

**Team Up, Take Action:  
A Conference on Partnering for Health Equity  
AGENDA**

8:00	Registration
9:00	Welcome <b>Sally Kerschner, RN, MSN</b> , President Vermont Public Health Association <b>Joan H. Ascheim, MSN</b> , Interim Executive Director, New Hampshire Public Health Association <b>Sally Kraft, MD</b> , Vice President Population Health, Dartmouth-Hitchcock
9:15	Keynote Speaker - <b>Kevin Barnett, DrPH, MCP</b> Senior Investigator at the Public Health Institute - Presentation: <i>Transformation, Transparency, and the Imperative for Alignment</i> <i>This presentation is supported by the Hitchcock Foundation Schumann Lecture Fund</i>
10:15	Break
10:30	Morning Breakout Sessions
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Discussion Hot Topics
12:00	Special session for academic partners, state and local health agencies and public health training center partners. <b>Katie Sellers, DrPH, CPH</b> , Vice President for Impact at the de Beaumont Foundation - <i>Assuring a Strong Public Health Future Workforce: Emerging Needs, Skills and Best Practices</i>
1:45	Break
2:00	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
3:30	Closing Remarks <b>Sally Kraft, MD</b>
3:45	Networking Reception
4:30	Schumann Lecture - <b>Megan Sandel, MD MPH</b> , Presentation: <i>A Stable, Affordable Home is a Prescription for Good Health.</i>

**Breakout Session Descriptions Follow**

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## Conference Breakout Sessions

## **Shires Housing/SASH: Support and Services at Home**

Presenters: **Becky Stockhouse Arbella**, Implementation Manager Deerfield - Bennington County, SASH Coordinator Deerfield - Bennington; **Stephanie Lane**, Executive Director, Shires Housing

Shires Housing serves as a Designated Regional Housing Organization (DRHO) for the Support and Services at Home program. Presentation will focus on building and retaining partnerships among housing, health care, and social services such as SASH, resident services, community services, and municipalities. They will also discuss how working very closely with local hospitals and Primary Care Physicians in partnership can have an astounding effect on a participants' outcome. There will be discussion about engaging towns to support (SASH) by appropriating funds to assist seniors, those with disabilities and others that may be income sensitive and/or in need of services.

## **Sustainability for All: Community-Based Organizations Partnering to Advance Health Outcomes**

Presenters: **Laura Davie**, Director of Long-Term Care and Aging/Co-director Center on Aging and Community Living, Institute for Health Policy and Practice, University of New Hampshire; **Meghan Brady**, President, St. Joseph Community Services

The importance of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and the services they provide to members of the community (e.g., transportation, nutrition assistance, supports for successful living at home, caregiver supports) cannot be overstated. Although many people rely on these services to address their social determinants of health, there is limited emphasis on the inclusion of CBOs in the advancing business models that seek to shift healthcare service delivery from fee-for-service to other models of payment. There will be discussion about the work of the UNH Center on Aging and Community Living with the NH Business Acumen Initiative to demonstrate the need for community providers to engage with healthcare systems to support both the stability of community providers and to incorporate these services into the collective whole for healthcare systems to better the outcomes for the populations that they serve. This session will provide an overview of efforts of community-based aging service providers to develop their business savvy.

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## **Breakout Sessions (cont'd)**

### **Medication Assisted Treatment: Partnerships Critical to Success**

Presenters: **Jennifer Fels, MS, RN**, Director Bennington Blueprint, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, **Kristi Cross, DNP, RN**, Community Health Team Leader—Bennington, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center

The session will explore how in a small rural community, partnerships with human services and agencies are critical to the success of an individual's recovery from opiate substance use disorder. Examples will be provided on methods to garner partner engagement, resolution of barriers to partnerships, use of a dashboard to align goals across partners, and transparency to build trust. The session will highlight how the Accountable Community for Health (ACH) model provides structure and governance for community partners. A case study will be included.

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### **Community and Pediatric Care Collaborations**

Presenter: **Holly Gaspar, Med, CCLS, CTRS**, Community Health Partnership Coordinator, Community Health Improvement, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

In this session, attendees will gain knowledge and skill beginning with who/how to engage stakeholders, creating system collaborations, building change ideas through various quality improvement techniques, how to keep team members engaged, and move through system change in a sequential manner while unexpected obstacles such as delay in process and conflict arise. The presenter will use a current project that will be the backdrop for various examples used throughout, however audience members will also be asked to use case examples and current project ideas to develop skills and leave the session with individual developed ideas and understanding of tools used in quality improvement and community engagement.

