



SULLIVAN COUNTY KICKS OFF
COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLANNING
WITH JOSE MONTERO, MD

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Newport, NH: The Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network invites all members of the community to embark on the development of a Community Health Improvement Plan for the region. Kicking off this community-wide project, the Public Health Network is honored to host a presentation from and conversation with José Montero, MD, Director of the Division of Public Health Services for the State of New Hampshire.

The event will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 10-11:30 AM at the Sugar River Bank Community Room (10 North Main Street, Newport, NH). Light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Montero, recognizable as the frequent State of NH spokesperson on public health threats such as EEE or influenza, will focus this discussion on the NH State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), intended to guide local strategies to improve public health and the systems that support that goal. He will be introduced by Susan Reeves, EdD, RN, Chair of the Nursing & Public Health Department at Colby-Sawyer College in New London.

The Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network is a collaborative of the county, municipalities and numerous health and human service agencies, schools, and community groups that work to improve our region's capacity and capability to manage all health emergencies. The Network has a state contract to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for this region. Following Dr. Montero's discussion, the Network's lead contractor, Aurora Matzkin, PhD, will invite those present to identify and develop critical next steps in the development of a local CHIP.

About our Speakers:

Susan Reeves, EdD, RN is the Gladys A. Burrows Distinguished Professor of Nursing and Chair of Nursing & Public Health at Colby-Sawyer College. Dr. Reeves served as a senior administrator for Dartmouth-Hitchcock for 35 years prior to her retirement in December 2014. She presently serves New London Hospital as the vice chair of the Board of Trustees. Her research interest lies in the area of patient care quality and safety, as well as in the interprofessional education of future health care professionals. Dr. Reeves resides in New London.

Since 2008, José Montero, MD, MHCDS, has been the Director of the Division of Public Health Services at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, where he leads the development and implementation of policies to create conditions to improve and maintain a healthy population, relying on two key strategies: 1) a systematic approach for data collection, use and dissemination; and 2) better coordination of the public health systems and the health care delivery system towards population health improvement. Dr. Montero also fills several national roles: he is the past president of the Association of State and Territorial Health

Officials, serves on several committees including the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and has been appointed to the CDC's Board of Scientific Councilors for the Office of Infectious Diseases.

Aurora Matzkin, PhD, teaches public health at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She earned a doctoral degree from the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice and masters degree in education from New York University. At Dartmouth, she was a Koop Scholar and worked on the Dartmouth and National College Health Improvement Program under Dartmouth's former president, Jim Kim. She has lived in Sullivan County since 2005.