

September 14, 2004

Health Care Leadership Series to Study Rural Health Care Safety Net

Meeting scheduled for October 19, 2004 at Loon Mountain

Rural health care experts, consumers, public policy makers and public opinion leaders will assess the issues and actions that are being take to improve access, cost and quality of health care in rural areas of New Hampshire at the Fall forum of the Health Care Leadership Series, October 19, 2004 from 8am to 12noon at the Mountain Club at Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH.

Speakers will include Brian Ayars, director Primary Care and Rural Health Services New Hampshire Dept. of Health, Deanna Howard, director of Regional Development at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and a panel and audience discussion featuring Norrine William, executive director, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services; Shawn LaFrance, vice president Foundation for Healthy Communities regarding the New Hampshire Health Access Network and Milton Bratz, director of Administrative Operations, Littleton Coin Company.

The Health Care Leadership Series was originated in 2001 with the goal of engaging key stakeholders and the community around the issues of access, affordability and quality of health care with the goal of creating a 'safe zone' for discussing these important issues.

Co-sponsors of the Health Care Leadership Series include the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, Foundation for Healthy Communities, Local Government Center-HealthTrust (NH Municipal Association), New Hampshire Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, New Hampshire Hospital Association, New Hampshire Medical Society, and the University of New Hampshire-Department of Health Management and Policy.

For more information on the Health Care Leadership Series call 645-5856.