

Leadership Development

Health care access, quality and rising costs impact every individual, family and business in Maine. For sound policy and system reform to occur, leaders from across the spectrum must be better informed to understand the need for policy change. MeHAF is committed to enhancing the abilities of leaders from multiple sectors to meet the challenge of reforming and improving Maine's health care system.

Policy Leaders Academy

Working with the Maine Development Foundation, MeHAF helps to sponsor a biennial [Policy Leaders Academy](#) for members of Maine's legislature, with a focus on current health care issues.

Hanley Leadership Development Program

[The Dan Hanley Center for Health Leadership](#) and [Institute for Civic Leadership](#) offer a leadership training course for health care leaders from private, nonprofit and government organizations. MeHAF provides scholarship underwriting so leaders from smaller nonprofits representing or serving Maine's uninsured and underserved can participate in this program.

Health Coverage Fellowship Program

[The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation](#) sponsors a unique fellowship program for journalists that taps the expertise of top health and policy officials, and provides first-hand experience on how the health care system works. MeHAF provides scholarship underwriting for a Maine journalist to attend. Fellows include:

- Greg Kesich, Portland Press Herald (2018)
- Matthew Stone, Bangor Daily News (2017)
- Charles Eichacker, Kennebec Journal (2016)
- Joe Lawlor, Portland Press Herald (2015)
- Lindsay Tice, Lewiston Sun Journal (2014)
- Patty Wight, Maine Public Radio (2013)
- Jackie Farwell, Bangor Daily News (2012)
- John Richardson, Portland Press Herald (2011)
- Shawn Cunningham, WAGM TV (2010)
- Josie Huang, Maine Public Broadcasting (2009)
- Herb Perry, *York Weekly* (2008)
- Francis Quinn, *Associated Press* in Maine (2007)
- Tom Walsh, *Ellsworth American* (2006)
- Meg Haskell, *Bangor Daily News* (2005)
- Charlotte Renner Albright, Maine Public Broadcasting (2004)

National Academy for State Health Policy Annual Conference Sponsorship

In most years since 2006, with support from MeHAF, Maine's Legislative Council has offered a bipartisan group of legislators and legislative analyst staff the opportunity to attend this annual meeting. Legislators learn about key state and national policy developments from national leaders and their legislative peers from other states. MeHAF provides the [National Academy for State Health Policy](#) with the underwriting support for travel and registration.