

County of Sullivan, NH

Type of meeting: Board of Commissioners Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Date/Time: Tuesday, April 3, 2012; 3:00 PM
Place: Newport, NH – County Administration Building, 14 Main Street,
1st Floor – Commissioners Conference Room

Attendees: Bennie Nelson – Chair, Jeffrey Barrette – Vice Chair and John M. Callum Jr. – Clerk, Greg Chanis – County Administrator, and Sharon Callum – Administrative Assistant/Minute Taker

Public Attendees: Larry Converse – Claremont Citizen

3:05 The Chair, Bennie Nelson, brought the meeting to order, and led all in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Agenda Item No. 1. Wellness Commission Update, Liz Hennig

Mr. Chanis noted Ms. Hennig would not be attending today. Comm. Barrette indicated he'd provide an update later in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2. County Administrator's Report, Greg Chanis

Agenda Item No. 2.a. FY '13 Budget Update

Mr. Chanis noted he distributed the County Administrator's Proposed FY13 County Budget binders; budget reviews begin Fri, Apr 6th at 8 a.m.; one County grant applicant is scheduled to be interviewed at 10 a.m., as the applicant is away for two weeks during the scheduled grant applicant interview day.

Agenda Item No. 2.b. Biomass CHP Facility Update

Mr. Chanis noted all is going as planned; a conference call was held between him, John Cressy, Tom Wilson and two USDA representatives - the call allowed the opportunity to discuss implications of going with a USDA loan, which still looks like the best option; the only potential complication foreseen is the timing – interest rates are set quarterly and the current rate is 3.375%; the new rate takes effect July 1st; rates dropped 3/8th of a percent during the last change and worst case scenario, would increase 1/8% in July.

3:11 Motion: to submit a loan application to USDA Rural Development New Hampshire Community Facility Loan - Grant program, and authorize the County Administrator, Greg Chanis, to sign all documents associated with the application. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 2.c. Central Dispatch Update

Mr. Chanis distributed a draft invitation letter [Appendix A], inviting town officials and emergency agencies, back on Thu Apr 19th 6PM to hear data requested and continue discussions on the central dispatch issue. The Board approved sending the letter and discussed how the last meeting, held March 22nd, ran, and, their views on how to proceed. Comm. Callum Jr. would like to see more demonstrative data showing the advantage of the project and feels that was lacking in the first meeting. Comm. Barrette feels, unless they foresee an apparent level of support, the County can say "we have done our due diligence"; he wants to see the project happen, but not without all player's support. Chanis confirmed: case studies could be used and radio modeling is being done for nothing; feels errors were made in preparation and presentation. Chanis confirmed the County would not have to pay taxes on the [armory] building, and Claremont is only selling them the building with the purpose for a central dispatch. Chanis noted, he heard these types of projects take years to happen. The group discussed: asking Claremont for an extension, to the end of December, on the option to buy the armory and, while at the meeting on the 19th, asking attendees if they want to form a committee; they also discussed what they felt their message should be and to include in the message they recognize it takes time. Mr. Chanis confirmed he's been contacting each town to gather dispatch revenue data, while the Sheriff is working with Bruce Beliveau on the radio part.

Agenda Item No. 2.d. NH State Fish & Game (NH F&G) Pheasant Stocking Agreement with County

A copy of a March 28th letter [Appendix B] from NH F&G Department Pheasant Program Leader, Karen Bordeau, was reviewed by the Board. Ms. Bordeau's letter noted changes to the approval process of the pheasant stocking property on the County's property, and included a form requiring signature and selection of three term options to choose from: December 31st 2012, 2013, or 2014.

3:45 Motion: for the County Administrator to sign the letter and select the term of the agreement for 12/31/2014. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 2.e. NH Primex Conference May 9th – 10th Mount Washington

Mr. Chanis distributed copies of the Primex conference registration [Appendix C]. He and Supt. Cunningham will be attending. Commissioner Barrette expressed interest in attending and will get back to the office tomorrow. There is no charge for conference registration, just lodging and meal cost for guests.

Agenda Item No. 3. **County Commissioners Report**

Greater County Commission on Wellness

Commissioner Barrette attended the recent Greater Sullivan County Commission on Wellness meeting, and noted, the commission boarders are the same as the Greater Sullivan County All Health Hazard Region; the commission is reviewing social economics, barriers, and transportation issues - identifying regional issues and discussing how the community can tackle the barriers; meetings are facilitated by ANTIOCH.

