**Northeast Delta Dental Foundation approves $2,500 in scholarships through Maine Association of Nonprofits**

The Northeast Delta Dental Foundation recently approved a $2,500 grant to support two scholarships for the 2014 Nonprofit Leadership Institute for New Executive Directors facilitated by the Maine Association of Nonprofits. These two scholarships will be available to applicants who have three or less years experience as leaders in the oral health field or health care setting with an oral health component or program. In addition to the scholarship, there is a stipend for travel expenses with the hope that scholarship recipients will not have any geographic barriers.

 “With educational and training funding limited in many organizations, we are hoping two candidates will take advantage of this opportunity,” said Kathleen Walker, Treasurer of the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation.

 This in-depth program, comprised of six sessions, provides new Executive Directors with dedicated time and space to set goals and develop action plans for professional growth and organizational development. Using The Guiding Principles + Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Maine as a framework and real-world examples shared in the group, the program connects participants to the necessary tools and resources to help their organizations become more effective and well-run, and builds a cohesive peer network to engage in solution-oriented discussions.

For more information and to request an application for the 2014 Nonprofit Leadership Institute for New Executive Directors please contact Katrina Ruffner at kruffner@NonprofitMaine.org. Learn more about the Maine Association of Nonprofits at [www.NonprofitMaine.org](http://www.NonprofitMaine.org).

 Northeast Delta Dental is a nonprofit dental insurance company offering dental programs for individuals and families and small and large businesses. The Northeast Delta Dental Foundation was established in 1995 to provide funding for programs that meet the oral health needs of the underserved and uninsured.