



Coalition Steering Committee 2017

Helen Taft, MPA, Committee Chair

Executive Director, Seacoast Families First Health and Support Center

Community Dental Program Seat

Helen Taft is the Executive Director of Families First Seacoast Health and Support Center, a federally-qualified community health center with a full dental program that was integrated into the center in 2002 and a mobile dental van providing services to the homeless at shelters and other gathering points. Her program serves the greater seacoast area. Additionally, Families First has a school-based and pre-school/Head Start program where the dental hygienist provides oral health education, dental screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatment, and sealants. Ms. Taft is a strong advocate for accessible programs for oral and overall health. She currently serves as the Chair of the Oral Health Coalition Steering Committee, on the Board of Directors of CHAN (Community Health Access Network) and is the Treasurer of Bi-State Primary Care Association.

Stephanie Pagliuca, BA, Committee Secretary

Director, NH/VT Recruitment Center

Bi-State Primary Care Association

Stephanie Pagliuca is the director of Bi-State's non-profit Recruitment Center, the only organization conducting national marketing and outreach to recruit primary care clinicians for rural and underserved areas in NH and VT. For more than 20 years Ms. Pagliuca has written and managed federal, state and foundation grants focused on primary care workforce recruitment, oral health, and outreach and enrollment initiatives. In 2010, Ms. Pagliuca facilitated the development of the State of NH's Oral Health Workforce Strategic Plan. Most recently, she has managed a grant from the DentaQuest Foundation to Strengthen the Oral Health Safety Net and a federal grant that expanded oral health capacity in rural NH. In addition to being a member of both the NH and VT Oral Health Coalitions, Ms. Pagliuca participates in the development and implementation of public policy related to primary care workforce development and recruitment by serving on a number of statewide and regional commissions and work groups in both states that target these issues. Ms. Pagliuca was appointed to the National Advisory Council for the National Health Service Corps in 2014. She is a graduate of Leadership New Hampshire's class of 2010 and was named as the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association's Advocate of the Year in 2015.

Nancy Frank, MPH, NHOHC Treasurer

Executive Director,

North Country Health Consortium

Nancy Frank is the Executive Director of the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC), a rural health network that leads innovative collaborations to improve the health status of North Country residents. NCHC is home to the Northern New Hampshire Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and several other programs including the North Country ACO. NCHC program areas include workforce development, community health and wellness, substance misuse, emergency preparedness, community public health, quality improvement, and oral health. Molar Express, a mobile public health dental program provides oral health care services for underserved children and adults in Northern New Hampshire. Nancy is the president of the NE Rural Health RoundTable and the treasurer of the NH Oral Health Coalition.

Michael P. Auerbach, BA, MA
Executive Director
New Hampshire Dental Society

Mike Auerbach is a former Deputy Director of a major trade association in Massachusetts, and has spent 11 years working for and consulting to the federal and state governments. He is active state-wide in New Hampshire dental and oral health issues, including those in the public policy, non-profit and rural/underserved population arenas. Mr. Auerbach serves on a number of state, regional and national organizations, including the American Society of Constituent Dental Executives, the New Hampshire Commission on Primary Care, the New Hampshire Medicaid Advisory Commission and the American Dental Association, First District Caucus.

Suzanne Boulter, MD
NH Pediatric Society

Suzanne Boulter is an Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics and Community and family Medicine at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She has been a long time pediatric clinician and educator in central NH. She is a local and national leader in the move to integrate oral health and primary care, and received the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) 2010 Oral Health Service Award. Although Dr. Boulter has recently retired from clinical practice, she is an active member of the AAP Oral Health Executive Committee and has served as the chair of the Academy's Oral Health Initiative. Dr. Boulter is a charter member of the Coalition and serves as needed.

Elizabeth "B.J." Brown, RDH, CPHDH, MS
Adjunct Clinical Instructor
NHTI, Concord's Community College

B.J. Brown received her dental hygiene degree from Westbrook College in Portland Maine, her MS in Dental Public Health from Boston University's Goldman School of Dental Medicine and is a Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist. Her clinical experience includes 15 yrs. in private practice and over 25 years working in long term care settings. She received advanced training in geriatrics and nursing home dentistry at the Universities of Minnesota and Texas, San Antonio during her 10-year position at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VA Medical Center in Bedford MA. Ms. Brown currently provides dental hygiene services at 2 NH nursing homes and is an adjunct clinical instructor in the dental hygiene program at NHTI, Concord's Community College. Most recently, she received the Dental Hygienist of the Year Award by the NH Dental Association and was published in the Evidence-Based Dental Practice Annual Report on Dental Hygiene (Elsevier, June 2016).

