

First meeting of the Granite State Health Care Coalition General Membership
Concord, NH
October 29, 2019

Executive Summary

The goal of the Granite State Health Care Coalition is to provide a foundation for health care readiness across the continuum of care in New Hampshire. The Coalition is eager to offer opportunities for providers, health care facilities, and community stakeholders to plan, prepare, and respond to catastrophic events. The success of a coalition lies fundamentally with the collaboration and participation of its members.

The first GSHCC General Meeting provided representatives from hospitals, long-term care, dialysis, public health, community health centers, home health care, mental and behavioral health, emergency medical services, emergency management, and state and federal government agencies with the opportunity to continue the important discussions of healthcare readiness in New Hampshire.

Presentations from GSHCC Leadership Team members highlighted accomplishments and progress that together members have made to improve health care readiness statewide. Over the last year, members of the Leadership Team, NH DHHS, and subject matter experts created a disaster transportation decision aid, participated in the transition to a new statewide Health Information Management System, provided diverse training opportunities to more than 1,261 participants across the health care continuum, and contributed to the development of the Statewide Training and Education Program (STEP).

Facilitated discussions across health care sectors importantly illuminated the need for continued engagement and collaboration with entities across health care, emergency services, public health, and emergency management. Each sector identified greatest needs, opportunities for further engagement, and how the GSHCC may be able to assist organizations by addressing gaps in health care planning and response. Based on discussions, the greatest needs across organizations and the top areas for collaboration through the Coalition include:

1. Building connections and partnerships with other organizations to enhance planning efforts,
2. Providing technical assistance in plan and policy development and maintenance,
3. Delivering diverse training opportunities to support health care preparedness, and
4. Obtaining exercise resources and support.

The feedback from GSHCC members validates the strategic direction of the Coalition and the need for continued collaboration to enhance statewide health care system preparedness throughout all phases of the emergency preparedness cycle. The GSHCC will continue to build and sustain its membership and will work to build partnerships, provide the training, technical assistance, and planning leadership to members.

Over the coming months, the GSHCC will be soliciting Letters of Support from members of the Coalition to materialize the true value of membership. A Letter of Support provides not only a firm commitment to collaborate with the Coalition membership, but it also demonstrates the value of the GSHCC to health care readiness in New Hampshire.

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Letter of Support & Membership Benefits