as possible, the APHSA/AAICPC will keep the Children's Bureau informed of activities in which APHSA/AAICPC or key collaborating agencies in this project may be involved outside of this cooperative agreement which may have a bearing on this project. (Judgment may be exercised in protecting proprietary interests or pending proposals)
8. APHSA/AAICPC will review selection process and proposed sites for inclusion in the implementation of this project with the Children's Bureau for prior approval.
9. APHSA/AAICPC must submit all draft RFPs or contracts related to this project to the Children's Bureau for review and approval prior to issuance.
10. APHSA/AAICPC will provide to the Children's Bureau for review and approval drafts of all updated or new materials that are developed or printed with resources made available under this cooperative agreement. Dissemination plans for such materials must also have prior approval. APHSA/AAICPC will finalize, print, and disseminate these materials following review and approval by the Children's Bureau.
11. APHSA/AAICPC will provide written six-month reports and financial status reports to the Office of Grants Management, Administration for Children and Families, with a copy to the Children's Bureau via GrantSolutions.

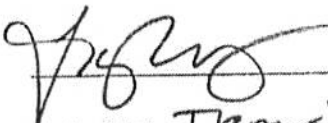
12. APHSA/AAICPC will include proper disclaimer language (to be provided) on all products or materials produced, developed and disseminate with resources made available under this cooperative agreement.
13. APHSA/AAICPC will submit a final plan for sustainability of the pilot to be approved by the Children's Bureau by February 28, 2015.

Responsibilities of the Children's Bureau

1. The Children's Bureau will provide consultation and will review and approve the workplan for the project any revisions made to the workplan during the budget/project period.
2. The Children's Bureau will organize periodic consultations, meetings, briefing, teleconference, and other forums, as necessary, with APHSA to review current and planned activities, to share information, and to promote national coordination. The first of these meetings will occur within thirty days of the financial assistance awards so that APHSA can collaborate with the Children's Bureau on the plans for carrying out all components of this project.
3. The Children's Bureau will review and approve drafts of all updated or new materials that are developed or printed with resources made available under this cooperative agreement.
4. The Children's Bureau will review all resumes for key position on the project.
5. The Children's Bureau will keep APHSA informed about expectations for performance, current Bureau policy, and the Bureau's vision for child and family services.



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