Patrick Capozzi, DDS
NH Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Patrick Capozzi is a board certified pediatric dentist who provides direct patient care to children from across the state of NH. Active in both clinical practice and advocacy for pediatric dentistry, Dr. Capozzi is a member of multiple national, state, and local dental organizations. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He is the Vice President of the Concord Dental Society and a past president of the New Hampshire Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Capozzi is co-owner of Concord Pediatric Dentistry, New London Pediatric Dentistry, and Lincoln Pediatric Dentistry.

Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH
NH Dental Hygienists Association

Pam Delahanty is a graduate of Westbrook College and has been a practicing dental hygienist for 33 years. For the past 12 years Ms. Delahanty has worked with Monadnock Healthy Teeth to Toes, a school based dental hygiene program supported by Monadnock Community Hospital. Each year she provides dental health education to over 2000 children, in 12 elementary schools, 3 Middle schools, 1 High school, 2 Head Start programs and 3 Community Centers. She also conducts permission-based oral health screenings for all students. Additionally, Ms. Delahanty provides preventive services to students without access to dental care. Follow-up calls are made to parents along with referrals to dentists for radiographs, exams and restorative care. If transportation to and from the dentist is needed, that is provided as well. Throughout all community education services, she identifies students that are eligible for Medicaid insurance and refers them to the Social Services department at Monadnock Hospital, where parents are assisted with the application process and connected to other outreach services if applicable. In 2013, Ms. Delahanty was recognized as a Sunstar Award of Distinction recipient, which recognizes outstanding dental hygiene professionals across the country.

Sarah Finne, DMD, MPH
Office of Medicaid Business and Policy, NH Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Sarah Finne is the Dental Director for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Medicaid Business & Policy. She brings experience from both the public and private practice of dentistry including work in her own family dental office prior to transitioning to public health dentistry at the Children's Dental Network, a school-based program based in Derry, N.H. Through the Network, she provided direct care and public health supervision for over 15 years. Prior to accepting the Dental Director position, Dr. Finne was an Oral Health Consultant for the NH Dental Society. Dr. Finne holds a baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene, and a DMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Additionally, she holds a Master's in Public Health Administration from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Dr. Finne remains active professionally as a member of the board and secretary/treasurer of the Medicare-Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association, and as a member of the Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors, the NH Dental Society, and multiple national, state, and local dental organizations. She supports community oral health access through board membership with the NH Dental Society Foundation Board and the Greater Derry Oral Health Collaborative Corporation Board of Directors.

Sophia Japhet, BS, MPH Candidate
NH Public Health Association

Sophia Japhet works as an Environmental Health Specialist at the Manchester Health Department, overseeing food protection programs, water quality monitoring initiatives, and community education programs. Additionally, while finishing her Master's Degree in Public Health at the University of New Hampshire, she is the Treasurer of the New Hampshire Public Health Association and a member of the UNH Cooperative Extension Hillsborough County Advisory Council. She received her Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration from Arcadia University.

Sarah Kelsea, MPH

AARP – Member-at-large

Sarah Kelsea is Associate State Director for Outreach for AARP responsible for the development and implementation of strategies to effectively involve volunteers in AARP's work. A native of New Hampshire, Ms. Kelsea has an impressive community outreach background. She served as Program Director for the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits where she designed capacity-building programs supporting the work of nonprofits across the state. She also served as Director of Community Relations and Development at New Hampshire Healthy Kids. While working for the Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services, she led an initiative engaging community organization to identify and enroll the uninsured in health care programs. Ms. Kelsea holds a Bachelor in Sociology and Master in Public Health from University of New Hampshire.

Elizabeth Mitchell, APRN, MSN

New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association

Elizabeth Mitchell is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner currently practicing in the Department of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in Manchester. She received her Master of Science in Nursing from Boston College. Her clinical interests include patient education, and chronic disease management. Ms. Mitchell is a member of the New Hampshire Nurse practitioner association and the American Holistic Nursing Association.

Hope Saltmarsh, RDH, CPHDH, M.Ed.

NH Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health Services

Hope Saltmarsh is the Oral Health Program Director, Bureau of Community Health Services, NH Division of Public Health Services, NH DHHS. Previously, she was the Oral Health Program Coordinator. Prior to joining the Division of Public Health Services, Ms. Saltmarsh was the Executive Director and a clinician for the Children's Dental Network (CDN), the largest school-based oral health program in the state, which delivers comprehensive oral health services to students in pre-school– through middle school in 27 schools in Southern NH and at WIC and Head Start sites in Derry. She teaches two continuing dental education courses at NHTI; both courses are required for CPHDH licensing. She is a sought after public speaker on the topics of children's oral health, early childhood caries, oral health for pregnant women, and evidence-based dentistry. Ms. Saltmarsh is active with a number of state, and national organizations, including the Editorial Board of the Journal of Evidence-Based Practice for the Dental Hygienist, the NH Dental Society Foundation Board (2011-2013), the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA)/Evidence-Based Dentistry Committee (2010-2013) and the NH Oral Health Access Strategy Workgroup. She was the Chair of the NH Oral Health Coalition Policy Committee and now serves on the Steering Committee.

