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Inside NHPHA

(A Monthly Column Written by NHPHA Leadership)

A New Legislative Session and NHPHA Is on the Move (written by Rebecca Sky, NHPHA President)



January marks the start of the legislative session at the NH Statehouse and NHPHA is on the move! For a professional organization with as broad a reach as ours, it is always a challenge to limit our legislative activity to where we can have the greatest impact. In December we defined three priority areas for action to give clarity to our vision for our legislative work this year. This January was the typical flurry for our policy committee of reviewing bill language and speaking to partners to decide which bills in the NH Statehouse would receive most of our attention during the session. The bills we attend to may shift as the session progresses, but for now we have two to three bills in each of the priority areas that we will seek your help to educate legislators on the public health impacts.

Equity & Health Outcomes - NHPHA will seek to address inequities in education, housing, pay, benefits, social inclusion, etc., that result in a substantial burden of avoidable illness. All people who live in New Hampshire should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthier. This session we will work to:

- pass the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program that will support low-income, hourly wage-earners who do not currently have access to such benefits,
- ensure Medicaid Expansion does not sunset or cover fewer lives, and
- remove work requirements that limit access to public assistance programs.



Lobbying and Advocacy: A Primer for New Hampshire Non-Profit Advocates



**Institute for Health
Policy and Practice**

Attn: Advocates - Opportunity Is Knocking

You don't want to miss this training where you will learn and have your questions answered about the limits and differences between Advocacy and Lobbying activities. Two subject experts - one from the national perspective and the other from the NH perspective will be on board.

Kerri McGowan Lowrey will be presenting information that will empower you to effectively advocate for your organization without breaking any laws. She will cover Federal Restrictions, IRS info, and more.

Jim Monahan will bring it home by focusing on NH advocacy opportunities; and the skill sets necessary to successfully advocate at the NH legislature for your agency.

There will be ample time for your questions at the end of the presentations.

When: February 15, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Snow Date: February 22.

Where: University of NH School of Law, 2 White Street, Concord, NH

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about advocacy and lobbying - novices to experienced - all are welcome

Cost: \$15 for NHPHA Members; \$30 for Non-members; \$15 for students.

Note: There are some scholarships available for students. Please contact info@nhpha.org to apply.

[Register here.](#) For more info contact info@nhpha.org



Membership Updates

Call out for leadership! The NHPHA Membership Committee is seeking a Co-Chair to fill the vacant seat on the committee. Please reach out to current Co-Chair Ashley Peters (Ashley.Peters@unh.edu) with questions and/or nominations.

NHPHA Member Appreciation Event. On Saturday, March 3rd @ 6PM, NHPHA will



take a trip to the Manchester Monarchs. We've received significantly discounted tickets through the Monarchs - \$12 for kids and \$16 for adults. [Reserve your tickets now.](#) Come hang out with your fellow #publichealthnerds and their families.

NHPHA Open House Recap. In December, NHPHA hosted their annual open house. It was a night of great public health conversation, networking and fun with NHPHA members and their families. We also had a special visit from Representative Rebecca McBeath from Rockingham (District 26). Thank you to everyone who was able to join us!



Membership Renewal Pins. The committee has purchased NHPHA pins as a way to say thank you to our members when they renew. We hope you will wear your pins with pride at NHPHA and other public health events. Pins can be picked up at NHPHA events, or to coordinate a pick up, please e-mail Ashley Peters (Ashley.Peters@unh.edu).

Snapshot of membership numbers: As of January 31, 2018, NHPHA has 134 individual members and 21 organizational members.

New and renewing members. We'd like to welcome our new members:

- Christine Paulik
- Corey Dowe
- Diane Sullivan

A special shout-out to our **renewing individual members: Shannon Casey, Michael Cohen, Jackie Aguilar, Theresa Calope and Marc Hiller.** We'd also like to welcome back **Breathe NH** as an organizational member.



How Can You Support Medicaid Expansion?

