

**Roberta Berner, MA**

*Executive Director, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.*

Roberta has worked for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council since 1999, and has served as the Council's executive director since 2003. She is past president of the New Hampshire Coalition of Aging Services, a gubernatorial appointee to the Governor's Commission for Medicaid Care Management and a former member of the Board of Directors of Kendal at Hanover.

She moved to the Upper Valley of NH and VT in 1998 after working for the previous 25 years as a nonprofit professional in Jackson, Mississippi, Columbus, Ohio, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and her native Gainesville, Florida. She has worked for a wide variety of organizations that focus on the arts, the environment, education, health and human services; her favorite has been Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

Roberta holds an M.A. in American Studies with a focus on social welfare history from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. in history from the University of Florida.

Her husband Richard Abel is a New Hampshire legislator. Her son Danny is a professional musician in New Orleans, and her daughter Judy is an advertising strategic planner in Durham, NC.