Randi Tillman, DMD, MBA
Dental Director
Northeast Delta Dental

Dr. Randi Tillman is a seasoned healthcare professional with more than 25 years of business experience in managed care, reimbursement and health economics. She has served in multiple leadership positions. She served as a board member of the Gies Foundation for the Advancement of Dentistry for seven years, and was also the Principal Investigator for a grant from the NIDR, during her tenure as an Associate Professor at the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery. In recent years, Dr. Tillman has served on the New York State Oral Health Plan Advisory Committee, the New York State Advisory Committee on Managed Care, on the Steering Committee for the NH Oral Health Plan, and as a member of the NH Oral Health Coalition. Her focus has evolved to the issues of reimbursement and the economics of oral health care. She has been at Northeast Delta Dental for over two years and is currently in the role of Dental Quality Officer. Through independent consulting opportunities, Dr. Tillman has become experienced in the comprehensive assessment of state dental Medicaid programs. She has worked in both Colorado and Washington State to assess Medicaid dental programs.

Mary Vallier-Kaplan, MHSA
Member-at-large

Mary Vallier-Kaplan is the Chair of the Governor's Commission on Medicaid Care Management and a member of the Board of Directors of the DentaQuest Foundation the leading U.S. philanthropy focused solely on oral health. Ms. Vallier-Kaplan served as the Vice-President of Programs at the Endowment for Health, NH's largest statewide health foundation from 2001-2013. Improving the oral health of the people of NH was one of four initial focus areas of the foundation during this time resulting in an investment of over \$6M in a wide variety of work. This work included a public awareness campaign, oral health data collection, development of the NH Oral Health Plan, planning and implementation of ten different oral health delivery models, workforce development relative to oral health services by medical providers, development of the UNE Dental School, creation of an oral health provider recruitment center, etc. Ms. Vallier-Kaplan, in her role at the Endowment, is a founding convener of the Coalition and is currently a steering committee member and a member of the policy committee.

Catrina L. Watson
Director of Special Projects/Legislative Aide
NH Medical Society

Catrina Watson represents the NH Medical Society on the NHOHC steering committee. Ms. Watson is the Executive Director of the NH Academy of Family Physicians, NH Pediatric Society, the NH Chapter of the American College of Physicians and the administrator for the NH Society of Anesthesiologists. In her work with the medical professional associations, she has a voice statewide regarding the associations and their priorities. She holds a critical perspective on the integration of oral health and primary care.

Gail T. Brown, Esq., MSW

Director

Ms. Brown has over 25 years of health care experience as a clinician, manager, and attorney. As an advocate and director, she leads our policy and legislative efforts focusing on oral health policy and planning, access, funding, workforce, and public health oral health initiatives including medical-dental integration, and improved oral health community-based and public health services. Experienced as a facilitator and educator, she enjoys working with committees, networks and task forces on pragmatic approaches to increasing oral health access. Ms. Brown is a NH-registered lobbyist and served on both the NH Children’s Health Insurance Program Commission and the Legislative Commission for Pathways to Oral Health Access. She has a Master’s in Social Work from the University of Washington, a juris doctor (JD) from the UNH School of Law, and a Graduate Certificate in Health Policy and the Law through a combined program with the UNH School of Public Health and the Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Judith Lanouette Nicholson, M.Ed.

Project Coordinator

Judith “Judy” Nicholson comes to the Coalition with over 25 years of state service. Starting as a caseworker with NH DHHS, she moved into the Medicaid program as a caseworker in the Bureau of Medical Social Services and eventually became the Bureau Chief. BMSS was responsible for disability determinations, long-term care/home and community based care determinations and the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program. Most recently, Ms. Nicholson was employed by the Division of Public Health Services with primary responsibility for survey administration – Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Youth Tobacco Survey, Synar Compliance Survey.

The Coalition is a diverse group of organizations, agencies, and individuals, concerned about the impact of oral health issues facing New Hampshire. This group is broadly representative of those involved in oral health provision, planning and funding including the dental and medical communities, the legislature, educational programs, advocacy groups, insurance providers, state agency leaders, and private funders.

Established in 2002, this critical public initiative convened by the Endowment for Health and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services as the Coalition for New Hampshire Oral Health Action, following extensive research and collaboration, published the New Hampshire Oral Health Plan: A Framework for Action to provide structure and vision for oral health advancement in New Hampshire. Maintaining the spirit of the plan as a “living document” the Coalition continues to work toward its vision of optimal oral health for the residents of New Hampshire.

