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## **Message from the Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

During my first six months in the position of Executive Director, I have been continually impressed by the power of partnership that lives at the Foundation and with our many collaborators. So much of our impact in health and health care comes from not only knowing what to do, but in learning how to work with those who can facilitate change.

I've enjoyed listening to the stories of impact from many of our partners and friends, and look forward to finding ways in which the Foundation can play a vital role in supporting organizations, professionals, and groups in achieving their goals. The Foundation provides a critical platform in New Hampshire to create the space for thoughtful discussion, learning, and strategic action to make a difference. I have a deep appreciation for the interdependence of all of us seeking to create change, and I thank you for your partnership and commitment to improving the lives of people in New Hampshire.

Peter Ames  
Executive Director  
Foundation for Healthy Communities



## **Foundation Releases 2016 Statewide Community Benefits Report**

In conjunction with the state's 24 acute care hospitals, the Foundation for Healthy Communities has released its Statewide Community Benefits Report: An Overview of 2016 Hospital Activities.

Community benefits programs are designed to provide increased access to care and address population health inequalities for vulnerable patients. The statewide community benefits report is published annually by the Foundation and its affiliated organization, the New Hampshire Hospital Association, to

*CMS Emergency  
Preparedness  
Requirements Rule*

*8:00am - 4:30pm  
DHHS Auditorium  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord*

**[Register Here](#)**

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**NHCCC Annual  
Meeting**

**April 4, 2018**

*Cancer Control &  
Prevention:  
Integrating Clinical  
& Public Health  
Efforts*

*8:00am - 4:00pm  
Grappone  
Conference Center*

**[Register Here](#)**

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**POLST  
Facilitator  
Education**

**April 16, 2018**

*8:30am - 4:00pm  
Foundation for  
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demonstrate the impact of New Hampshire hospitals and health systems beyond the traditional hospital care setting. The 2016 report represents the latest data collected from fiscal year 2015 from 24 New Hampshire hospitals as they reported to the IRS and NH Attorney General's Division of Charitable Trusts. This report is intended to quantify hospital contributions, such as unreimbursed costs, uncompensated care and other free, discounted and unique programs that are critical to the health of New Hampshire communities.

To read the full press release and to download the 2016 Statewide report, click [here](#).



**Foundation for Healthy Communities  
Announces New Board Members, Honors  
Outgoing**

The Foundation for Healthy Communities recently appointed two new members to its Board of Directors for 2018. New members Michael Decelle, who serves as the Dean of the University of New Hampshire in Manchester and the Chief Workforce Officer for the Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute (ARMI), and Jeff Scionti, Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Medical Center were welcomed by their colleagues in January.

In addition, the membership also elected new officers for the Board of Directors: George Blike, MD, Chief Value & Quality at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, was announced as the new

8:30am - 4:00pm  
Foundation for  
Healthy Communities

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## Partnership for Patients

May 23, 2018

NH Antimicrobial  
Symposium

8:00am - 5:00pm  
Grappone  
Conference Center

[Register Here](#)

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## Diversity & Cultural Competence Train the Trainer

April & June  
sessions

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Chairman of the Board, and Corin Dechirico, DO, Chief Quality Officer and Associate Vice President of Medical Affairs at Southern New Hampshire Health, as the new Vice Chair of the Board.

Blike replaces immediate past chair Mary DeVeau, former CEO of Concord Regional VNA, who served as Chair for two years, going above and beyond to help the Foundation through its transition of Executive Directors.

The Foundation's Board of Directors also honored outgoing board members Jeanne Ryer, Director of the NH Citizens Health Initiative, and Greg Walker, President & CEO of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, for their dedication and commitment to the Foundation's mission improving the health and well-being of New Hampshire's communities.

"Jeanne and Greg have each played significant roles in helping the Foundation achieve its mission of making our communities healthier," stated Peter Ames, the Foundation's Executive Director. "Greg was a founding member of our Board when it was established in 1999, and Jeanne has been serving since 2012. The commitment and leadership that they have demonstrated over the many years is a direct testament to our success as an organization, and we couldn't be more grateful," continued Ames.

## Nominations Being Accepted for the 2018 Clint Jones Nursing Award

*Award Highlights Excellence in Aspiring Nurse Leaders*

The Foundation for Healthy Communities is pleased to announce that nominations are being accepted for the 2018 Clint Jones Nursing Award. This annual award recognizes a registered nurse who exemplifies the practice of high quality nursing care and demonstrates an exceptional commitment to the nursing profession.

