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President's Message

Attending a national conference can be a great way to break your routine and get inspired about your chosen profession. This is why it was pretty exciting to get the opportunity to attend the NEHA Conference in Nashville this past July, representing Connecticut and our affiliate Environmental Health Association. The chance to attend this conference was not one of the reasons I decided to put my name forward as a candidate for CEHA President, but it truly is a special occasion and based on my experience I would recommend you to try to attend at some point in your career. This year's NEHA conference was certainly inspirational and the widely varying agenda topics and speakers reminded me that the universal language of environmental health is alive and well throughout the United States and many other countries.

In the Keynote Address, Dr. Robert Kadlec from the US Department of Health and Human Services spoke about the importance of the environmental health professional in preparedness and response to environmental emergencies which are becoming more frequent. He spoke with awe and respect for the enormous amount of skill, experience and knowledge represented by the attendees and vowed to increase cooperation and communication between governmental agencies, state and local government and private organizations involved with responding to these types of events. Following Dr. Kadlec was Anne Godfrey, a Chief Executive of Environmental Health in the United Kingdom. She presented a brief history of the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) in England beginning in the 1800's when they were referred to in historical documents as "Inspector of Nuisances". In particular, I noticed that her description of the current situation for EHO's in the UK seems quite similar to many of the struggles we face here in our own state and local health departments and districts.

It was great seeing several CT colleagues in attendance, including Mike Pascucilla from East Shore District Health Department and David Knauf from the Darien Health Department who jointly presented "Microbial Source Tracking; An Analysis of Three CT Watersheds of Long Island Sound" based on their recent grant-funded survey work. This was one of many excellent presentations included on the Water Track which along with other concurrent presentations on topics such as Food Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Effects Climate Change made it difficult to choose which lecture to attend! Most of all, it was an honor representing CEHA at this wonderful conference and I will remember it as a professional highlight of 2019.

Jessica Fletcher, 2019 CEHA President

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Next Executive Board Meeting,

Middletown South Fire District, 445 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 06457

Please email Jessica Fletcher, if you plan to attend!



CEHA Committee Report

Education

The annual summer meeting was again held at Hammonasset State Park. Beautiful weather and professional camaraderie prevailed. Rhonda Wisniewski, FPP, spoke and her information about service dogs will be posted on our website once available.

CEHA produced and/or sponsored trainings are scheduled. See body art/personal services committee section for cosmetology seminar details and subsurface sewage committee section for soils training information.

Please "SAVE THE DATE"- for our annual meeting on November 1st at a new venue this year, Saint Clements Castle in Portland! An informative program has been planned along with the usual CEHA meeting agenda. Registration details will be announced in October.

"Education breeds confidence, confidence breeds hope, hope breeds peace"

- Dianne Harding

Save the Date!

- Cosmetology Seminar - September 30
- Soils Workshop - October 23 + 24

Local Health Update!!!

2019HB-07424 (passed with the Budget on 06/05/19)

ESTHETICIANS, NAIL TECHNICIAN, AND EYELASH TECHNICIAN LICENSURE:

Requires estheticians, nail technicians, and eyelash technicians to be licensed; allows schools for them to be established; sets annual inspection standards; requires spas or salons to be under the management of a DPH-credentialed individual; and extends existing law's human trafficking notice requirement to additional establishments.

Link to budget summary:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/FN/pdf/2019HB-07424-R01-FN.pdf>

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The Personal Services and Body Art Ad-Hoc Committee has been forming partnerships, tracking and writing letters of support for statewide licensing and a standardized inspection approach. We have also started to discuss a training to be held this Fall (2019) for Sanitarians. As always, we welcome feedback and participation from membership on this topic, please contact Mindy Chambrelli, RS, REHS, at mchambrelli@darienct.gov or at 203-656-7322.

Personal Services and Body Art Ad- Hoc Committee:

Tremendous work is being put into a CEHA sponsored all day training on Monday September 30th, at the Stratford Health Department. Our committee would like to encourage sanitarians to come armed with questions they may have for industry professionals! In attendance will be representatives from local health, the beauty industry, CT Coalition of Esthetic, CT Association of Professional Tattooers (CAPT), CT Association of Public Health Nurses (CAPHN), and confirmed participation from Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

A work group was recently created to develop guidelines established pursuant to Public Act 19-117, Section 196(b), (passed in June 2019) that enhanced the existing local health annual salon inspection requirements found in Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-231 by requiring the Department of Public Health to collaborate with local health directors to establish a standardized inspection form and guidelines concerning inspection standards related to the sanitary conditions of a salon.

