



Investing in New Hampshire's Future: Strategies to Maintain a Strong Workforce and a Vibrant Economy

January 13, 2017 • Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH

AGENDA

8:30 - 9 am

Coffee and Registration

9 - 9:10 am

Welcome and Introduction

John Shea, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

9:10 - 9:30 am

**Opening Remarks:
Shaping Our Workforce for a Sustainable Future**

Amanda Grappone Osmer, Fourth Generation Steward, Grappone Automotive Group

9:30 - 10:45 am

**Plenary Session:
Health and Health Care to Sustain a Productive Workforce**

Access to health care for individuals and their family members is essential to ensuring high productivity for businesses and economic stability for employees. Key policy choices in these areas could help New Hampshire sustain a strong workforce in the years ahead.

Moderator: Jo Porter, Director, UNH Institute of Health Policy and Practice

- Lori Shibinette, Deputy Commissioner, NH Department of Health and Human Services
- Vasuki Nagaraj, Medical Director, Lamprey Health Care – Nashua
- Suellen Griffin, President/CEO, West Central Behavioral Health – Lebanon
- Deirdre Fitzgerald, Marketing and Public Relations Manager, W.S. Badger Company

10:45 - 11 am

Break

11 am - 12:15 pm

**Plenary Session:
Education to Drive a Growing 21st Century Economy**

This session will highlight current initiatives and innovative solutions to help ensure Granite Staters of all ages have access to educational opportunities that will provide them with the right skills to meet the needs of the job market.

Moderator: Katie Merrow, Vice President, Community Impact, NH Charitable Foundation

- Marjorie Droppa, Director, Impact Monadnock
- Natasha Kolehmainen, Curriculum Director, Pelham School District
- Beth Doiron, Director of College Access and Dept. of Education Programs and Initiatives, Community College System of NH
- Mike Baymiller, Vice President of Human Resources, Hypertherm

12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch

12:45 - 1:30 pm Luncheon Keynote Address

Jeff Fuhrer, Executive Vice President and Senior Policy Advisor,
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

**1:30 - 2:45 pm Plenary Session:
How to Make New Hampshire a More Attractive Place to Live and Work**

New Hampshire's economic success depends on its ability to bolster its workforce in the years ahead. To accomplish this, we must retain our existing workforce and encourage more young people and families to make New Hampshire their home. In addition to maintaining vibrant communities, we must create an environment that offers accessible and affordable housing, child care, and transportation options. The session will include a broader discussion of what makes communities attractive to workers of all ages and initiatives underway to make the state more welcoming to everyone.

Moderator: Yvonne Goldsberry, President, Endowment for Health

- Ben Frost, Director of Legal and Public Affairs, NH Housing
- Marti Stone Ilg, Executive Director, Lakes Region Child Care Services, Inc.
- Nathan Miller, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, Southern NH Planning Commission
- Tracy Hatch, President/CEO, Nashua Chamber of Commerce

2:45 - 3 pm Closing Remarks

John Shea, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

3 - 3:15 pm Break

3:15 - 4 pm Informal Breakout Sessions/Roundtables

4 pm Conference Concludes

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