



About NH Hunger Solutions

NH Hunger Solutions (NHHS) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advocate to end food insecurity, improve access to nutritious food, and address hunger's root causes for all New Hampshire residents. Our vision is that hunger is eliminated in New Hampshire.

This is an incredibly important and promising time for hunger advocacy in NH. Until very recently, advocacy to address hunger in NH was very limited, and largely relied on a part-time Executive Director and a few volunteers. Since March of 2021, thanks to a substantial investment by the NH Charitable Foundation, for the first time NHHS was able to hire full time staff to begin to understand and address hunger in NH and develop solutions to end it. Since then, NHHS has grown considerably. A number of state and national foundations have now invested in our work. Since spring 2021, we have increased our annual budget to \$927,000 and have added our 9th staff member.

NHHS advocacy prioritizes 4 areas:

1. Closing the gap between those eligible and those enrolled in federal nutrition programs.
2. Supporting schools and communities to increase participation in school meals.
3. Increasing public and policymaker understanding of and solutions to hunger in NH.
4. Supporting and building food access coalitions to address hunger at the state, regional and local levels.

We see the system of food and nutrition supports like a power grid that moves nutritious food to communities throughout the state; but the grid is patchy in some areas and non-existent in others. Our aim is to plug more communities into the grid, ensuring those eligible for federal nutrition programs receive the nutrition support they deserve.

With effective advocacy, smart policies and decision-maker buy-in, we can solve hunger in NH. We have the tools. NHHS is bringing the expertise and advocacy focus to this work.

About the NHHS Board

The NHHS Board meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of April, June, September and December from 11-12:30. Board Members are expected to join at least 1 committee: Development, Executive, Finance, or Governance. Committees generally meet monthly or every other month.

The Board term is three years with the option of a second term, for a total of 6 years.



Committee Descriptions

Development Committee The committee responsibilities include but are not not limited to:

- Overseeing, updating, and operationalizing the NHHS Development Plan.
- Creating Policies and guidelines for accepting gifts and donor solicitation.
- Offering guidance and support to individual board members in their fundraising and donor stewardship efforts.

The committee will include other staff, or other non-Directors whose experience in development may assist the Committee and the Board in the performance of its responsibilities. The committee meets every other month.

Executive Committee The Executive Committee consists of officers of the Board of Directors. The committee meets monthly to act on behalf of the Board between meetings, to support and supervise the Executive Director and to plan Board meetings.

Finance Committee Chaired by the Board Treasurer, the Finance Committee helps to oversee the finances of the organization and to set financial policies. The committee may include non-Directors whose experience in accounting, finance or business may assist the committee and the Board in the performance of their financial oversight responsibilities.

Governance Committee The committee develops policies that relate to the governance of the organization and the Board of Directors, including, but not limited to:

- Criteria for Board membership
 - Development of a Board recruitment matrix.
 - Nomination and presentation of Board candidates for election by the Board.
 - Nomination and presentation of a slate of officers for election by the Board.
- Developing and executing a process of orientation for new members of the Board.
- Periodically reviewing the bylaws of the organization and recommending amendments to the Board.
 - Periodically (minimally every 3 years) initiating a Board Assessment process.

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