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Executive Director's Message

As we say goodbye to the respite of summer in New Hampshire and welcome our most brilliant season, there are several changes at the Foundation that we are sharing with you in this update. It has been our privilege to be the backbone entity for the New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration and the Health & Equity Partnership for many years. While these two programs have had numerous successes, the evolving environment for these programs has resulted in the changes outlined below. We are grateful to all the partners who collaborated with us through these programs and helped create lasting impact through our joint efforts.

As always, we appreciate the partnerships you have helped create and we look forward to the new opportunities of a changing season.



Peter Ames, MPH
Executive Director

Change is on the Horizon for the NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration



For the past 15 years, the NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC) has been a pivotal player in the movement to eliminate cancer, the leading cause of death in New Hampshire. The work of the NH CCC is carried out by organizations and individuals, nearly all of them volunteers, who selflessly dedicate their time and expertise to the cause. These champions have partnered to develop and implement three statewide NH Cancer Plans of which the current **2015-2020 Plan** is the latest. Hundreds of volunteers have joined committees, working groups, task forces, and implementation project teams to advance activities aimed at reducing the incidence of, suffering from, and mortality due to cancer in our state.

These collaborative efforts have produced numerous milestone accomplishments over the years. A small sampling of outcomes in which NH CCC partners have played a role include:

- Held its 13th consecutive Annual Meeting this year, NH CCC's signature event, which brings together cancer professionals, survivors and other stakeholders to learn, network, and share knowledge and resources to address cancer statewide.
- Partnered with the NH Colorectal Cancer Screening Program to achieve a 10% increase in screening rates for colorectal cancer.
- Conducted educational sessions to over 180 health care administrators and clinicians to

- share a toolkit designed to promote earlier access to palliative care.
- Partnered with the Office of Minority Health & Refugee Affairs to secure grant funds to assist in the development of screening educational materials in 7 languages.
- Published *Examining Preventive Cancer Screening Rates among Adults in NH* white paper describing an innovative approach to identify disparate populations.
- Supported efforts to create tobacco-free policies for recreation areas in 9 Monadnock Region communities.

Because it has demonstrated remarkable success as a collaboration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recognized the NH CCC as a model for other state Comprehensive Cancer Collaborations.

For more than a decade, the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) has been the primary funder for the NH CCC through its state Cancer Program. This year, the DPHS realigned Cancer Program priorities resulting in the elimination of funding for the NH CCC. This change has resulted in the loss of core administrative support for NH CCC, which has been provided by the Foundation for Healthy Communities since 2006. In light of these changes, the NH CCC Board concluded that, while the NH CCC has made enormous accomplishments over the years, it cannot be sustained in its current form.

The dedicated partners of the NH CCC have much to celebrate and be proud of as a result of its collaborative efforts over these many years. The NH CCC was initiated by cancer control and prevention stakeholders who understood that progress on eliminating cancer in NH would best be achieved through working together. While the NH CCC is coming to an end, its long-time partners are sure to find ways to continue collaborating on behalf of NH and its people.

We thank all of our partners for their time, support and commitment to reducing the burden of cancer in New Hampshire.

NH CCC Board of Directors



The Foundation for Healthy Communities Committed to Advancing Health Equity in New Hampshire

To better align its strategic priorities with its vision, the Foundation for Healthy Communities has repositioned its role in the work of the NH Health & Equity Partnership as a partner rather than the host agency. With the launch of its total population health initiative in 2017, the Foundation will be enhancing its efforts to advance health equity by establishing it as a core value of its other programs and initiatives.

Working towards health equity is a long-term endeavor that requires collective thinking, collaboration and leadership to effectively create and sustain improvement. The Foundation's

priorities remain improving access to health care, addressing the social determinants of health and raising awareness of healthy equity so that together, we identify and address health disparities in New Hampshire.

As a leader in convening diverse partners around the common goal of improving health, this new role as partner places the Foundation in a better position to engage our partners in our population health framework and our future endeavors to advance health equity for all.

We look forward to partnering with the NH Health & Equity Partnership and many others on those efforts and upcoming opportunities.

[Visit NH Health & Equity Partnership Online](#)

NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration Announces Funding Opportunity

As one of the last initiatives of the NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration, we're pleased to announce a funding opportunity designed to support evidence-based strategies or promising practices that directly link to the following [2015-2020 NH Cancer Plan](#) priority objectives:

1. Decrease the percentage of NH adults who report currently smoking cigarettes.
2. Increase the percentage of health care centers that report having a system in place to assist smokers with tobacco treatment. Focus on increasing NH Quitline referrals.
3. Increase the percentage of NH youth who complete the recommended HPV vaccination series.
4. Increase the percentage of people who receive colorectal screening, with an emphasis on disparate populations.
5. Increase availability and access to systems that provide relevant, evidence-based and / or recommended survivorship programs and services designed to improve quality of life.
6. Decrease consumption of sugary beverages in institutions (e.g., schools, hospitals).
7. Increase the percentage of households that report having had their private well water tested for arsenic within the past three years.
8. Increase private well testing for arsenic.

Proposals will be accepted from individuals and/or organizations that are committed to advancing the goals and strategies indicated in this FOA. A non-profit organization must commit to serve as the fiscal agent for the proposal. Each applicant is eligible for a \$5,000 stipend to advance the NH Cancer Plan priority objectives.

Please complete the application using the following link no later than September 29, 2018: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWKQ22G>

Click here for complete details on project timeline, eligibility requirements, proposal instructions and exclusions.

Nominations Being Accepted for the Noah Lord Patient & Family Engagement Award

The Foundation for Healthy Communities is pleased to announce it is now accepting nominations for the **2018 Noah Lord Patient & Family Engagement Award!**

The Noah Lord Patient & Family Engagement Award

recognizes the innovative work being done to better engage patients and families with Patient Family Advisors and Patient & Family Advisory Councils to improve patient safety, quality improvement and the patient experience in a New Hampshire hospital and / or health system. Designed to facilitate the sharing of success stories across the state, this award celebrates efforts to create change through improving communication between patients, families and the medical team.

To learn more about Noah Lord and the inspiration behind the award, its eligibility and criteria, or to download the 2018 Application, please [click here](#).



Click here to learn more about Noah and the award that carries on his legacy.



FHC Announces New Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Award

The Foundation for Healthy Communities' *Honoring Excellence in Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Award* honors a team of health care professionals within New Hampshire hospitals who demonstrate a continued commitment to providing quality care to their patients, lead the charge for quality improvement, promote transparency to improve health care, and achieve better outcomes through the implementation of a strong culture of safety. This award recognizes not only those who have achieved demonstrable positive outcomes in quality and patient safety, but those who are making significant improvements as well, and is intended to:

- Raise awareness of the need for an organization-wide commitment to highly reliable, exceptional quality, patient-centered care
- Reward successful efforts to develop and promote improvements in quality of care
- Inspire organizations to systematically integrate and align their quality improvement efforts throughout the organization
- Communicate successful programs and strategies to health care and public audiences
- Facilitate New Hampshire hospitals' alignment of quality initiatives with national initiatives

Interested in nominating your hospital for the Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Award? Nominations are due Friday, September 28 - [click here to learn more!](#)

Upcoming Events



Leading the Way to a Healthier New Hampshire

ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 21-23, 2018



We're looking forward to hosting our Annual Meeting at the OMNI Mount Washington Hotel
Sunday, October 21 - Tuesday, October 23rd!!

Visit us [online](#) for more details on registration, hotel reservations, sessions and speakers.

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