New Hampshire Timber Owners Association (NHTOA)

Mr. Chanis discussed the NHTOA annual meeting scheduled in Unity at the Ahern Building Apr 21st, 5PM where he was invited to speak about the biomass project. The Board would like the County to join the NHTOA membership.

3:51 Motion: made for the County to join the New Hampshire Timber Owners Association. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 3.b.

New Business: County Press Release – April County Government Month: Healthy Counties, Healthy Families

Press release was distributed [Appendix D]. The Board approved the Proclamation [Appendix E] and distribution it to public.

Upcoming Events:

April 9th Monday, Healthy Homes Kick Off Event, Newport, Sugar River Bank Community Room

USDA Forest Service 2012 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant

Mr. Chanis noted they successfully submitted a 200 page, \$250,000 application; received letters of support from NHTOA, UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program, two senators and two congressmen.

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Grant Application Update

Mr. Chanis noted Senator Odell wrote a nice letter of support for the application; he received a call Friday from PUC, and they've scheduled an interview for next Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Concord to review the execution of the project; County asked for \$500,000; PUC has a total of one (1) million being distributed; Wilson Engineering and Mr. Cressy will also attend the interview; the County will need to apply for air quality permits, which Wilson Engineering will assist with.

Agenda Item No. 4. Public Participation

Larry Converse, Claremont Citizen – Asked if the County could begin tearing down the building where the **biomass building** would be going? Mr. Chanis confirmed "Yes", but noted they have run into asbestos issues, which may add \$40,000 onto demotion cost - he'll have numbers for the Commissioners by their next meeting. Converse questioned if the County needed permission from Unity to tear down the barn. Chanis confirmed

they would apply for a demolition permit. Comm. Callum noted, if the building is taxed, they need to advise the building is down.

Larry Converse – Asked if the **FY13 proposed budget** would be on the computer? Mr. Chanis confirmed it would be uploaded at the County website (www.sullivancountynh.gov) by Friday.

Larry Converse – Asked if the County is still paying for one **health insurance plan** for employees? Or, do they have a two tier plan the employees can pay extra for, and does County pay any extra, also? Mr. Chanis noted, there are some employees who choose to pay extra for another plan, but the County does not pay extra for that.

Larry Converse – Asked if the County was still with the same **electric company**? Mr. Chanis noted electrical costs are broken down into “supplier cost” and they are using Consolidated Edison, which is due to expire in December 2012; Patriot Energy is the broker, who puts the project out to bid to 3-4 suppliers; the County also attains bids from other suppliers.

Agenda Item No. 5. Meeting Minutes Review

Agenda Item No. 5.a. Executive Session Meeting Minutes

4:06 Motion: to release the following Executive Session meeting minutes: 10/18/11, 11/15/11, and 1/31/12. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 5.b. March 20, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes

4:06 Motion: approve the 3/20/12 minutes as written. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: All in favor.

Agenda Item No. 5.c March 22nd, 2012 Central Dispatch Discussion Minutes

Ms. Callum noted the minutes were not in draft typed format, as of yet.

4:07 Motion: to adjourn the meeting. Made by: Barrette. Seconded by: Callum Jr. Voice vote: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Callum Jr., Clerk
Board of Commissioners

JMC/sjc

Date minutes approved:

04/09/12



Tuesday April 3, 2012

Sullivan County NH, Board of Commissioners

**Business Meeting
Revised - AGENDA**

Location: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex

14 Main Street, Newport NH 03773

- 3:00 PM – 3:05 PM 1. Wellness Commission Update, *Liz Hennig*
- 3:05 PM – 3:25 PM 2. County Administrator's Report, *Greg Chanis*
- a. FY13 Budget Update
 - b. Biomass Facility Update – Approval to submit USDA application, authorize County Administrator to sign documents and accept funding
 - c. Central Dispatch Update
 - d. NH Fish & Game: pheasant stocking program extension request
 - e. Primex Annual Conference Wed/Thu May 9-12, 2012
- 3:25 PM – 3:45 PM 3. Commissioners' Report
- a. Old Business
 - b. Any New Business
 - i. April – County Government Month: Press Release & Proclamation
- 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM 4. Public Participation
- 4:00 PM – 4:10 PM 5. Meeting Minutes Review
- a. Review of the following Executive Session Meeting Minutes:
 - 10/18/11 4:55 PM ✓
 - 11/15/11 4:40 PM ✓
 - 1/30/12 4:08 PM ✓
 - b. Mar 20, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes
 - c. Mar 22, 2012 Central Dispatch Discussion Minutes

The times reflected on this agenda, other than the start time, are estimates. Actual time will depend on level of interest and participation.



