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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire, in collaboration with the NH Department of Health and Human Services, will present a conference – Real Choices for Older Adults: Transforming Long Term Systems of Support on Tuesday, Oct. 3, highlighting best practices in integrating supports for persons who are aging.

- **Real Choices for Older Adults: Transforming Long Term Systems of Support**
- Tuesday, October 3, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Center of New Hampshire Radisson Hotel, Manchester, N.H.
- Registration: \$50 professionals; \$25 consumers and family members
- To register: www.iod.unh.edu or (603) 228-2084

This conference will highlight federal initiatives, the experience of other states, and best practices in NH in integrating community-based long term services and supports. Keynote speakers will include representatives from the Centers on Medicaid and Medicare Services and the Administration on Aging regarding current federal initiatives, as well as Patrick Flood, Commissioner at the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living in Vermont. Individual breakout sessions will focus on current initiatives in New Hampshire related to access to services, quality assurance and improvement, housing and supports, consumer direction, and community engagement.

The N.H. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire and numerous community partners, is engaged in a significant initiative to transform the community-based system of long term support for older adults and adults with disabilities. This work is being supported through several Real Choice grants awarded through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) within the US Department of Health and Human Services.

This conference is sponsored by NH's Real Choice Grants: Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement, Systems Transformation, Service Link Resource Centers, and Home Care Connections; Division of Community Based Care Services, NH Department of Health and Human Services; and the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire.

The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was established in 1987 to provide a coherent university-based focus for the improvement of knowledge, policies, and

practices related to the lives of persons with disabilities and their families. Its mission is to advance policies and systems changes, promising practices, education, and research that strengthen communities to ensure full access, equal opportunities, and participation for all persons.