Legislative Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce

October 22, 2020 2:00-4:00pm – Zoom Conference

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Agenda

2:00 - 2:15 Read Emergency Order #12 Checklist and Take Roll Call Attendance

2:15 – 2:45 Safety-Net Primary Care Provider Update - Kristine E. Stoddard, NH Director of Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

2:45 - 3:20 Cheshire Residency Update – Cathy Morrow, MD, Chair of Community and Family Medicine, Geisel Medical School

3:20 – 3:55 Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Update – Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Director, NH AHEC, Paula Smith, Director Southern NH AHEC, April Mottram, Director, Northern NH AHEC

3:55 - 4:00 Updates & Adjourn

Next meeting: Thursday November 19, 2:00-4:00pm
State of New Hampshire
COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES

DATE: October 22, 2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00pm

LOCATION: Zoom Conferencing

Meeting Notes

TO: Members of the Commission and Guests

FROM: Danielle Weiss

MEETING DATE: October 22, 2020

Members of the Commission:
Rep. Polly Campion, NH House of Representatives
Mary Bidgood-Wilson, ARNP – Chair
Alisa Druzba, Administrator, Rural Health and Primary Care Section – Vice-Chair
Kim Mohan, Executive Director, NH Nurse Practitioner Association
Don Kolisch, MD, Geisel Medical School
Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Director, NH AHEC
Jeanne Ryer, NH Citizens Health Initiative
Mike Ferrara, Dean, UNH College of Health and Human Services
Bill Gunn, NH Mental Health Coalition
Tom Manion, CEO, New London Hospital
Tyler Brannen, Dept. of Insurance
Pamela Dinapoli, NH Nurses Association
Dianne Castrucci, NH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association
Laurie Harding, Upper Valley Community Nursing Project

Guests:
Leslie Melby, NH Medicaid
Paula Smith, SNH AHEC
April Mottram, Executive Director, NNH AHEC
Katherine Barta, Deputy Director, NH AHEC
Paula Minnehan, NH Hospital Association
Anne Marie Mercuri, QI Nurse, Maternal and Child Health Section
Marcy Doyle, UNH, Health Policy & Practices
Geoff Vercauteren, Director of Workforce Development, Catholic Medical Center
Catrina Watson, NH Medical Society
Peter Mason, Geisel School of Medicine, IDN region 1
Cathleen Morrow, MD, Geisel Medical School
Kristine Stoddard, Bi-State Primary Care
Ann Turner, Integrated Healthcare, CMC

Meeting Discussion:

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Refer to the attached presentation “NH AHEC Update.”

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*Thursday November 19, 2:00-4:00pm*
New Hampshire Area Health Education Center Network

Legislative Commission on Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020
Agenda

• Overview of the AHEC program
• NH AHEC Health Service Scholars
• Northern NH AHEC activities
• Southern NH AHEC activities
• NP Fellowship Updates
• Clinical Placements Project
• Questions?
Area Health Education Centers

- Congress passed legislation in 1971 to establish AHECs with a focus on: recruit, train and retain a health professions workforce committed to rural and underserved populations

- Academic/Community Partnership

- Relationships across the country through National AHEC Organization.
AHEC PROGRAM

With limited funding from Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA),
Bureau of Health Workforce
AHECs support:

• Education
• Clinical Care
• Workforce Development
• Community Health/Population Health
NH AHEC Mission

To develop innovative approaches that meet the health needs of diverse populations by enhancing the knowledge, skills, and capacity of the health care workforce and New Hampshire communities.
The New Hampshire Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Health Careers Institute at Dartmouth

Experience a fun-filled, educational week exploring career pathways in health and healthcare.
Core Topics

- Interprofessional Education
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Social Determinants of Health
- Cultural Competency
- Practice Transformation
- Substance Abuse Disorders
- COVID-19

Learn to identify and address disparities in access to health care in our country, and specifically in New Hampshire.
7.4 Adjusting to COVID-19: Conversation with Lamprey Health Care NP Fellows (video; 30 min)

This teleconference with Lamprey Health Care nurse practitioners focuses on the adjustments clinical staff have had to make to address the needs of patients and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic in southern New Hampshire.
A North Country Weekend Roadtrip
for the Rural Health Scholars

Focus Communities

THURSDAY:
- Leave from Dartmouth College
  Littleton, NH

FRIDAY:
- Leave from Burke, VT
  Littleton, NH
  Berlin, NH
  Return to St. Johnsbury, VT