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### **Communities of Practice: Fostering Cross-Sector Collaboration**

Presenters: **Rekha Sreedhara, MPH**, Community Health Institute/JSI Research and Training Institute, Center of Excellence, Assistant Director; **Katy Morgan, MPH, CPS**, Community Health Institute/JSI Research and Training Institute, Center of Excellence, Assistant Director

Communities of Practice (CoPs) are groups of people who share a common interest in a topic or activity and are created with the goal of gaining and sharing knowledge, resources and experiences related to the area of interest. Community Health Institute/NH Center for Excellence coordinates and facilitates several CoPs including related to medication assisted treatment, substance use disorder treatment, peer recovery support services, student assistance programs, and prevention strategies that address the young adult population.

## **Breakout Sessions (cont'd)**

(Session Five continued) Each CoP meets regularly in addition to providing the opportunity for participants to utilize other supports such as virtual discussion groups and technical assistance in an effort to promote and support knowledge sharing, collective learning, and problem solving. The presentation will describe the Community of Practice approach; discuss the benefits and opportunities of Communities of Practice; and describe the purpose, approach, key outcomes and lessons learned for each of the Communities of Practice facilitated by the NH Center for Excellence.

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## **Juvenile Court Diversion and You(th)**

Presenters: **Rachel Kohn, MSW, MPH**, Senior Evaluation Consultant, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. Community Health Institute; **Nicole Rodler**, Chairperson, NH Juvenile Court Diversion Network (NHJCDN)

Presenters will describe the collaborative approach used by New Hampshire's accredited juvenile court diversion programs to address the unmet mental health and substance misuse needs of youth. All referred youth receive universal screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment as needed. Diversion programs partner with law enforcement, courts, behavioral health providers, educators, and others to adhere to rigorous accreditation standards that hold youth accountable, get parents involved, engage community members and service providers, and repair harm to the community. Screening results and 1- and 3-year recidivism outcomes will demonstrate the effectiveness on the NH diversion model.

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## **Getting Started with SBIRT**

Presenter: **Lea Ayers LaFave, PhD, RN**, Senior Consultant at Community Health Institute/JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.

Substance misuse is a priority public health problem. Primary care providers have unique opportunities to talk with patients about their behavior and the dangers of alcohol or drug misuse, and to support prevention and early intervention before addiction occurs. However, primary care providers cannot and should not take on the issue of substance misuse alone. It is important to establish mechanisms for engaging behavioral health and community supports to address this complex issue, in a way that optimizes the skills of medical and behavioral health providers across the continuum of care. S•BI•RT – Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment – is a public health approach to systematic universal screening for problematic alcohol and drug use and the routine steps taken to address the screening results. S•BI•RT implementation in primary care requires a system change at the practice level, and the development of partnerships with the capacity to assume a higher level of service for patients identified in the primary care setting. This session will provide an overview of S•BI•RT and an abridged training to outline and practice brief intervention strategies for different patient populations.

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## **Breakout Sessions (cont'd)**

### **Prescribe for Health: Expanding Partnerships with Patients and the Community**

Presenters: **Shawn V. LaFrance, MS, MPH**, Vice President, Population Health and Health System Integration, Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock; **Tracy L Clark**, Population Health Worker with Prescribe for Health, The Center for Population Health, Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock, Keene, NH

The Prescribe for Health (P4H) program was launched in 2017 to expand Cheshire Medical Center's ability to assist its primary care patients with non-medical barriers to their recommended health care and partner with community organizations in the process. This session will describe development of the P4H program model following 18 months of implementation. The P4H program is available to all patients based on a simple screening process. Our experience to date has identified income (e.g., poverty) as a consistent variable among patients served. We will discuss patient engagement, a systems approach within the program and data collection for program assessment in this session.

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### **Hello, I am a Millennial: Framing Young Adult Culture and Value Systems for Engagement and Collaboration**

Presenter: **Adelaide Murray**, Project Associate, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc

As a generation of millennial and Gen Z young adults exist on the cusp of surpassing Baby Boomers as the nation's largest living adult generation, the need for an understanding of culture and value systems becomes increasingly critical. There is a need to refine initiatives, approaches, and traditional schools of thought in the context of an emerging generation. This training aims to reframe perceptions of millennials and Gen Z, understand the cultural context in which they came of age, and discuss engagement strategies for this age group. Through discussion-based and lecture modalities presented by a millennial, this training provides participants with a better understanding of this expanding, often misunderstood age group, that has the potential to become a very powerful and influential partner.

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### **Putting the Health in Healthcare Reform**

Presenters: **Marissa Parisi, MS**, Executive Director, RiseVT, OneCare Vermont; **Erin Creley, MBA, CPHQ**, Quality Improvement Specialist, OneCare Vermont

OneCare Vermont is a statewide Accountable Care Organization (ACO) facilitating new strategies to address the rising costs of healthcare while ensuring high quality health and care for Vermonters. OneCare is working through RiseVT, a new statewide, primary prevention initiative focusing on the health of the broader community where people live, work, play, and learn. Together, OneCare and RiseVT promote local alignment and integration of public and private partners and the formation of new community partnerships to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the population. During this session presenters will share more about RiseVT's innovative approach and how it fits into the broader strategies of the ACO.