Guest post by Meghan Farrell, New Futures

The New Hampshire Health Protection Program, also known as Medicaid Expansion, is a unique, New Hampshire solution that leverages federal dollars to ensure that all Granite Staters have access to quality and affordable health care. Over 130,000 New Hampshire residents have accessed necessary care throughout the program's lifetime. Over 23,000 individuals have used their coverage to access substance use services, making the program our number one tool in fighting the Granite State's addiction epidemic.

Unfortunately, this critical program is set to sunset at the end of 2018. Currently, lawmakers are considering multiple proposals to reauthorize Medicaid Expansion, ensuring that tens of thousands of Granite Staters get the care they need to get healthy and get back to work.

It is crucial that our lawmakers understand the benefits of Medicaid Expansion to our economy, workforce, and communities.

How can you support Medicaid Expansion?

Help plan, or attend, an in-district meeting- An in-district meeting with your representatives is the perfect opportunity to explain to them the immense and unique impact that Medicaid Expansion has had on your own community. In-districts look different in each community, but overall allow lawmakers to hear from a wide variety of constituents, organizations, and businesses that they represent. [\(Read more here.\)](#)



A Message from a Rising Star - Hannah Leeman



I am honored to be able to share my experience in New Hampshire public health and my work with the NHPHA community. I am a CDC Public Health Associate working in New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, on issues of antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections. The CDC Public Health Associates Program (PHAP) is a two year fellowship/training program for early career public health professionals to gain frontline public health experience. Associates are assigned to public health agencies and nongovernmental organizations across the United States and US territories, and work alongside other professionals across a variety of public health settings. If you are interested in learning more about the program, you can find information at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/phap/index.html>. I am happy and honored to have been placed in New Hampshire and I have had the privilege for being here over a year.

My work at NH DPHS has been primarily focused on understanding and combatting antibiotic resistance. Antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing public health problems. When I first began my work in New Hampshire in the fall of 2016, the antimicrobial resistance program was just getting started, allowing me to be part of shaping and taking a leadership role in the program, an experience which has been incredibly fulfilling. [Read more here.](#)



Fight the Flu

Information courtesy of Ashley Conley, MS, CPH, CHEP, Catholic Medical Center.

[Read all of Ashley's Flu update here.](#)

Stay up to date on what is happening with influenza and don't just rely on the media reports. Check out the data by going to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services website <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/activity.htm> for a statewide perspective or go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm> for a regional or national perspective. The CDC also has an interactive dashboard you can manipulate to look at the data you are interested in. Check it out by going to <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/fluview/fluportaldashboard.html>. Stay healthy this influenza season!



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Calendar of Events

Save The Date

February 15, 2018 - Lobbying & Advocacy - A Primer for New Hampshire Non-Profit Advocates, University of NH School of Law, Concord, NH. For more information or to register [click here](#).

February 23, 2018 - Building a Strong Foundation for a Prosperous Economy, NH Fiscal Policy Institute, Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. For more information [click here](#).

March 3, 2018 - NHPHA Membership Appreciation Event, Monarchs Hockey

Game. See above for details.

March 7, 2018 - NHPHA Legislative Breakfast, Cafeteria, State House, Concord

March 21, 2018 - NH Immunization Program Annual Conference

April 11, 2018 - NHPHA Annual Meeting - stay tuned for more details

May 2, 2018 - NH Businesses for Social Responsibility, Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH

May 23, 2018 - New Hampshire Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. For more information [click here](#).

To have your upcoming event included in the next issue of the NHPHA e-Newsletter, email us!

Resources

Need to Renew Your NHPHA Membership?

To Renew Online: Go to <http://nhpha.org/login> (NOTE: If you've forgotten your login information, click on <http://nhpha.org/login/forgot-password1> or contact Beth at info@nhpha.org. Next, go to <http://nhpha.org/membership/join-nhpha> and choose the individual or organizational membership application. Next, update new information in your membership record, if applicable and follow the payment prompts. You will receive a confirmation and receipt of your renewal almost instantly.

To Renew by Mail: Go to <http://nhpha.org/membership>. Choose the individual or organizational membership application to print and fill out. Send the application and check (payable to NHPHA) and mail to NHPHA, 4 Park Street, Suite 403, Concord, NH 03301.

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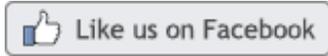
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