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The New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA) is pleased to announce that it has welcomed Joseph Lascaze, the Smart Justice Advocate for the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire, to its Board of Directors for a two-year term.

In his current role, Mr. Lascaze collaborates with community members, lawmakers, and key stakeholders to identify systemic problems within the community and strategize how we can both create equitable systems for communities of color and end mass incarceration, with a holistic approach to combatting injustice to improve community health for all people.

Mr. Lascaze believes we can do better for communities that have been historically marginalized, mistreated, or left without a seat at the table. Joseph’s deep knowledge of the criminal justice system and understanding of the experiences of those directly impacted, as well as lessons learned from his time serving on the Governor’s Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT), have taught him that the best way to formulate lasting solutions is not to shy away from our differences but rather to confront those differences head-on and do the work to find common ground.

As a lifelong resident of New Hampshire, Joseph is deeply invested in building a future for the Granite state where all citizens are afforded the same opportunities and second chances regardless of their background or the color of their skin.

**About NHPHA**

NHPHA is a statewide membership organization composed of professionals and others who have an interest in public health. For over 25 years, it has brought together members who share a common goal of making sure that New Hampshire citizens live, learn, work, and play in safe and healthy environments. For more information, visit [nhpha.org](http://nhpha.org) or call 603-228-2983.

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