4:10 PM 6. Adjourn meeting

Upcoming Events / Meetings:

- **Apr 9th Mon. Healthy Homes Kick Off Event**
 - **Time:** **8 AM**
 - **Place:** Newport, NH - Sugar River Bank Community Room,
10 N. Main Street (RSVP healthyhomes@sullivancountynh.gov)

- **Apr 12th Thu. Leadership NH – Criminal Justice & Families Day**
 - **Time:** **8 AM**
 - **Place:** Unity County Complex, Ahern Building

- **Apr 17th Tue. Next Board of Commissioners Regular Business Meeting**
 - **Time:** **3 PM**
 - **Place:** Unity County Complex, 5 Nursing Home Drive,
Sullivan County Health Care Facility, 1st Floor, Frank Smith Living
Room

- **Apr 19th Thu. Central Dispatch Discussions Continued**
 - **Time:** **6 PM**
 - **Place:** Newport, NH – Sugar River Bank Community Room

 **DRAFT**

On March 22, 2012, over 70 people attended an informational meeting regarding the proposal to establish a centralized emergency dispatch center for Sullivan County. For over two hours, people listened, asked questions, voiced support or expressed concerns about the merits of the idea. It was clear by the end of the meeting that the questions and concerns focused on the following two areas:

1. The ability of the proposed radio/microwave system to adequately service the entire county, and
2. The accuracy and level of detail associated with the financial aspects of the project

At the end of the evening, we indicated County staff would do more work in these areas and we would schedule another meeting to provide that information.

Accordingly, we are inviting you to attend a follow up meeting regarding this proposal scheduled for:

Thursday, April 19th, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Sugar River Bank Community Room
10 North Street, Newport, NH, 03773

We appreciate your continued interest in this project and look forward to seeing you Thursday, April 19th.

Sincerely,

Sullivan County Board of Commissioners

Bennie Nelson, Chair

Jeffrey Barrette, Vice Chair

John M. Callum Jr., Clerk



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

March 28, 2012

GREG CHANIS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.
SULLIVAN COUNTY NURSING HOME
14 MAIN STREET
NEWPORT NH 03773

Dear Landowner,

Three years ago the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department made some changes to the process of obtaining your approval to allow us to release pheasants on your property for our pheasant stocking program. As you likely recall, we obtained your permission through the mail with you generously granting us permission to stock your property through 2011. Looking forward to 2012 and beyond, I am contacting you with hopes of maintaining access for our Department pheasant stocking program. Our preference is to extend your approval to a three year term, to be in effect through December 31, 2014. If you prefer a shorter term, please note that you can select one of the alternative options specified on the enclosed form that best fits your needs.

Attached is a revised landowner approval form for your signature. Your landowner information has been entered based on information provided on your previous approval form. Please review the information regarding your mailing address and make any required corrections so we can continue to send you the **Wildlife Journal** magazine without interruptions.

The first signature line on the enclosed form grants us permission to release pheasants and to treat the information regarding the exact location of your property as confidential information. Please note that the agreement will be in effect through the date you select. Also, release sites have been consolidated under a single signature if you own multiple parcels that you allow pheasant stocking on. If you decide not to grant us permission to allow pheasant stocking and hunting on your property please return the enclosed form in the stamped and addressed envelope stating your intentions.

The second signature line provides protection to landowners who do not want their personal information (name, address and telephone number) released to those requesting that information pursuant to Freedom of Information laws. If you do not sign this line be advised that pursuant to state law, your name, address and telephone number must be released if requested. Please mail signed form back in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope by April 27, 2012.

MAR 30 '12 09:42

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The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department greatly appreciates your generosity in allowing us to stock pheasant on your property. If you have questions, comments or concerns that you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to call me at 603-744-5470 or email me at karen.bordeau@wildlife.nh.gov.