SATURDAY:
- Leave from Burke, VT
  St. Johnsbury, VT
  Colebrook, NH
  Lancaster, NH
  Littleton, NH

SUNDAY:
- Leave from Burke, VT
  Woodsville, NH
  Crawford Notch, NH
- Return to Dartmouth College

Map Key
- Regional Public Health Network Border
- Thursday Route
- Friday Route
- Saturday Route
- Sunday Route
- Burke, VT
- Dartmouth College
A North Country Weekend Roadtrip for Rural Health Scholars

AGENDA

Day One THURSDAY:
Focus - North Country Collaborations
16:00 - North Country Health Consortium (A)
202 Cottage St Suite 300, Littleton, NH 03561
(Northern Area Health Education Center, Public Health, Prevention, Outreach to the weeknd & introduction to NCCHC and its programs)
18:00 - Schilling Beer Co. (B)
18 Mill St, Littleton, NH 03561
Dinner with NCCHC leadership and local pharmacist

Day Two FRIDAY:
Focus - Littleton Community
6:00 - Bedtime
40 Perkins St St Johnsbury, VT 05819
Free spin class (optional)
7:00 - St. Johnsbury College Center (C)
149 High St, Littleton, NH 03561
Introduction to Allied Health Program, including discussion with staff and students about the region’s health care system

9:00 - Integrated Health Care Clinic (D)
29 Maple Street, Littleton, NH 03561
A health care setting by Northern Human Services (NHS), the region’s sole Community Mental Health Center, and Americorps Community Health Services (ACHS), one of three Federally Qualified Health Centers in the region. NHS houses the clinic ACHS carries Primary Care Providers so that clients receive integrated physical and behavioral health services in one location.

10:00 - North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency (E)
300 Cottage Street, Littleton, NH 03561
Dine will discuss
• The critical role of home-based clinical care in rural communities
• The challenges of serving a geographically large but sparsely populated rural area
• The impact of North Country culture on service delivery and hospice enrollment
11:00 - Littleton Regional Hospital (F)
500 St Johnsbury St, Littleton, NH 03561
Scolars will learn about
• Critical Access Hospitals
• LRH’s Inpatient Center - a service many CAHs can no longer support
• The importance of local access to specialty services and partnerships with tertiary care facilities

12:00 - Lunch and transition travel. Scholars will have 30 minutes to eat lunch at LRH before driving to St Johnsbury (drive time ~ 45 minutes)

Focus - Berlin/Gloucester Community
14:00 - Androscoggin Valley Hospital (G)
56 Main St R R Berlin, NH 03570
AVH is one of three Critical Access Hospitals that, along with NCCHC, comprise the North Country Healthcare Affiliation. Visit will include:
• Discussion of the nature of and role played by MCH in assisting rural agencies
• The interplay between rural hospitals and their local primary care providers
• AVH’s role as one of the state’s designated Doorway sites under the State Opioid Response Office grant

15:00 - Depart for St Johnsbury Alumni Dinner (H) (drive time ~ 90 minutes)
Northern New Hampshire AHEC

Connecting students to careers
Northern New Hampshire AHEC

Connecting professionals to communities
Lamprey Health Care NP Fellowship

Foster Transition to Practice, Increase Confidence and Competence of new Nurse Practitioners.
SNHAHEC Activities

• Chronic Disease and Chronic Pain Self Management
• Equity Leaders Fellowship
• Continuing Education
• CHW & Interpretation Training
• DEI & Trainers’ Circle
• Seacoast Public Health Network
SNHAHEC Pipeline
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Clinical Placement Project

Background: Stakeholder group identified three priorities in relation to the Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) funding.

First priority: “Exploring what it will take to create a robust student placement/preceptor system in New Hampshire”

NH AHEC Network received a 1-year grant from the Endowment for Health to focus on this priority. Grant began June 1, 2020.
Clinical Placement Project

Overview: To assess more streamline placement system in New Hampshire focused on overcoming the following challenges:

- Clinical sites attempting to accommodate growing numbers of students.
- Academic institutions seeking to locate placement opportunities.
- Clinical sites fielding growing numbers of requests.

With a focus on building adequate healthcare workforce in New Hampshire.
Thank you!

• April Mottram, RPh  
  Director of Programs, North Country Health Consortium, Northern NH AHEC

• Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, MPH  
  Director, NH AHEC Program Office

• Katherine Semple Barta, JD  
  Deputy Director, NH AHEC Program Office

• Paula Smith, MBA  
  Director, Southern NH AHEC