



Coalition Steering Committee 2020

Helen Taft, MPA,
Coalition Steering Committee Chair
Retired
At-Large Seat

Ms. Taft is a NH health care leader in breaking down barriers for residents facing obstacles to accessing quality medical, oral health, and social services. Recently retired, she served for twenty-eight years as the Executive Director of Families First Seacoast Health and Support Center, a federally-qualified health center providing primary medical care and full integrated dental services serving the Greater NH Seacoast both on-site and through mobile van services at homeless shelters and other community gathering points. Under her wise strategic planning, skilled networking ability, and ceaseless energy, she forged partnerships with area hospitals and providers, and developed links to social service agencies, shelters, mental health centers, and other community partners. Through her leadership, the health center grew to serve 6,500 people each year from its centers in Portsmouth and Seabrook and mobile health and dental clinics in five Seacoast towns. She is the recipient of the 2018 New Hampshire Impact Award from the NH Center for Nonprofits for her leadership in advancing integrated health services that respond to evolving community needs; and the 2017 Roger Fossum Lifetime Achievement Award from the NH Public Health Association. She is currently the Chair of the NH Oral Health Coalition Steering Committee and serves on the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Healthy Communities.

Stephanie Pagliuca, BA,
Coalition Steering Committee Secretary
Director of Workforce Development & Recruitment
Bi-State Primary Care Association

Stephanie Pagliuca is Bi-State's director of workforce development and recruitment. In part of this role she oversees the only non-profit Recruitment Center focused on conducting national marketing and outreach to recruit primary care, mental health, dental and substance use disorder treatment professionals for rural and underserved areas in NH and VT. For more than 25 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.

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 retired from clinical practice, she is an active member of the AAP Section on Oral Health and has served as the chair of the Academy's Oral Health Initiative and is currently the Senior Section Liaison to the Committee on Federal Government Affairs (COFGA). 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 4 NH nursing homes, is an adjunct clinical instructor in the dental hygiene program at NHTI, Concord's Community College and Program Coordinator for the Certified Public Health Dental Hygiene Courses. 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 past President of both the Greater Concord Dental Society and 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.

Annette Cole, RDH, CPHDH, BS

North Country Health Consortium

Annette Cole is a Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist and program manager for the North Country Health Consortium's mobile dental program Molar Express. Her primary professional interest is in public health dental care for underserved populations. She provides school-based dental care to students in rural regions of Coös and Northern Grafton Counties and oral health education to healthcare providers, schools and community-based programs throughout these regions.

Pam Delahanty, RDH, BS, CPHDH

NH Dental Hygienists Association

Pam Delahanty attained her dental hygiene degree at Westbrook College and a BS in Allied Health Leadership at Granite State College. She has been a dental hygienist for 35 years, with more than half of her career spent practicing in the public health sector. As a Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist, she delivered care to school aged children who lacked access to dental care in a school setting. In 2013, Ms. Delahanty was recognized as a Sunstar Award of Distinction recipient, which recognizes outstanding dental hygiene professionals across the country. She is a past President of the New Hampshire Dental Hygienists Association and currently serves as Student Liaison.

Laural Dillon, RDA, M.Ed., MPH

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

Laural Dillon is the Oral Health Program Director, Bureau of Community Health Services, NH Division of Public Health Services, NH DHHS. She serves on the advisory board for NHTI. Prior to joining the Division of Public Health Services, Ms. Dillon was a practice manager and a clinician for Saving People's Smiles, a non-profit dental clinic in Concord that delivers comprehensive oral health services to children, adults, and seniors. In 2008, along with Dr. Earle Simpson, she designed and coordinated the opening of Easter Seals Dental Center in Manchester, NH which opened its doors in 2009. While at Easter Seals, she worked closely with the Manchester Health Department on their mobile dental van which provides comprehensive dental services to every elementary and middle school in the city of Manchester. Ms. Dillon recently received her MPH from Dartmouth College.

Sarah Finne, DMD, MPH, FICD, ADA Certificate in Evidence-based Dentistry
Office of Medicaid Services, 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 has co-taught the Caries Stabilization course at NHTI for the past three years, which is a requirement for dental hygienists earning the CPHDH licensure. Dr. Finne remains active professionally as a member of the board and president of the Medicare-Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, 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.

LeaAnne Haney, RDH
Oral Health and Wellness Solutions Specialist
Northeast Delta Dental

LeaAnne Haney graduated from NHTI in 1980. She was appointed to the NH Board of Dental Examiners in 1989 where she served as the hygiene member for 5 years before being appointed as the Dental Board Investigator. She is a member of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments and has acted as a dental hygiene examiner in the administration of the clinical licensing board exam. LeaAnne has served on the NHTI advisory board and is a guest lecturer for the senior dental hygiene students in the Ethics and Jurisprudence class. She is currently working at Northeast Delta Dental as an Oral Health and Wellness Solutions Specialist.

Elizabeth Mitchell, APRN, MSN
New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association

Elizabeth Mitchell is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner and is currently Director of Nursing at Bedford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, located in Bedford. 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.

Kelly Perry, DMD

Dental Director, Mid-State Health Center
Community Dental Program Seat

Dr. Kelly Perry is the Dental Director for Mid-State Health Center and an adjunct faculty member at the University of New England, College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Perry received a Doctor of Dental Medicine from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and completed her General Practice Residency at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Perry is a member of the American Dental Association, the New Hampshire Dental Society and the Lakes Region Dental Society. She is a participant in the National Health Service Corps. She is also a member of the National Network of Oral Health Access (NNOHA) and was awarded a Certificate of Achievement in 2016 for completion of NNOHA's National Oral Health Learning Institute leadership program. Dr. Perry was the recipient of the 2017 New Hampshire Dental Society's Community Service Award in recognition of her work in the community and her efforts teaching others the value of evidence-based, public health dentistry.

Mary Vallier-Kaplan, MHSA

Funder Seat

Ms. Vallier-Kaplan, in her role at the Endowment, was a founding convener of the Coalition where she is currently an active member of the steering and policy committees. Ms. Vallier-Kaplan has more than 25 years of professional and personal experience in public and community health issues in New Hampshire with a focus on system change. She recently served as the Chair of the Governor's Commission on Medicaid Care Management under Governor Hassan. Ms. Vallier-Kaplan was founding Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Endowment for Health, New Hampshire's largest 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. Mary Vallier-Kaplan was a past member of the Board of Directors of the DentaQuest Foundation the leading U.S. philanthropy focused solely on oral health, as well as the parent company, Catalyst Institute, Inc.

Catrina L. Watson

Manager of Specialty Society Relations
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, NH Psychiatric Society 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.

Ashley Wilder, BS, MPH

NH Public Health Association

Ashley Wilder is a University of New Hampshire graduate (BS and MPH). She has been an active member of New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA) since 2010, serving on and leading the membership committee. For the past eight years, Ms. Wilder has worked with the Institute for Health Policy and Practice (IHPP) at the University of New Hampshire. Most of her work is within IHPP's Center for Health Analytics, using data to understand (and to help others understand) the effect of health policies on population health.

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.

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.