Thank you again for allowing us to stock pheasants on your property. Our pheasant program couldn't exist without the generosity of people like you.

Sincerely,



Karen A. Bordeau
Pheasant Program Leader

KAB/kjh

CC: Steve Weber, Chief, Wildlife Division
Mark Ellingwood, Program Administrator, Wildlife Division
Col. Martin Garabedian, Chief, Law Enforcement Division

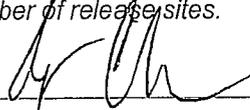
2012 - 2014 Landowner Approval Form

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TELEPHONE:
SULLIVAN COUNTY NURSING HOME 14 MAIN STREET NEWPORT	GREG CHANIS/COUNTY ADMIN. NH 03773	863-2560 EXT 101
<u>LOCATION TOWN</u> UNITY	<u>SITE LOCATION</u> MICA MINE ROAD	<u>CONSERVATION OFFICER</u> 31

Our preference is to extend your approval to a three-year term, to be in effect through December 31, 2014. You can shorten this approval by selecting an alternative term and marking "X" in the appropriate box. Landowners will advise the NH Fish and Game Department of any change in pheasant stocking status or change in ownership at least 30 days prior to October 1st.

Through December 31, 2012. Through December 31, 2013 Through December 31, 2014.

I, the above-stated landowner, grant permission to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to use the above-stated town(s) and site location(s) as pheasant release site(s), with the understanding that the Fish and Game Department will treat the information regarding the exact location of the pheasant release site as confidential information. I understand that the Fish and Game Department may release general information regarding towns and road names in which pheasants are released and the corresponding number of release sites.



Landowner Signature

4/4/12

Date

Department Employee Date

Print Employee Name and Title

I, the above-stated landowner, request that the NH Fish and Game Department not release my name, address, or telephone number for solicitation or commercial purposes.

Landowner Signature

Date

Appendix C



Wednesday, May 9th Agenda

- 7:00 am **Registration ~ Continental Breakfast**

- 9:00 am **Welcome / Opening Comments**
 Scott Isabelle, Chair, Primex³ Board of Trustees
 Ty Gagne, Primex³ Chief Executive Officer

- 9:15 am **General Session**
COCKPIT COMMUNICATIONS

Capt. Karen Baetzel
 Good crews know how to talk to each other. Good leaders know how to communicate. Likewise, poor communication guarantees poor results. Captain Karen Baetzel, USN (retired), one of the Navy's most senior female aviators and nationally sought after leadership expert, will explore lessons on effective leadership communication. Leveraging 34 years of operational aviation and corporate experience, Karen will offer skills and training that work as well in the office and the executive suite as they work in the cockpit. Expect to think, laugh, and be challenged with unconventional wisdom, straight talk and an immediate tool kit from "The Battle Axe".

- 10:30 am **Break**

- 10:45 am **Concurrent Sessions (Please choose one)**
A DAY AT THE BEACH: DISSECTION OF A CLAIM

Primex³ Staff - Mike Ricker, Esq; Tammy Denver; Dave Witham; Rick Alpers; and Robert Barry
 Sit back and watch the drama unfold as Primex³ Claims and Legal Staff brief members of a Select Board about a recreation trip that ended all too poorly. In this program attendees will explore best practices of a claim that has property, liability and workers' compensation implications. The program seeks to provide attendees with a nuts and bolts approach to identifying risks and in the overall management of a claim to limit its losses and will shed light on proactive claims and risk management practices as they relate to the claim at hand.

CONSENSUS BUILDING AND APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY: A CROSS-FUNCTIONAL, PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGY

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Whitefield, NH

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"The task of leadership is to create an alignment of strengths making our weaknesses irrelevant."

— Peter Drucker

Amanda Moore, Assist. Director of Human Resources, City of Concord; Mary Beth Lufkin, Dean of Enrollment Management, Granite State College. Panelists: Timothy King, Police Detective, Concord Police Patrolmen's Assoc. (CPPA); David Florence, Parking Manager, Concord Police Supervisors Assoc. Representative (CPSA); Guy Newbery, Battalion Chief, Concord Fire Officers Assoc. (CFOA)

Learn to use the approach of Appreciative Inquiry in your organization as a collaborative, cross-functional, problem-solving strategy. Practically applied, the City of Concord will share its success story of their Health Benefits Review Team (HBRT). In this time of economic and legislative uncertainty, the process of Appreciative Inquiry has allowed the City of Concord to successfully collaborate in a labor management environment to make far reaching and impactful benefit decisions that are outside of contract negotiations. With health care reform's ever-changing evolution, having the flexibility to reach consensus on benefit management is critical to maintaining compliance.

