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Subcontract awarded to UNH's Institute on Disability to Deliver Community Residence for Older Adults Residing in or Qualified for Nursing Home Placement

DURHAM – The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire will provide key support over the next three years on the Community Wrap grant awarded to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

The \$770,000 grant, funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, was designed to ensure that adequate and appropriate services and housing are developed for older adults with complex, multiple problems who currently reside in nursing homes or who are eligible for services in New Hampshire.

The Institute on Disability will be responsible for all housing activities including coalition, task force and memorandum development; analysis and outreach; housing development for consumers leaving nursing homes and creation of a manual that addresses the project's outcomes and challenges.

Institute on Disability director, Dr. Jan Nisbet, and the Institute's housing specialist, Jay Klein, will dedicate their time to this project.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services awarded a total of \$3.97 million in federal funding to the state, resulting in three grant awards, including Community Wrap. Granite State Independent Living will receive \$900,000 over three years to increase the number of direct-care workers who assist people with disabilities.

The Department of Health and Human Services also received \$2.3 million for a grant called Facilitating Lifespan Excellence [FLEX]. The Institute on Disability is a full partner on the FLEX grant, and will work with a variety of statewide partners to initiate systems change and offer real choices for all New Hampshire residents with disabilities.

Other organizations participating in the Community Wrap grant include: Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center, Riverbend Community Mental Health Center, A Way to Better Life Inc., and Merrimac Mental Health Consumer Association.

All three grants were developed to provide community support and empower the elderly, people with disabilities and those with chronic illnesses, and allow them to live the lives they chose in their communities and homes.

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The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was established in 1987 with a mission to promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into their communities.