Public Act 19-77 defines a salon as any shop, store, day spa, or other commercial establishment at which the practice of barbering, hairdressing and cosmetology, or the services of a nail technician, esthetician, or eyelash technician is offered and provided.

Mindy Chambrelli, RS, REHS

Subsurface Sewage Sewage

Welcome to Autumn! The kids are back in school, days are getting shorter, and the cold nights will bring some relief from our summer nemesis (the mosquito). The subsurface committee has been on hiatus this summer but CT DPH Environmental Engineering did host their Code Advisory Meeting on July 11th. DPH is looking at a Technical Standards update for January 2021, with topics of consideration ranging from new leaching products, filter fabric reviews, residential outbuildings sizing for central systems, two separate one bedroom buildings (into a common septic system) and building sewer cleanouts for slab construction. DPH also advised the Office of State Building Inspector and DEEP that condensate from high efficiency gas furnaces and AC units can discharge to onsite septic system, so long as it is properly neutralized (per building code). Lastly, Senate Bill #1013 to potentially increase DPH jurisdiction to 10,000 GPD (currently 7,500 GPD) for traditional/alternative treatment AND eliminate the reference to “within available appropriations” (meaning no funding would be provided) has died in committee.

In other news, our 20+ volunteers are preparing and finalizing planning for our CEHA/DPH October 23-24th Soils Training at Sessions Woods in Burlington, CT. Volunteers will also be onsite October 22 for a “Train the Trainer”, where everyone will become familiar with the site, schedule and duties.

This year’s soils training will offer some familiar favorites and several new twists on what has been a practical, hands-on training for new and experienced sanitarians, engineers, surveyors, soil scientists, and contractors. Peter Fletcher, the decorated and personable soil scientist, will be offering his final lectures and demonstrations on site hydraulics, soil texturing, and how the soil science and public health worlds intertwine. Peter also provides a fantastic geologic history of CT soils and how various natural and human impacts have altered our landscapes. As with previous years, participants will “get dirty” by feeling and listening to various soil types in texture labs, test pits, percolation tests, hydraulic cores, and presentations. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to meet the manufacturers of various septic products and get an up close view of leaching products, septic tanks, pipes, distribution boxes, filter fabric, select fill vs. “other” fill, and sieves analyses.

We have two tracks this year (Traditional and Hydraulics) that offers some joint trainings (mentioned previously) and several breakout sessions. Participants will be given separate nametags when they arrive, based upon which track they registered for, and will follow the schedules for the two day training (schedules to be posted on the CEHA website later this month.) We have a total of 80 spots for registrants, with a few remaining, so those interested should register ASAP at the CEHA website (\$90 for CEHA members and \$135 for non CEHA members, no difference in cost for the two tracks).

The Hydraulic track is new and is designed for those who have previously attended soils training. New topics covered by the Hydraulics track include instruction on site staking, hydraulic limitation and challenging lots, tidally influenced lots, groundwater monitoring, curtain drain construction, and large/high strength waste systems. We have the benefit of volunteers that are experts from CT DPH, DEEP, local health, CT septic installers, Professional Engineers, Soils Scientist and the USDA.

EPA is celebrating SepticSmart Week September 16-20th, with info available at <https://www.epa.gov/septic/septic-smart-week>. Get into the septic mood by joining us at our next meeting subsurface meeting at the Portland Library at 1pm. Lastly, the CEHA board is looking for volunteers to fill positions on the Executive Board, Technical Committees, and Standing Committees, so please contact us if you have interest in getting more involved with CEHA. Have a great fall and hope to see you at the next meeting and/or soils training!

- Ryan McCammon, RS/REHS

Let's Join a Committee

Be active and become a board member of CEHA. Be part of a growing organization, get to meet fellow coworkers and make a difference in the Environmental field. To learn more about the CEHA board, which meets once per month, attend an executive board meeting. Contact any current board member or check the CEHA website (<https://ceha.wildapricot.org>) for more information. There are currently three vacant positions: Vice President, Nominations & Election committee, and Technical Advisory committee Housing/Lead . If you are interested please contact Debbie Schober at dschober@moheganmail.com, 860-862-6064.

The 58th Annual Yankee Conference on Environmental Health, September 16 – 18, 2020

The Connecticut Environmental Health Association is the host of next year's Yankee Conference on Environmental Health. Usually we would be looking forward to holding this great conference at a location in Connecticut. There will be a little twist on this traditional arrangement though. CEHA will host of the Yankee Conference for the next two years (2020 and 2021), and we will be co-conferencing with the FDA Northeast Annual Food Protection Seminar. What that means is next year we will host the conference in Providence, Rhode Island at the Graduate Hotel (formerly the Biltmore). We have already signed the hotel contract, and we are working with our colleagues in Rhode Island, NEFDOA and the FDA to put together an exciting, can't miss joint conference! Save the date and start planning your budgets. There is a lot happening next year, and it is going to be great!