INTERNET & SOCIAL NETWORKING IN THE WORKPLACE

Capt. Cory MacDonald, Esq., Portsmouth Police Department

When not well managed, the use of the internet and social media in the workplace exposes an organization to numerous risks that may damage the organization — breach of confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and misuse of public resources, to name a few. Captain Corey MacDonald, Esq., Chief of Detectives for the City of Portsmouth and Commander for the state of New Hampshire's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force will discuss the risk implications of the internet and social media in the workplace and provide strategies for effective management of these resources. (This session will also be held in the afternoon)

- 12:15 pm Luncheon / Wednesday's Prize Drawings**
- 1:30 pm Break**
- 1:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (Please choose one)**
'HIRING FOR SUCCESS' - TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROCESS

Alan Gould, MRI and Rick Alpers, Primex³ Member Services Consultant

One measure of a good leader is the ability to surround him or herself with the "right" people. This presentation will focus on hiring and selection practices that will help you to staff your

organization with the "right" people. The proper screening and selection process will help to ensure that the people you hire are aligned with the mission, needs and culture of the organization.

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THE HIDDEN IMPACTS OF CONCUSSIONS

Fred H. Brennan, Head Team Physician, UNH; Glenn Riefenstahl, ATC, UNH

The medical and science information on concussions has changed by leaps and bounds in recent years. What your doctor told you even just two years ago doesn't apply anymore. There are approximately 3.8 million sports and recreation-related concussions that occur annually and most are sustained by children and youths aged 5-18. While New Hampshire has yet to enact legislation requiring concussion education, reporting and medical clearance like 37 other states we can still be proactive in protecting the health of a child's brain so that both the child's brain and you win out. Hear from medical experts, experience on-field trainers and integration professionals in this information packed, life saving panel discussion.

3:15 pm Free Time / MAC Meeting

5:30 pm Reception

**6:30 pm Dinner & Evening Entertainment
KEEPING ALL THE BALLS IN THE AIR**

Rob Peck, Juggler and Motivational Speaker

To truly excel, leaders and teams have to juggle more responsibilities than ever. The best way to ensure we don't take our eye off the ball, nor lose track of the big picture, is to stay

aligned with our core values. Keeping all the balls in the air isn't about all work and no play. No way! Alignment helps us work smarter not harder (and do more with less), by pooling resources, and playing to people's strengths. Aligning lightens the load, and links unity and integrity in a way that makes our deeds match our creeds. We're all jugglers, and a healthy life balance — that combines a spirit of fun with a sense of purpose — brings out the best in us all!

Tuesday, May 10th Agenda

- 6:00 am** **Wake-Up Walk**
- 7:00 am** **Registration ~ Hot Breakfast Buffet**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:15 am** **Concurrent Sessions (Please choose one)**
**NH POST THE GREAT RECESSION:
 DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE NH ADVANTAGE**

Steve Norton, Executive Director for the NH Center for Public Policy Studies

Steve will discuss the changing demographics, the condition of our economy and how it affects the ability of our public entities to provide services to residents. Considering the significant number of Baby Boomers in the workforce who will be retiring (or not), what are the implications for NH's public entity workforce? How does this play out in the next decade and beyond as it relates to retention, recruitment and succession planning? What appropriate strategies would help manage the changes?

MENTAL ILLNESS IN NH: REALITIES AND RESOURCES

Ken Norton and Deborah Karr-Francis, National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)

A recently released report indicates that 1 in 5 Americans have a mental illness. Many people with mental illnesses receive effective treatment and have full and productive lives. Some individuals remain undiagnosed and untreated and their symptoms can present challenges when trying to interact with them. The first half of the presentation will give an overview of mental illness and suggestions for how to communicate effectively with individuals who are in crisis. The second half will feature Deb Karr-Francis who coordinates NAMI NH's *In Our Own Voice* program. Deb will talk about her personal experience with mental illness and her journey of recovery. A

questions and answer session will follow.