Selection criteria include a demonstration of excellence and enthusiasm in the delivery of patient care; communication with patients, their families and healthcare colleagues; commitment to nursing as a career; and inspiration to other nurses and healthcare professionals as a role model. In particular, the award is designed for an RN who has been in practice at least one year but no more than six years.



***The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 20, 2018.*** The 2018 recipient will be honored at his or her own hospital / health care facility during National Nurses Week, which is May 6-12, 2018.

Visit us [online](#) to learn more information about Clint Jones and the award that carries his legacy forward today and to download the 2018 Nomination Form. We look forward to celebrating the efforts, skills and compassion being delivered every day by nurses throughout the state!

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## Foundation, Partners Announce Closure of NH Med Bank Program

*Collaborative program designed to help residents gain access to necessary medications closes due to funding, lack of support*

The Foundation for Healthy Communities, along with its partners Catholic Medical Center and the Manchester Community Health Center, recently announced the closure of the NH Med Bank Program due to lack of sustainable funding and medication donations.

Launched to enhance access to necessary medications by collecting unused, unexpired medications from pharmaceutical companies and healthcare facilities in NH and dispensing them to residents unable to afford their medications, the NH Med Bank began as a joint pilot project in 2012 of SeaCare Health Services and the Foundation for Healthy Communities (FHC) under a grant funded by the Endowment for Health. In December 2015, the NH Med Bank became a joint collaboration of three organizations where it was owned by Manchester Community Health Center with facility space provided by Catholic Medical Center and program management support from the Foundation for Healthy Communities.

Although the NH Med Bank was a visionary program at its inception, the environment has shifted significantly since the original concept of the program. As a result of its main medication donor, Omnicare, being purchased by CVS who chose not to continue participating in the program, NH Med Bank faced an insurmountable challenge of procuring donations due to the loss of its medication supply in mid-2017.

After efforts to replenish medication donations and secure long-term sustainability were unsuccessful, the partners made the unfortunate decision to close the program in February. The official statement announcing the closure can be found [here](#).

## NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration Awards Funding for Multiple HPV Vaccination Projects

The New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC) has awarded \$12,000 in funding to support projects targeted to increase HPV vaccination rates in New Hampshire. On average, 130 people in NH are diagnosed with cancer every year that is likely

caused by HPV infection. Despite the availability of no-cost HPV vaccine less than half of children in NH complete the HPV vaccine series.

The NH HPV Stakeholders Working Group received funding for a pilot project to increase the rate of HPV immunization rates, focusing on dental practices. NH CCC member organizations participate in the stakeholders group, along with numerous other organizations. Matched funding of \$21,000 will be contributed from the HPV Stakeholders Group. The project, titled: Engaging Partners to Increase HPV Vaccination, will encourage dental providers, the most frequently visited healthcare providers, to give a strong, on-time recommendation for the HPV vaccine to patients and parents.

The pilot project will be concentrated in Nashua in collaboration with the Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services. In addition, HPV vaccination educational materials will be distributed to OB/GYNs in Nashua and throughout the state. Another important part of the project is to address knowledge and misconceptions about HPV vaccination among parents.

The NH CCC also awarded funding to two NH health care providers for projects to improve adolescent HPV immunization rates. Core Physicians in Exeter and Littleton Regional Health Care will use the funds to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce missed opportunities for HPV vaccinations. These include provider prompts, standing orders for HPV vaccine and reminder-recall systems.

The HPV vaccination projects will directly support the NH CCC efforts to advance the **2015-2020 NH Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan** and its mission of reducing the burden of cancer, the leading cause of death in New Hampshire.



## NH Health & Equity Partnership Builds Capacity for Cultural Competence

The NH Health & Equity Partnership recently completed another round of training of trainers for the Diversity and Cultural Competence workshop, graduating 9 individuals from the 40-hour training program. The Diversity and Culture Competence Workshop is designed to provide education about culture and diversity in the workplace, as well as the tools and resources necessary for the attendees to facilitate the Diversity & Cultural Competence workshop within their own work environments.





*Staff from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, Youth MOVE NH, and the Concord Family Health Center earned certificates of completion, joining the 50+ member Trainers' Circle of facilitators who have already gone through the program.*

If you are interested in learning more about this training please contact [Amy Parece-Grogan](#), DHHS, Office of Health Equity, Behavioral Health Cultural and Linguistic Competence Coordinator.