Organizations across New Hampshire came together in 2016 to form the HPV Vaccine Stakeholders Working Group to collaborate on evidence-based efforts to increase HPV vaccine rates across the state.

**NH Cancer Plan Objective**
- Increase the percentage of NH youth who complete the recommended HPV vaccination series

**Background**
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) is very common. Most people will be infected with it at some point in their lives.
- HPV is associated with several types of cancer, including cervical, anal, vaginal, penile, and oropharyngeal cancers. About 1,783 cases of cancer were attributable to HPV in New Hampshire from 1999-2013.
- The HPV vaccine is an important, but underutilized cancer prevention tool. Among 13-17 year old adolescents in New Hampshire in 2015, 25.8% of females and 30.2% of males had not received any doses of the vaccine.

**Results**
- More than a dozen organizations participate in the HPV Vaccine Stakeholders Working Group.
- The Working Group has joined together to:
  - Implement screenings and panel discussions of *Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic*, reaching more than 100 people
  - Coordinate healthcare provider training sessions, reaching more than 30 people
  - Disseminate educational information through social media, written materials, and newspaper formats
- Next steps include:
  - Continued educational efforts targeting the public and healthcare professionals
  - Evaluation and strategic planning for future efforts

**Partner Organizations**
- American Cancer Society
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Leadership Preventive Medicine Residency
- Dartmouth Primary Care Cooperative Research Network
- Merck
- New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration member organizations
- NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency at Concord Hospital
- NH Oral Health Coalition
- NH Pediatric Improvement Project
- Norris Cotton Cancer Center
- Southern NH Area Health Education Center
- State of NH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- State of NH Department of Education
- State of NH Immunization Program