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STABLE NH: NH’s Able Plan Celebrates Two Year Anniversary

Concord, NH — Two years ago, this holiday season, is the anniversary of a game changer, STABLE NH. Governor Chris Sununu, after the Executive Council voted to authorize it, opened access to opportunities for those with a disability, ensuring increased independence and financial security. STABLE NH is New Hampshire’s ABLE financial program for those with disabilities that so many advocates and stakeholders worked so hard to bring to fruition. The first official STABLE NH account was ceremonially opened mid-December, 2017.

As co-administrators, Executive Director Chuck Saia of the Governor’s Commission on Disability and State Treasurer Bill Dwyer charted a course of education and communication about the program that included the assistance of groups, advocates and stakeholders from Berlin to Portsmouth.

“With over 280 accounts and roughly $1.4M in assets, families with a loved one with a disability have successfully planned financially for the future in ways that were never before possible—without losing qualified benefits. It has been a privilege to have had a role in that,” said Saia.

Looking forward to 2020, the message bearing role will shift to a group of STABLE NH councilors, or “ambassadors”, with the effort supported by GCD’s Lorrie Ripley of the Client Assistance Program. It is anticipated that NH’s regional offices will be heavily involved in this effort. Stay tuned for future announcements of the logistics and framework.

“As interest in STABLE NH grew, it really was the person-to-person contact between those who enrolled in the program sharing their experience with others, that really got the ball rolling and made this such a trustworthy and viable financial tool to use,” said Saia.

To learn more about STABLE NH go to www.stablenh.com.

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