Scott Cook

Chairman Yankee Conference Board of Directors
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Co-Chair, 2020 Yankee Conference Planning Committee

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2019 Scholarship Opportunities

Are you looking to further your education? In the process of earning your undergrad or completing an Environmental certification program? CEHA has awesome scholarship opportunities for you!

How to Apply for CEHA Scholarships:

Go to our website: <https://ceha.wildapricot.org/ScholarshipsandAwards>

Download the application to become a member of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association. Once membership application is submitted you can then download the application packet and apply to the scholarships applicable to you. Please take a moment to view the listing of past recipients on the website, along with scholarship criteria. All applications will be reviewed and scored based solely on the information you provide. Now is your time to wow us! Do you deserve to be the next 2019 Scholarship recipient? Do not wait until the last minute, start working on your application today. Good Luck!

2019 Award Opportunities

Two awards are given for excellence and give the highest recognition to professionals in the environmental health field of public health. Individuals whom have received these awards have been recognized and nominated by their peers.

Raymond W. Brunelle Award -Download Nomination Form Here

This award, established in 1971 by the CEHA Board, is presented to a deserving member in recognition for outstanding service. This high honor is also referred to as the "Connecticut Sanitarian of the Year" award. Raymond Brunelle was a dedicated sanitarian, the first president of CEHA, and did a great deal to promote environmental health throughout Connecticut. It is a privilege to receive this high recognition for outstanding service and be honored by one's peers.

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER 1ST, 2019

Please send all completed applications and nominations to:

Erica Mikulak

CEHA Scholarship and Awards Chair

Bristol-Burlington Health District

240 Stafford Avenue

Bristol, CT 06010

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FVHD Stats

Towns Served: Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford, Simsbury

Population: 110,000

Avg. Annual # of PSE Permits: 555

Avg. Annual # of Temp. Event Permits Issued: 137

Avg. Annual # of Itinerant Vendors: ~25

Avg. Annual Septic Inspections: 410

Avg. Annual # of Lead Cases: 2-3

Avg. Annual # of Complaints: 100+

Avg. Annual # of Day-care Inspections: 50

Avg. Annual # of Pool and public bathing Inspections: 96

Website: www.fvhd.org

Phone: 860-352-2333

GET TO KNOW THE FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT



Jennifer Kertanis, Director of Health

Jennifer has worked with the FVHD for 6 years and has been in the Public Health field for 33 years. Her personal interests include sailing, camping, travel, knitting, sewing and gardening. Jennifer's proudest accomplishment is raising her two fun, adventurous, and kind boys. A fun fact of Jennifer is that she loved the street food in Vietnam — even with her public health knowledge!

Dianne Harding, Chief Sanitarian

Dianne has worked with the FVHD for 32 years and has been in the Public Health field for 37 years. Her interest includes gardening, reading, history, birding, camping, dancing, cooking and eating. Dianne's proudest accomplishment include producing her first seminar as CEHA Education Chair. A fun fact of Dianne is that she is a Jeopardy fan.

Patricia Gigliotti, Chief Sanitarian

Patricia has worked with the FVHD for 30 years and has been in the Public Health field for 34 years. Her personal interests include spending time at the lake and the beach. Patricia's proudest accomplishment is that she is still willing to and do learn new things daily! A fun fact of Patricia is that she loves great pyrenees and bulldogs.

Kristin Kula, Registered Sanitarian

Kristin has worked with the FVHD for 26 years and has been in the Public Health field for 27 years. Her personal interests include boating, scrapbooking, hiking and volunteering. Kristin's proudest accomplishment is that she is still learning news things all the time after so many years in the field. A fun fact of Kristin is that she's a very proud baseball mom.

Deb Doyon, Administrative Assistant

Deb has worked with the FVHD for 8 years. Her personal interest includes camping and fiber arts. Deb's proudest accomplishment is that she self taught herself on MS Office. A fun fact of Deb is that she has a song in her head at all times.

Justine Ginsberg, Community Health Coordinator

Justine has been with the FVHD for 5 years. Her personal interests include cooking, gardening, reading and playing with her 3 labs! A fun fact of Justine is that she is affectionately known as "Aussie Momma" to far more children than she ever gave birth to and love unicorns — the world needs a little magic!

