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Name of Corporation or Entity: NH Hospital Association & Fdn for Healthy Communities

Name of Corporate/Entity Representative: Julie Osgood

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Briefly describe the service or event this Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement relates to:

I participated on a panel at the annual meeting & they paid partial costs of attendance at the conference.

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Signature of Filer Elizabeth H Merry

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## Sunday, September 26

### **Registration/Hotel Check-In**

### **Program – “Election 2010: November and Beyond”**

Featuring Tom Rath and Jim Demers

### **Hospital Trustee Appreciation Reception**

### **Dinner**

### **Performance by Not Too Sharp**

## Monday, September 27

### **Coffee**

### **Buffet Breakfast**

### **Registration**

### **Rural Health Coalition Breakfast**

### **Hospital Trustee Roundtable Breakfast**

Featuring Rich Umbdenstock, president, American Hospital Association

### **Keynote Program – “Health Care Reform: What’s Next?”**

Featuring Rich Umbdenstock, president, American Hospital Association. Welcome by NH Hospital Association president Steve Ahnen and remarks from Bruce King, NH Hospital Association chairman

### **Coffee Break**

### **Evolving Information Technology and Health Care Delivery in New Hampshire**

### **Health Care Finance in the Age of Reform**

### **Buffet Lunch**

**Hospital Association Golf Tournament**

**Cog Railway Excursion**

**Program – “HEAL: Promoting Healthy Eating, Active Living in  
New Hampshire’s Hospitals and Communities”**

**Chairman’s Reception**

**Annual Awards Banquet**

**The Cave opens at 9 p.m.**

## **Tuesday, September 28**

**17th Annual Moose Run**

Sponsored by Ross and Lisa Ramey

**Coffee**

**Buffet Breakfast**

**American College of Healthcare Executives/Northern New  
England Association of Healthcare Executives Breakfast**

**N.H. Organization of Nurse Leaders Breakfast**

**Keynote Program – “Health Care Leadership: Thoughts from  
My Foxhole”** Featuring Major General David Rubenstein, FACHE

**Hotel Check-out**

**Buffet Lunch**

**New Hampshire Hospital Association Board Meeting and Lunch**

## **Thank you**

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# Meeting Highlights

## Keynote Program – In the Wake of Health Care Reform: What's Next?

Much of the conversation around reform focused on what's wrong with health care, overlooking what is working. Now, as health care reform becomes reality, hospitals and other providers in New Hampshire need information and perspective to help them get to work and be successful under changing circumstances, as they continue to deliver high quality health care to the communities they serve.



**Richard J. Umbdenstock, FACHE** is the president and chief executive officer of the American Hospital Association, and a past chair of the AHA Board of Trustees. Prior to assuming this position, he was executive vice president of Providence Health & Services, which includes

27 hospitals, more than 35 non-acute facilities, physician clinics, a health plan, university, more than 46,000 employees and housing and educational services. Mr. Umbdenstock served as president and chief executive officer of the former Providence Services in Spokane, WA. His career also includes 11 years as an independent consultant for voluntary hospital governing boards in the United States and Canada. He is the author of several books and articles for the hospital board audience and has authored national survey reports for the American Hospital Association and its Health Research and Educational Trust and the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mr. Umbdenstock is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He serves on the National Quality Forum Board of Directors and is a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100.

Jim Demers and Tom Rath will discuss and analyze the 2010 election in New Hampshire at both the state and federal levels. Additionally, they will discuss what 2010 may tell us about the Presidential election of 2012 and the next First in the Nation Primary.

Effective governance has never been more critical as New Hampshire's hospital systems face their current challenges. Continued economic uncertainty, implementing reform and demands for controlling health care costs are just a few of the pressures confronting hospitals. Trustees can seize opportunities to help their organizations stay ahead of the curve in order to reach new heights in health care quality and value.

Health care IT is in the forefront of hospital executives' minds as they work to bolster ongoing efforts to adopt and use electronic records in ways that make patient care more efficient in New Hampshire. Find out how some local hospitals are using IT to demonstrate their commitment to delivering the right care, at the right time, in the right place...every time.

