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Foundation for Healthy Communities

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Executive Director's Message

As the work at the Foundation evolves, we've taken time to review some of our core elements, including the Vision and Values of the organization.

Seeing a clear path of where we are going, and knowing how we want to be along the way, provides an important foundation for the work we do every day. Our new **Vision Statement and Values** of Collaboration, Community, and Compassion help illuminate our approach to the work and the manner in which we operate with our partners and one another. In the time ahead, we will live out these aspirational objectives in our daily efforts as we strive to help create a healthier New Hampshire for all.

Yours in Health,

Peter



Peter Ames, MPH
Executive Director

Foundation for Healthy Communities Accepting Nominations for the 2023 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 2023 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.

You can download the nomination form [here](#). The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 14, 2023.

Following the selection of the winner, the person who submitted the nomination will be contacted regarding the Committee's decision. The Foundation will work with the recipient's nominator to schedule a celebration at their hospital during National Hospital Week May 6th – May 12th and in addition, the recipient will be recognized at the NHHA & FHC Annual Meeting, October 15 – 17, 2023.

For more information email info@healthynh.org. We look forward to celebrating the efforts, skills and compassion being delivered every day by nurses throughout the state!

[Download the 2023 Nomination Form](#)

Foundation for Healthy Communities Hosting Bring Your Heart to Work Conference

Strategies to Improve Care for Patients with Substance Use Disorder in Acute Care Hospitals

The Foundation for Healthy Communities and Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts are partnering to host a conference for folks interested in improving care for patients with substance use disorder in acute care hospitals. The conference will take place on April 28, 2023 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

The day's theme is **Bring Your Heart to Work** and will invite participants to learn, reflect, and share experiences, best practices, and new ways to integrate open hearted compassion into their health care practice. Participants will hear a mix of presentations and engage in a handful of human centered design activities designed to help them leave inspired and confident to drive improved care for patients with substance use disorder.

Learning Objectives: As a result of participating in this learning activity, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Engage in reflection, empathy, and open heartedness to explore care delivery for patients with SUD;
- Collaborate in generative insight sharing and co-design to identify current and future practices that might improve patient experiences and outcomes; and
- Develop through shared ideation, guiding principles and next steps.

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

Foundation Staff Completes Suicide Prevention / Intervention Training

Program increases the capacity of professionals and communities to prevent suicide across the lifespan

The Foundation for Healthy Communities' Director of the Behavioral Health Clinical Learning Collaborative, Nancy Fennell, completed the Connect Training in Suicide Prevention



Train the Trainer Mental Health and Gatekeeper, Level 1 program in October, 2022. The [Connect Suicide Prevention/Intervention Training](#) increases the capacity of professionals and communities to prevent suicide across the lifespan. Connect uses a public health approach and incorporates key elements of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. Connect's curriculum includes how to identify suicide warning signs and intervene with a person at risk. Building on that foundation, Connect focuses on the community as a whole and how to work across systems to build a safety net for people at risk. An optional second day optimizes the training by facilitating the development of a suicide prevention plan in the context of the community's resources and culture and can advance implementation of Zero Suicide efforts and evidence-based practices in suicide prevention.

In addition, the Behavioral Health Clinical Learning Collaborative created the [Suicide Screening & Intervention Toolkit for New Hampshire Emergency Departments](#) to outline recommendations for suicide screening in the EDs based on current evidence, experience, and input from Collaborative members and stakeholders. The Connect Program and Suicide Screening & Intervention Toolkit are available to hospitals across New Hampshire. Nancy will be available to co-lead the Connect Training in Suicide Prevention program in the late fall of 2023.

For more information and training logistics, contact Nancy directly at nfennell@healthynh.org or 603-415-4276.

Foundation for Healthy Communities Offering Health Insurance Assistance

The Foundation for Healthy Communities continues to work with hospitals around the state and offer free health insurance navigation services to New Hampshire residents who need to go through the Medicaid redetermination process in light of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ending on May 11th.

The Foundation was awarded with a grant from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to assist consumers navigating, shopping for, and enrolling in health insurance coverage for plan year 2023 through a Health Insurance Navigator. The Foundation's Navigator, Adrian Jasion, is available to individuals statewide to provide assistance to consumers in a number of different ways, including identifying the health insurance options available to them through the Marketplace free of charge.

If you or someone you know need health insurance, or if you know of someone going through the Medicaid redetermination process, call Adrian Jasion, FHC Health Insurance Navigator, at (603) 415-4256 or email her at ajasion@healthynh.org to find out what insurance options are available today.



If you or someone you know received a yellow letter from Medicaid, that means you need to go through the redetermination process - call us today and please feel free to share this with your partners and networks!

Granite State Health Care Coalition Provides Training to Long-Term Care, Skilled Nursing and Residential Care Facilities Across the State

Program Aims to Build Infrastructure, Resiliency & Enhance Infection Prevention Measures

The GSHCC, in collaboration with the NH DHHS Division of Public Health Services' (DPHS) Health Care Associated Infection Program (HAI), are hosting a series of regional workshops that provides information and Train the Trainer modules. These workshops are made possible under the CDC's **Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Team and Infrastructure Project**.

These activities are designed to build infrastructure, resiliency, and to increase infection prevention and control measures across Long-Term Care, Skilled Nursing, and Residential Care Facilities throughout the state. These workshops include two Train the Trainer modules: How to Fit Test Employees on N95 masks and how to use GloGerm beyond hand hygiene to improve staff knowledge, Quality Improvement, and Auditing of infection control programs.

Additional information provided during the workshops include:

- support for CDC's Project First Line;
- funding for infection control certifications, technology and communication resources;
- program support for recruiting licensed nursing assistants and personal care attendants; and
- mentor programs such as Infection Control Amplification in Nursing (ICAN).

The goal of these workshops are to gain visibility into all 280+ Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities within New Hampshire.

For more information, please contact the Granite State Health Care Coalition at gshcc@healthynh.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



How did we do this winter? Did COVID-19 show up the way we thought, or did NH come out stronger? Where are we now, and how do we move forward? Join this conversation with Doctors Chan and Talbot and Jessica Swain, System Director Infection Prevention at Dartmouth Health.

[Register](#)



Join us for the 2023 GSHCC Conference **Rediscovering Readiness: A Year in Transition**. The conference includes four plenary sessions with industry leaders designed to promote readiness across the healthcare continuum in New Hampshire. Attend in-person or virtually.

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