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[HEAL NH Fall
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Church Landing,
Meredith, NH
8:30 am-3:45 pm

Oct. 24
[Patient & Family
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Capitol Center For the
Arts
44 S Main Street
Concord, NH
8:30 am-3:30 pm

Scott Goodwin Named Innovator's Award Winner at FHC Annual Meeting

Scott Goodwin, vice president and chief quality officer of Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, was presented with the Foundation for Healthy Communities Innovator's Award at the FHC Annual Meeting

The award celebrates ingenuity, creativity and skill in improving health or health care access, delivery or quality. Recipients are honored for their leadership or for extraordinary individual achievement in advancing these goals.

"Scott has excelled in setting the highest standards in delivering quality health care at Catholic Medical Center and in partnership with others through the Foundation for Healthy Communities," said Foundation Executive Director Shawn LaFrance.

"He recently completed two years of service as chairman of the New Hampshire Health Care Quality Assurance Commission, where his influence helped better all the hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers in the state." LaFrance added.



Scott Goodwin



Presentation of the HEAL NH Award included, from left, NHA Board Chair Henry Lipman, New London Hospital Board Chair Anne Holmes, 'The Wellness Connection' Program Director Lauren Conkey, New London Hospital CEO Bruce King, Shawn LaFrance from the Foundation for Healthy Communities and NHA President Steve Ahnen.

Nov. 14
[Navigating for Health: Insurance Coverage and Using Health Services](#)

Holiday Inn, Concord, NH
8:30 am-Noon

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New London Hospital's 'Wellness Connection' wins HEAL NH Award

The New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA) recently honored "The Wellness Connection" at New London Hospital with its HEAL NH award for promoting healthy eating and active living.

"With the aid of an anonymous \$700,000 gift," said HEAL NH Director Terry Johnson, "the hospital formed a strategic planning committee comprised of 15 community leaders who worked honor the wishes of the donor, who asked for 'a plan for improving the health of the community' and the patients served by the hospital.

"The organization that emerged from the committees' deliberations - The Wellness Connection for a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region - will bring people together to create environments where they live, work and play that help make healthy choices the easy choice," Johnson added.

To learn more about "The Wellness Connection," [click here](#).

New Grants to Prevent Falls, Expand POLST in Communities

Every 15 seconds, an adult age 65 and older is treated in a New Hampshire hospital emergency room for a fall-related injury.

That startling statistic was the basis for a grant application prepared by the Foundation for Healthy Communities (FHC), which just received a two-year, \$220,000 falls prevention grant from the Administration on Aging (AoA), part of the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

The grant will be administered by the New Hampshire Community Falls Prevention Program under the auspices of the Foundation. To read more, [click here...](#)

Meanwhile, creating access to Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment will expand statewide with a new opportunity grant from the Endowment for Health.

The funding will support the Foundation's technical assistance to organizations in NH communities (such as medical practices, hospice, hospitals and nursing homes) to create a local system for patients to put their healthcare choices into medical orders that move with the person across the healthcare continuum. To learn more, contact [Patti Nichols](#), LICSW.

Foundation to host Patient & Family Engagement Workshop October 24

The Foundation for Healthy Communities has planned a state-wide workshop to be held Oct. 24 to bring NH hospitals together with members of their communities who are willing and well-motivated to serve as patient advisors.

It is our aim to ensure that the benefits from a health care culture that fully engages patients and families are realized across the state. Many hospitals have started down this path and this workshop will add to their momentum by:

- Demonstrating the power in each patient advisor's personal story and life experience;
- Sensitizing hospital leaders to the contributions already being made to

health care organizations by effective patient advisors and Patient & Family Advisory Councils;

- Sharing perspectives of national leaders in the development of a progressive culture of patient engagement and the role of the Patient & Family Advisory Council;
- Exposing all attendees to progress made by their peers across the state;
- Accelerating the readiness of patient advisors and their partners in hospitals.

Libby Hoy, Founder, Patient Family Centered Care Partners and other nationally recognized subject matter experts from Baystate Health and Baystate Medical Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock and resident expert Tanya Lord PhD, MPH will be our keynote speakers and facilitators. The agenda will offer ample time for interaction with faculty and with colleagues from around the State.

To register, [click here...](#)

'Navigating for Health' is Topic of Foundation's Fall Forum on Nov. 14

The Foundation for Healthy Communities' Fall Forum - "Navigating for Health: Insurance Coverage and Using Health Services" - will be held Nov. 14 in Concord.

This forum will serve as a dynamic learning opportunity for participants interested in understanding how we strive to improve health system performance and engage providers and the public in this effort.

What's on the agenda?

- David Radley, PhD, MPH "Aiming Higher" Scorecard on Health System (IHI/Commonwealth Fund)
- A panel of NH health leaders engaged to explore linkages between insurance coverage and use of health care services
- Speakers from the health insurance programs accessible in the next enrollment period starting on Nov. 15.
- Learn about the broad work areas that comprise the Foundation for Healthy Communities via displays.

The program is geared toward individuals interested in population health in NH communities and the people who live, work and play there; physicians, nurses, social workers and others involved in care coordination; individuals involved in helping people to enroll in health insurance through the Marketplace/Exchange or public programs such as the NH Health Protection Program; and current partners with Foundation for Healthy Communities Initiatives.

For more information, including a registration link, [click here...](#)

Lives of Immigrants in NH Portrayed in Foundation Photo Exhibit



The Foundation for Healthy Communities is hosting a photo exhibit by Concord photographer Becky Field, who is working to document the day-to-day lives of immigrants and refugees in New Hampshire. To learn more about the exhibit, which will run through November, [click here](#).

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