MEDIA RELATIONS: COMMUNICATIONS IN CRISIS AND NON-CRISIS

Dave Kurz, Chief of Police, Durham; Kate Yerkes, Director of Public Affairs, Granite State College; and Bob Barry, Primex³ Education and Training Consultant

Today's public entity leaders need to be prepared to respond rapidly to various levels of crisis. This session will discuss how to build a communications plan that will build a positive reputation during good times and mitigate negative press during challenging situations.

11:45 am

Luncheon

1:00 pm

General Session

LEADERSHIP SECRETS FROM THE 'PERFECT STORM'

Capt. Larry Brudnicki

Captain Brudnicki commanded the Coast Guard Ship that performed two dramatic rescues during the worst weather in more than 100 years, which became known as "The Perfect Storm" and inspired the NY Times Best-selling book and the blockbuster movie starring George Clooney. Against the backdrop of "The Perfect Storm," this keynote provides the perfect balance between inspiration and application. Learn how courage and leadership helped him not only survive, but succeed in the hostile environment of the storm of the century. The audience will see the 7 Steps in action along with examples of the courage, leadership, and teamwork that are necessary to triumph in an uncertain climate. Through practical lessons learned from his experiences, the audience will acquire powerful tools to turn their vision into reality by creating the change they need to be successful even in the most difficult circumstances.

2:30 pm

Closing Remarks / Thursday's Prize Drawings

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CELEBRATES NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN APRIL

Leaders to Promote "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families"

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March 30th, 2012 – Sullivan County, NH will celebrate **National County Government Month (NCGM)** during the month of April to highlight county government programs and services to the public. The theme for this year's celebration of NCGM is **"Healthy Counties, Healthy Families."**

"We are very proud of the essential services and programs our county provides each day and especially the people who deliver them," said County Administrator, Greg Chanis. *"National County Government Month is a great opportunity for the public to take a closer look at services the County provides, fostering a greater understanding of the role and responsibility of county government."*

The following are featured events going on throughout the County during April:

- **The ABC's of Nutrition: Teaching Children to Eat Better & Stay Fit.** This is a USDA Food Stamp Program offered through UNH Cooperative Extension's Nutrition Connections at area Head Start Centers and schools. This program also offers nutrition education to limited income households through home visits, home study course or group sessions. Call 603.863-9200 for details
- **April 2nd – April 8th National Public Health Week**
- **April 9th 8:30 AM** at the Sugar River Bank Community Room in Newport – **Healthy Homes Kick Off Event: FREE!** *Who should attend?* Anyone involved with health, housing, energy, safety or family services. RSVP healthyhomes@sullivancountynh.gov



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- **Blood Pressure Clinics, Unity, NH** – Sullivan County Health Care Facility, 5 Nursing Home Drive – watch for further press releases noting specific dates/times throughout the month of April
- **April 25th 8:30 AM ServSafe Food Protection Certification Course presented by UNH Cooperative Extension** – Claremont Savings Bank Claremont NH. For cost and program details, call 603.787-6944
- **April 28th Prescription Take-Back Day** – This is free, safe, and confidential. Prescription Take-Back Day collection sites are open 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the following locations:
 - Claremont Savings Bank, 145 Broad Street, Claremont NH
 - Grantham Police Department, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham NH
 - County Commissioners' Office, 14 Main Street, Newport NH
 - Washington NH Police Department, 5 Halfmoon Pond Rd

For event details, or for information on more events added as we continue throughout the month, go to www.sullivancountynh.gov and click on **Calendar**.

Since 1991 the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of counties. NACo, the only national organization that represents county governments, is the voice of America's counties before Congress and the Administration. It works to improve the public's understanding of county government and assists member counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research. NACo provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to:

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National County Government Month - April 2012

"Healthy Counties, Healthy Families"

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, County of Sullivan, NH Band all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are essential to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and delivery of health services through local public health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties President Lenny Eliason is encouraging counties to promote healthy living and lifestyle choices in communities across the country through his 2011-12 "Healthy Counties" presidential initiative; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve;

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, NH will be holding events throughout the month, such as the following: Healthy Homes Kick-off event, blood pressure clinics, Prescription Take-back Day, [enter more info here]

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Bennie Nelson, County Commissioner Chair, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as National County Government Month and encourage all County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.