

Penrose Jackson

Since 2003, Ms. Jackson has served as Director of Community Health Improvement at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Beginning in 1983 she has served on the boards of health care organizations including the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont and the Vermont Health Foundation (VHF). Prior to joining Fletcher Allen, she served as the staff to the VHF, overseeing grants to community-based organizations whose efforts advanced the VHF's mission of improving the health of the communities it serves.

Ms. Jackson served for thirteen years as the first Executive Director of the Church Street Marketplace, a pedestrian mall in Burlington, Vermont. Subsequent to that, she filled similar positions at the National Gardening Association and the Intervale Foundation. Her community commitment has been extensive and includes board chair positions with the Burlington City Arts, Champlain Initiative, Childcare Resource and Referral Center, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Ethan Allen Homestead, First Night Burlington, Greater Burlington YMCA, Leadership Champlain, South Burlington Rotary Club, KidSafe Collaborative, Linking Learning to Life, Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer, and Women Helping Battered Women. In early 2008 Ms. Jackson served as chair of the American Health Association's "Go Red for Women" Vermont luncheon.

A native of central New York State, Ms. Jackson graduated from the University of Vermont. She also participated in UVM's masters' degree program in American history and attended the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. From 2003-4 she participated as a fellow in the American Hospital Association's Health Forum fellowship, "Creating Healthier Communities." In 2011 she completed Saint Louis University's Certificate Program in Community Benefit.

Currently, she

- chairs the board of the Vermont Ethics Network,
- chairs the ECOS Project,
- chairs the Board of the Vermont Public Health Association, and
- sits on the boards of the South Burlington Rotary Club, University of Vermont Alumni Board, and the Vermont Historical Society.

Ms. Jackson lives and gardens in Hinesburg with her husband, Schuyler Jackson, and dog, Zim.