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## **Breakout Sessions (cont'd)**

### **Addressing Childhood Adversity and Social Determinants in Pediatric Primary Care**

Presenters: **Holly Tutko, MS**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Institute for Health Policy and Practice

ACEs are traumatic exposures during childhood such as abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction that have been shown to impact both short- and long-term health and well-being. But ACEs are just one piece of a complex puzzle that constitute SDOH – Social Determinants of Health. This workshop will review recommendations of a recently released report “Addressing Childhood Adversity and Social Determinants in Pediatric Primary Care” which points to the need for strategic, sustainable, and collaborative efforts of public health, primary care, community based organizations, policymakers, and the general public to mitigating ACEs/negative SDOH and creating communities where all families can thrive.

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### **Scaffolding Hope: Frameworks to Build and Hold Positive Social Change and Equity of Practice**

Presenters: **Kari White**, Director of Quality Initiatives/Compliance and Privacy Officer, Northern Counties Healthcare Inc.; **Chris Meehan, MBA**, Chief Community Impact Officer, Vermont Foodbank; **Meg Burmeister**, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

Participants will learn about NEK Prosper! Caledonia So. Essex Accountable Health Community, a network of community partners established in 2013 to ensure the vitality and well-being of the people in Caledonia and southern Essex Counties, Vermont. The presentation will discuss intersecting frameworks of Collective Impact, Adaptive Leadership, Trauma-Informed Systems, Accountable Health Community, Results-Based Accountability, and Leadership and Facilitation. Presenters will discuss how they have used these frameworks to address challenges, facilitate learning, identify markers for success, and develop tools that others can use in their cross-sector systems-level change efforts. Learning Objectives: (1) Understand the cohesion of systems-level frameworks, and (2) Translate understanding to opportunities in local context, (3) Plan for next step to test change in local context.

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## **Breakout Sessions (cont'd)**

### **Population Health through the Eyes of Health Care Leaders: Current Initiatives and Opportunities for Collective Action**

Presenter: **Beth Wheeler**, Foundation for Healthy Communities

Panel Members: **Betsey Rhynhart**, Director of Population Health, Concord Hospital;

**Susan Houghton**, Senior Director of Community and Population Health, Huggins Hospital;

**Shawn LaFrance**, VP of Population Health, Cheshire Medical Center

In this session, presenters will introduce a framework for total population health efforts in NH. They will discuss healthcare's involvement in population health, what it means, and how to best leverage hospital-community partnerships to create more powerful strategies for greater impact addressing the social determinants of health and working to advance health equity. A panel of NH hospital population health leaders will present how they are working to align their initiatives with those of community and public health partners to advance population health in NH. This will be followed by an active discussion period with the audience.

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### **Zero Suicide Principles and Practices – Promoting Access to Suicide Safe Care**

Presenter: **Joellen Tarallo, Ed.D., MCES, FASHA, HC**, Director of the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center (VTSPC), a program of the Center for Health and Learning, and a public-private partnership with Vermont Agency of Human Services.

The session will provide background on Zero Suicide as a commitment to evidence-based principles and practices for preventing suicide in health and mental health care systems. It will introduce the specific evidence-based tools and strategies available to practitioners that are being used nationally and in Vermont. Sensitive use of language, screening and suicide risk assessment, collaborative patient safety planning, counseling about lethal means, and follow-up through caring contacts will be introduced as part of a systematic approach to suicide care. An overview of the implementation of Zero Suicide across a continuum of care will be presented, including a focus on special populations, integration of suicidality assessment into practice and community partner organizations, and the vital role of community referral relationships in reducing deaths attributable to suicide. Promoting an organizational culture that breaks down the stigma associated with mental health disorders in order to encourage people to seek the help they need early on will be discussed, along with ensuring that once identified, there is a suicide safe pathway to care.

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## **Assuring a Strong Public Health Future Workforce: Emerging Needs, Skills and Best Practices**

Special session for academic partners, state and local health agencies and public health training center partners.

Presenter: **Katie Sellers, DrPH, CPH**, is the Vice President for Impact at the de Beaumont Foundation

During this session, Dr. Sellers will share the development and results of the national Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey conducted to determine the training needs of public health workers, demographics and familiarity with emerging concepts. She will focus on specific areas of need for northern New England. She will highlight the findings of the report Building Skills for a More Strategic Health Workforce: A Call to Action, which offers guidance on strategic, system-wide approaches to public health workforce development at the federal, state, and local levels. She will share some best practices to address current workforce needs in our states. Participants will have the opportunity to highlight success and challenges experienced in developing the public health workforce.