Tanielle Davis, Food Service Coordinator

Tanielle has worked with the FVHD for 6 years. Her personal interests include beach trips, spending time with her family, and listening to old school reggae music. Her proudest accomplishment is becoming the first in her family to graduate from college. A fun fact of Tanielle is that she was born and raised in the beautiful island of Jamaica.

Melissa Marquis, Public Health Emergency Response Specialist

Melissa has worked with the FVHD for 5+ years and has been in the Public Health field for 11+ years. Her personal interests include being active and compete in road running and cycling races. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading and being by the water. Melissa's proudest accomplishment include caring for and helping her cystic fibrosis patients throughout the course of their disease and transition through end of life care. A fun fact of Melissa is that she ran the Hartford half-marathon in 2016 for Donate Life Connecticut.

Jason Brown, Environmental Health Inspector

Jason has worked with the FVHD for 23 years. His interest personal interests include golf, mountain biking, gardening, and swimming. His proudest accomplishment was becoming a father. A fun fact of Jason is that he is a twin.

Kevin Closter, Environmental Health Inspector

Kevin has worked with the FVHD for almost 3 years and has been in the Public Health field for almost 6 years. His personal interests include music, reading, and video games. His proudest accomplishment is getting through the State Certification. A fun fact of Kevin is that 2 fingers on his left hand are attached with webbing.

Leesa Philippon, Community Health Coordinator

Leesa has worked with the FVHD for 2 years. Her personal interests include faith, family, Veteran focused initiatives, cooking, nature, and prayer. Leesa's biggest accomplishment is being married to her best friend for 38 years and being called mom by her 3 children and many Marines. A fun fact of Leesa is that she loves corny jokes and her road name is Smile.

Get to know the Farmington Health Valley District continued...

Sarah Altieri, Community Health Program Associate

Sarah has worked with the FVHD for 1 and a half years. Her personal interests include art, music, biking, video games, and Disney World. Sarah's proudest accomplishment is being a wife. A fun fact of Sarah is that she has 6 guinea pigs.

Bianca Maiorino, Environmental Health Inspector

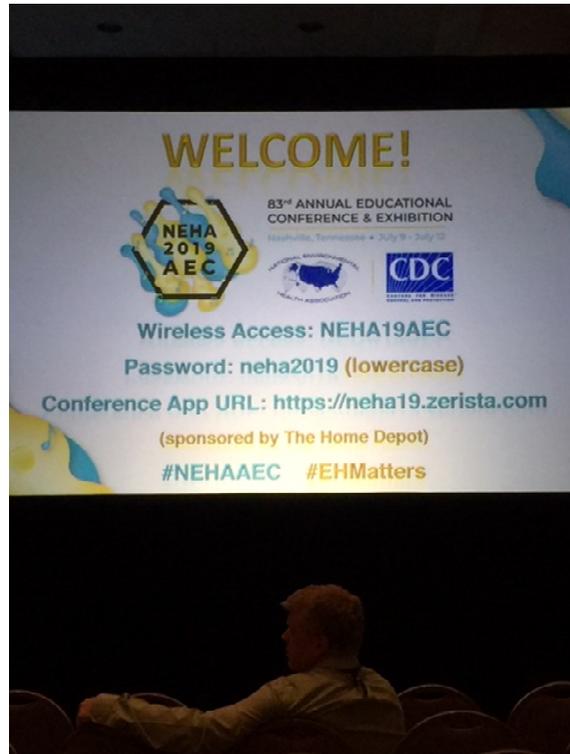
Bianca has worked with the FVHD for 10 months and has been in the Public Health field for 3.5 years. Her personal interests include kayaking, painting, and crafts. Bianca's proudest accomplishment is graduating from College. A fun fact of Sarah is that she has been a dachshund owner for 16 years.

Miranda Arnold, Environmental Health Inspector

Miranda has worked with the FVHD for 8 months and has been in the Public Health fiend for 2 years. Her personal interests include nail technician and cooking. Miranda's biggest accomplishment include her Bachelors degree. A fun fact of Bianca is that she is a mom.



Pictures from NEHA Conference



Check out our CEHA shop!

<https://ceha.wildapricot.org/Sys/Store/Products/14878>



[Stainless Steel Insulated Tumbler](#)
\$15.00



[65th Anniversary Coffee Mug](#)
\$10.00



[Reusable Stainless Steel Straw](#)
\$5.00



[Reusable Shopping Bag](#)
\$5.00

Health Department Spotlight

Do you want to have your Health Department featured in the next issue of the CEHA newsletter? Contact [Heather Oatis](#) for more information!