Changing financial realities are forcing hospitals, physicians and policy makers to think differently about how they deliver and finance care. You'll hear from a panel of local health care executives facing those challenges and the strategies they're using to overcome them.

NH HEAL brings valuable resources to communities, schools, work sites, health care providers, individuals and families across New Hampshire. Hear from those on the front lines who are working to help and encourage citizens all over the state commit to healthy eating, active living lifestyles. Which strategies work best to create healthy environments?

Health care organizations face a myriad of society's most critical issues, such as access for the uninsured, patient safety, and Medicaid and Medicare challenges. How can your organization advocate on public policy issues which affect your community and health care providers? This session will offer many perspectives on the health care organization's role in formulating public policy.

## Health Care Leadership: Thoughts from My Foxhole

A leader in any organization plays a critical role in taking care of those who accomplish organizational missions, from the senior health care leader to the executive who wears the Nation's military uniform.



**Major General David A. Rubenstein, FACHE** commands the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School and serves concurrently as the 16th Chief of the Army Medical Service Corps. Prior to this assignment, he was the Army's Deputy Surgeon General. Previous commands have taken MG Rubenstein around the world and across the country. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the Army War College. He earned a Master's Degree in Health Administration from Baylor University and a Master's Degree in Military Art and Science from the Army's Command and General Staff College. His professional credentials include being a board certified healthcare executive who is a Past Chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He previously served as a Governor on the College's Board of Governors and Regent in the Council of Regents.

From: "Kathy Bizarro" <KBizarro@nhha.org>  
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Hi Liz - For the New Hampshire Hospital Association annual meeting, we are putting together a panel discussion on grassroots advocacy. As a NH legislator and a hospital trustee, I'd like to invite you to participate on the panel.

The panel discussion is scheduled for Tuesday morning, Sept 28th as part of the Northern New England Association of Healthcare Executives breakfast meeting - which is part of the NHHA Annual Meeting and will be held at the Mount Washington Hotel. The panel will be moderated by Steve Ahnen. I already have two others who have agreed to serve on the panel and you would be a great addition. The other panel members are Frank McDougall, Sr. VP Government Relations from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Art Nichols, CEO at Cheshire Medical Center. The description of the panel discussion is attached. We'd love to have you as part of the panel to describe your role as a legislator, as a hospital trustee, and as someone who is actively working on healthcare issues that are important to you. You can provide a unique prospective on what role healthcare providers can have in grassroots advocacy. I look forward to hearing from you! Thanks for the consideration. Kathy

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# **CATEGORY I PANEL DISCUSSION TEMPLATE #12**

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## **The Healthcare Organization's Role in Formulating Public Policy**

**Length:** 1.5 Hours

**Target Audience:** Mid-careerists to senior executives

**Description:** Many of society's most critical issues confront healthcare organizations daily. From access for the uninsured and underinsured, children and elder care initiatives, patient safety and Medicare and Medicaid changes, healthcare organizations must address myriad issues. In addition, healthcare must also deal with payer demands for cost containment and the growing expectation for transparency. How can your organization advocate on those public policy issues that clearly affect your community and healthcare providers? How important is it for healthcare leaders to become involved in policy issues at the local, state and national levels? Can your participation really impact how regulatory and fiscal decisions get made? What are the advantages or disadvantages to your organization in joining this kind of an advocacy effort?

**Faculty:** Moderator plus two to three panelists. The moderator should be an individual with direct experience working in the public policy arena. Panelists might include a policy or advocacy representative from the state hospital association, a local hospital CEO engaged in public policy work, a representative from the National Academy for State Healthcare policy ( [www.nashp.org](http://www.nashp.org)) or a lawyer familiar with the regulatory process. Other panelists might include policy specialists with a narrower focus on issues, for example, patient safety and adverse event reporting, performance measures or medical malpractice. The NASHP is another resource for those specialty individuals.

**Topics for Discussion:**

- How can healthcare organizations become involved in public policy?
- What are the issues that are most immediately of concern?
- What are the longer-term issues?