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Foundation for Healthy Communities

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Executive Director's Message

As New Hampshire continues to manage through the COVID-19 pandemic, we are looking for different ways to support our partners who have been on the front lines since March 2020.

To help alleviate the capacity issues that hospitals are facing, the Foundation recently partnered with the State to launch a program that brought **strike teams** to hospitals. This grant provided additional temporary staff to nursing facilities to create more bed capacity so that hospitals were able to discharge medically-cleared patients to a more appropriate setting. This also created 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 collaboration 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 Announces New Officers, Members of the Board of Trustees

The Foundation for Healthy Communities recently welcomed new members and officers to its Board of Trustees during their January 2022 meeting. The new members will join their colleagues in supporting the mission of the Foundation in improving collaborations between health care systems and community partners that drive better and more equitable health for all in New Hampshire.

New members joining the Board of Trustees are Cherie Homes, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Cheshire Medical Center; Eileen Liponis, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Food Bank; Lisa Madden, President & CEO of Riverbend Community Mental Health Center; Tom Manion, President & CEO of New London Hospital; Holly McCormack, RN, Chief Executive of Cottage Hospital; and John Skevington, Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Medical Center.

In addition, Susan Mooney, MD, President & CEO of Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital was elected to serve as the incoming Chair of the Board and Lauren Collins-Cline, Director,

Nominations Now Being Accepted for the 2022 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 2022 *Clint Jones Nursing Award*. This annual award recognizes a registered nurse practicing in New Hampshire who exemplifies the practice of compassionate, quality nursing care and demonstrates a commitment excellence in the nursing profession.

The Clint Jones Nursing Award was developed in honor of Clint Jones, who worked with extraordinary enthusiasm and commitment at the Foundation and several other New Hampshire organizations, to encourage people to pursue a nursing career in hospitals, schools, long-term care facilities and community practices.

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 29, 2022. The 2022 recipient will be honored at their hospital / health care facility during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2022.

We look forward to celebrating the efforts, skills and compassion being delivered every day by nurses throughout the state!

[Download the 2022 Clint Jones Nursing Award Nomination Form](#)

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Granite State
Health Care Coalition

April 19, 2022
9:00am-3:30pm

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