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John Robitscher, MPH  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
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Decatur, Ga. 30030

Dear Mr. Robitscher:

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is pleased to support the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) application for funding for PPHF2018-National Organization for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion-financed in part by 2018 Prevention and Public Health Funds CDC-RFA-DP18-1814.

NACDD has been a national leader for over 30 years in providing practice-based learning and leadership development programming to State Chronic Disease Directors, State Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Staff, and State Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs. NACDD has the organizational expertise to meet the emerging needs and issues facing states and provides needed and relevant training, mentoring and cross-cutting programming. Additionally, NACDD has direct influence and connection to the states' chronic disease and health promotion program areas and develops programming integrating NACDD's chronic disease competencies. NACDD uses new and advanced technologies, develops resources and incorporates various learning methods to specifically address states' needs.

ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing the public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, as well as the more than 100,000 public health professionals these agencies employ. ASHTO works closely with NACDD on projects and in advisory capacities. Our Chief Medical Officer, Dr Marcus Plescia was a previous president of the NACDD board and has remained closely engaged with NACDD. Our two organizations work closely on a variety of projects across the chronic disease spectrum. ASTHO consistently advocates for the important role of chronic disease directors in public health departments. We provide subject matter expertise and support on many of NACDDs projects. When necessary we help elevate issues to the State Health Official's attention and advocate for state policy and systems changes when appropriate. ASTHO provides training and leadership development to State Health Officials including an extensive training to new SHOs. We work with NACDD to assure that issues related to chronic disease prevention and control are well integrated into these trainings.

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ASTHO stands ready to assist in this effort by supporting NACDD in providing subject matter expertise and serving as a link to state health officials to help elevate policy and leadership issues.

If you need additional information please feel free to contact our Chief Medical Officer, Marcus Plescia at [MPlescia@astho.org](mailto:MPlescia@astho.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Fraser, PhD MS CAE FCPP  
Executive Director