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NHHA/FHC Annual Meeting set for Sept. 7-9 at Mount Washington Hotel

Glenn D. Steele, Jr., MD, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Geisinger Health System, will deliver the keynote address when the NHHA holds its 80th annual meeting Sept. 7-9 at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods.

As the nation's largest rural health services organization serving 2.6 million residents throughout central and northeastern Pennsylvania, Geisinger and its influential CEO have repeatedly garnered national accolades for integration, quality and service.

Another highlight of the annual meeting will be a panel discussion on access to mental health care in New Hampshire, in response to a [recent report](#) issued by FHC Executive Director Shawn LaFrance.

"Connecting and integrating behavioral health care treatment among different health providers and other community support services is the goal of high quality, patient-centered care and a theme for the annual meeting," LaFrance said. "Panelists will describe efforts to address the challenges of providing behavioral health across the care continuum in the State."

[Click here](#) to view the still-evolving agenda for the meeting. To register for the annual meeting, use this link to [EventBrite](#).

Sept. 7-9
NHHA/FHC
Annual Meeting
Omni Mt. Washington
Resort, Bretton Woods,
NH

Oct. 16
HEAL NH Annual
Conference
Church Landing,
Meredith, NH
8:30 am-3:45 pm

Nov. 14
Navigating for
Health:
Insurance
Coverage and
Using Health
Services
Holiday Inn, Concord,
NH
8:30 am-Noon



Marketplace Assister Daniel Maradiaga is one of six assisters with the Foundation for Healthy Communities who are visiting hospitals and health clinics around the state to help people enroll in the insurance marketplace.

Foundation Marketplace Assisters Gear Up for Second Enrollment Period

The [Foundation's Marketplace Assister Program](#) (MPA) is gearing up for the 2015 Health Insurance Marketplace's next open enrollment period, which runs from November 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015.

Meanwhile, its six Marketplace Assisters continue to reach out to individuals still uninsured with information about enrollment opportunities through the Marketplace. They are also geared up to provide health literacy information to consumers who are "newly" covered by health insurance.

Along with other MPA Program staff and Navigators, Assisters are available weekly within [a growing number of area hospitals](#) and at special events such as Old Home Days, cultural fairs and Farmers Markets, where they are stationed at information tables with handouts, video loops and "in-person" assistance.

Individuals and families in a qualifying life event (i.e. marriage or divorce, moved from out of state, birth or adoption in the family) may be eligible for 2014 coverage in a [Special Enrollment Period](#). MPA will help eligible consumers to enroll through [healthcare.gov](#). They are also a source of information about coverage through [New Hampshire's Health Protection Plan](#).

Any hospital or health provider site that would like to arrange a regularly scheduled time for Marketplace in-person assistance and an information table at their site should contact Bernie Cameron, the Foundation's MPA Program Director at bcameron@healthynh.com

Foundation Partners with MHA on Harm Reduction, Process Improvement

The Foundation for Healthy Communities partnered with the Massachusetts Hospital Association to host a morning collaborative on adverse drug events and an afternoon session in the Improvement Leader Fellowship series on reducing harm across the board and techniques for spreading and sustaining process

improvements.

Steven Tremain MD, national faculty for the Partnership for Patients, focused on evidence-based practices to increase patient safety in the realm of anticoagulants, anti-diabetics and opioids. His presentation was supplemented by Weeks Medical Center Pharmacy Services Manager, John Eddy, who described the hospital's long-standing nurse driven, anticoagulation medication management program.

Rebecca Seinfeld, faculty from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, led the afternoon Fellowship program which included a presentation of the patient harm monitoring program in use at the Elliot Health System by Martha Leighton, Patient Safety Officer.

The program, held in Burlington Mass., was attended by 26 New Hampshire attendees representing 12 hospitals in the FHC Hospital Engagement Network.

HEAL NH Reaping Benefits of Organic Community Garden in Ashland



The crops - romaine lettuce included - are already coming in at the organic community garden in Ashland, where dozens of residents have taken advantage of the hillside gardening plots made available at no cost thanks to the Ashland HEAL Coalition. [Click here](#) to read more about the town's quest to become a healthier community.

HEAL 'ED'ie' Award Goes to Nashua's Amherst Street Elementary School

Amherst Street Elementary School in Nashua has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 Healthy Eating Active Living NH 'ED'ie Award.

As part of the HEAL 'ED'ie Award, Amherst Street Elementary School received \$500 to support its work promoting healthy eating and active living. The school will also be recognized during the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Program - also known as the "ED'ies" - on June 7 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester.

Amherst Street Elementary School, with an enrollment of 325 children in

kindergarten through 5th grade, was cited for demonstrating a school environment that prioritizes access to healthy foods and physical activity to help keep students engaged throughout the day and become better learners, according to HEAL NH Director Terry Johnson.

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Participants in the NH CCC's Policy, Systems and Environmental Change Workshop took part in roundtable discussions during the program.

NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration Hosts Policy Workshops

The NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration recently hosted two policy workshops, one in conjunction with Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Keene and the second with NH Voices for Health.

The first session was designed to demonstrate how policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change efforts are different from program level interventions, but can still have widespread impact on cancer prevention and control, according to program facilitator Dr. Yvonne Goldsberry. To view photos and materials from the program, [click here](#).

The second workshop addressed the many ways in which healthcare advocates can formulate policy priorities as well as the best ways in which to effectively frame a policy issue. To view photos, presentations and PowerPoints from presenters Lisa Kaplan Howe and Evelyn Aissa, [click here](#).

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