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Endowment for Health Hosts Annual Listening Session Series

State's largest health foundation to visit eight communities around New Hampshire

Concord – The Endowment for Health will host a series of community forums called Listening Sessions in eight locations around the state to engage residents in a conversation about the health issues facing New Hampshire's communities and regions.

"This will be our ninth year hosting these sessions," said Endowment for Health Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mary Vallier-Kaplan. "Individuals and organizations attend these sessions to tell us about emerging needs, ideas and successes in the areas of health and health care."

Endowment President James W. Squires, M.D., will join Vallier-Kaplan to moderate the sessions along with members of the Endowment's Board and Advisory Council. All sessions are offered on a regional basis and are intended to be inclusive to those in surrounding towns and areas. The public is welcome to attend any or all sessions.

The Listening Sessions will take place at the following locations and times:

Hillsborough County - Thursday, March 26, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 7 North Mast Street, Goffstown, NH

Cheshire County - Wednesday, April 15, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Mt. Caesar Union Library, Public Meeting Room, 628 Old Homestead Hwy., Swanzey, NH

Sullivan County - Wednesday, April 15, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Silsby Library Community Room, 26 Railroad Street, Charlestown, NH

Merrimack Valley - Wednesday, April 22, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Fire Department Community Room, 1714 Dover Road (Rt. 4/9), Epsom, NH

Strafford County - Wednesday, April 22, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Voc Tech at Somersworth High School, Community Room, 2nd Fl., 18 Cemetery Road, Somersworth, NH

Coos County - Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Family Resource Center, 123 Main Street, Gorham, NH

Belknap County - Thursday, April 30, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Gilford Town Hall Conference Room, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH

Grafton County - Wednesday, May 6, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
James Morrill Municipal Bldg. Community Room, 2975 Dartmouth College Hwy.,
Haverhill, NH

To register to attend one or more Listening Sessions: Please contact Peg
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*The Endowment for Health was established in 1999. Since 2001, the
Endowment has awarded more than 500 grants totaling \$23 million to support a
wide range of health-related programs and projects in New Hampshire. For more
information about proposal guidelines and funding priorities for the 2008 program
year, visit www.endowmentforhealth.org*