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Governor Maggie Hassan, left, got up close and personal with both young and old during the kick-off for Walk NH 2013, which was sponsored by Service Credit Union. More than 2,300 participants from 17 schools walked a total of 4,335 miles during the event. To find out more, visit the Walk NH link on the Foundation website.

CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE
September 22-24
NHHA/FHC Annual
Meeting
Omni Mt. Washington
Resort, Bretton Woods,
NH

November 13

Engaging Individuals and Communities to Advance Population Health Holiday Inn, Concord, NH 8:30 am - 3 pm

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This screen capture image of Shawn LaFrance was taken from a Hospitals & Health Networks video celebrating the Partnership for Patients' efforts in reducing preventable readmissions in New Hampshire hospitals.

NH Partnership for Patients Success Showcased by H&HN Network

The national spotlight was recently focused on New Hampshire when the flagship media outlet of the American Hospital Association created two videos highlighting the success of the Foundation for Healthy Communities' Partnership for Patients program.

One video from the Hospitals & Health Networks Media Group - viewable at this link - focused on efforts to reduce preventable readmissions in the state, while the second examined the extraordinary success at Exeter Hospital in eliminating early elective deliveries. That video is viewable at this link.

Twenty-two hospitals in New Hampshire are participating in the Foundation's Partnership for Patients effort, which is operating in conjunction with the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) and the American Hospital Association.



Those on hand for the presentation of the Clint Jones NH Nursing award, included, from left, Shawn LaFrance, executive director of the Foundation for Healthy Communities, award recipient Katie White, R.N., Leslie Jones, the widow of Clint Jones, and her son, Matt Jones.

Wentworth-Douglass R.N. Receives Clint Jones NH Nursing Award

Katie White, R.N., a pediatric nurse at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, is the 2013 recipient of the Clint M. Jones New Hampshire Nursing Award presented by the Foundation for Healthy Communities.

White, a University of New England graduate, received the eighth annual award during a special Nurses' Day program held last month at Wentworth-Douglass.

The Clint Jones Nursing Award was created in 2006 by the Foundation for Healthy Communities to honor the memory of the former director of the Foundation's N.H. Nursing Workforce Partnership.

The award recognizes a registered nurse practicing in New Hampshire for at least one year but not more than six years, who exemplifies quality nursing care and demonstrates a commitment to a career in nursing. To read more about the award, <u>click here...</u>



Students, teachers and administrators gathered with Terry Johnson to celebrate the presentation of the HEAL NH "Ed'ie" Award at Reeds Ferry School in Merrimack.

HEAL NH 'Ed'ie' Award Goes to Reeds Ferry School in Merrimack

Reeds Ferry School in Merrimack has been selected as the recipient of the 2013 Healthy Eating Active Living NH 'ED'ie Award.

As part of the HEAL 'Ed'ie Award,' Reeds Ferry School received \$500 to support its work promoting healthy eating and active living. The school was also recognized during the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Program - also known as the "ED'ies" - on June 8 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester

Reeds Ferry School, with an enrollment of 540 children in pre-school through 4th grade, was cited for demonstrating a healthy school environment that keeps students engaged throughout the day and helps them to become better learners, according to HEAL NH Director Terry Johnson.

To read more, click here...

NH Health & Equity Partnership Awarded Two-Year Funding Grant

The Foundation for Healthy Communities has been awarded a grant for two years of support for the New Hampshire Health & Equity Partnership (NH HE&P) from the Endowment for Health.

The NH HE&P is a unique public-private collaborative effort of philanthropic organizations, public health agencies, health care providers organizations, community based organizations and others concerned with health equity.

In the two years since the Partnership was formed, it has established itself as a valuable group in leveraging new resources - both funds and in-kind support - to many in New Hampshire. Advocates for equity appreciate the organizing efforts around key issues and the strong voice the Partnership has been able to achieve by speaking as one.

Others have sought the expertise of the Partnership to expand and improve the quality of their own initiatives through assistance in understanding and incorporating an equity frame. Funding from the Endowment for Health will support core operations of the NH H&EP as well as aiding in the implementation of a communications strategy in the first year of funding.

To learn more about NH H&EP, click here.

NH CCC Cites Recent Emerging Issues Brief on Lung Cancer Screening

The NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC) works closely with cancer researchers and clinicians from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center to produce Emerging Issues in Cancer briefs released by the NH CCC, including the most recent brief about Lung Cancer Screening.

The NH CCC was established in 2004 to address one of the leading causes of death in New Hampshire. The NH CCC developed the *New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan* to address the following priorities:

- Preventing cancer by creating environments that support a healthy lifestyle;
- Increasing early detection of cancer through recommended screenings;
- Improving the treatment of cancer and quality of life for people living with cancer; and
- Reporting on the latest cancer research.

For more information on the NH CCC and its initiatives, visit its new website at www.nhcancerplan.org

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