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**Gilford Man Appointed to County Citizens Council**

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Richard Moed (R) from Gilford, recently appointed to the Belknap County Citizens Council is congratulated by 2005 Council Vice-Chair, Sarah Fox of Sanbornton.

worked as a healthcare administrator in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, and New York, recently moved with his family to Gilford where he is a healthcare consultant and entrepreneur. A Registered Nurse, he earned a Masters in Public Administration from New York University and has served in executive positions at Schneider Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park, New York; Brooklyn Hospital in Brooklyn, New York; Sinai Hospital in Detroit, Michigan; Boston Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts; and St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut.

Rich has also had significant experience working with youth in the criminal justice and mental health systems. He ran an experimental residential treatment program in Connecticut for troubled youth and was the operations administrator of six special education schools for children who had both learning and mental health issues. He also was an administrator of a psychiatric

crises center located in Detroit and a member of several statewide commissions that focused on the needs of children in foster care and juveniles requiring residential placements.

According to Moed, it is the intersection of his experiences in healthcare, juvenile justice, mental health, and poverty that have influenced his decision to do what he can as a Council member to "break the cycle" of poverty, mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, and juvenile crime.

Mr. Moed is a member of the Council's Balanced and Restorative Juvenile Justice Committee that is now working with state and local professionals and citizens to develop tools that will more clearly define and measure the results of rehabilitation programs for juveniles.

"We are extremely pleased to have Rich join us," says Alan Robichaud, Council Executive Director. Robichaud explains that the Citizens Council actively seeks involvement of "folks from all walks of life". People with strong interests in areas such as improving outcomes in the juvenile justice system, building strength-based communities; preventing problems before they occur; reducing substance abuse, addictions, and family violence; and participating in advocacy, planning, and public relations make "perfect Council members," he stresses.

More information about the Citizens Council is available at the Council's website, [www.bccj.org](http://www.bccj.org) by calling the Council office at 528-3185.