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Foundation for Healthy Communities

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Executive Director's Message

As New Hampshire continues to manage through the winter COVID 19 surge, we are looking for different ways to support our partners on the front lines of this pandemic.

A new program that was recently launched in the last few weeks is a project to bring temporary staffing or **strike teams** into long-term care facilities in the state. To help alleviate the capacity issues hospitals are facing, this grant will provide additional temporary staff to nursing facilities to create more bed capacity so that hospitals are able to discharge medically-cleared patients to a more appropriate setting. This also creates additional bed capacity within hospitals to better serve those patients waiting in the emergency department for an inpatient bed. The Foundation was well placed to be a nimble partner for this project, and we are grateful to our colleagues at the state and the long-term care facilities for their partnership in helping to increase statewide bed availability.

We know everyone is doing their part to navigate the current surge, and we thank everyone for their efforts and commitment to keep New Hampshire healthy.

Yours in health,

Peter



Peter Ames, MPH
Executive Director

Foundation for Healthy Communities Receives Grant for Alcohol Misuse Awareness Professional Campaign

The Governor and Executive Council recently awarded a grant to the Foundation for Healthy Communities to lead a professional campaign to raise awareness of alcohol misuse and its treatment within New Hampshire hospitals.

“Alcohol misuse has always been a significant public health concern,” said Executive Director Peter Ames. “That has never been more apparent than over these last two years of the pandemic as alcohol sales have risen sharply.”

Foundation staff will use the funding, as well as existing resources, to create messaging and a toolkit for hospitals. The grant is an extension of the Foundation’s substance use disorder treatment efforts, which have expanded this year to include all parts of hospital systems that provide patient care and encompasses all substances, including alcohol and stimulants.

The Foundation plans a formal kick off event, a webinar, and other activities as part of its rollout of the professional campaign. For more information on the Foundation's Alcohol Misuse Awareness Campaign please contact Dan Andrus, Director, Substance Use Disorder Treatment Project, at (603) 415-4272 or via email at dandrus@healthynh.org.

Executive Director Peter Ames Appointed to the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation Board of Directors

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The Foundation for Healthy Communities' Executive Director Peter Ames was recently welcomed as a new member of the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation (NHCHF) Board of Directors, an influential group of policy makers, health experts and advocates for children.

The New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation was formed as the result of the merger between Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Hampshire and Matthew Thornton Health Plan. The Foundation, incorporated in October of 1997 (and originally known as the Healthy New Hampshire Foundation and then HNH Foundation), is organized and operates exclusively for charitable purposes. Believing that vulnerable children should have the opportunity to thrive and grow to their full potential, NHCHF seeks to improve the health and wellness of New Hampshire's population, with a focus on its most vulnerable children.

In its latest grant round, NHCHF committed \$1,511,589 in grant funding to 12 nonprofit organizations. Projects funded included efforts to improve children's oral health, reduce food insecurity, address childhood trauma and increase opportunities for healthy eating or active living. For more information on the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation, visit them online at nhchildrenshealthfoundation.org.

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