

CEHA spring newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TOM STANSFIELD, CEHA PRESIDENT

hello spring!

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Spring is a great time for environmental health; we creep from our winter duties and into the sunlight of a new year of test pits, well permits and B100a studies. It'll be nice to get away from the salons and food service operations and wallow in a nice muddy construction site. That may be just me, but I am pretty sure that sentiment is secreted away in many of us. As I write this well past the due date (BTW, my yard is still pretty much covered in snow from that March snowstorm that targeted the northwest corner) the air is warm and it won't be too long before the skunk cabbage reminds us that the seasons are changing.

Change...that cursed word that evokes such misery in many of us.



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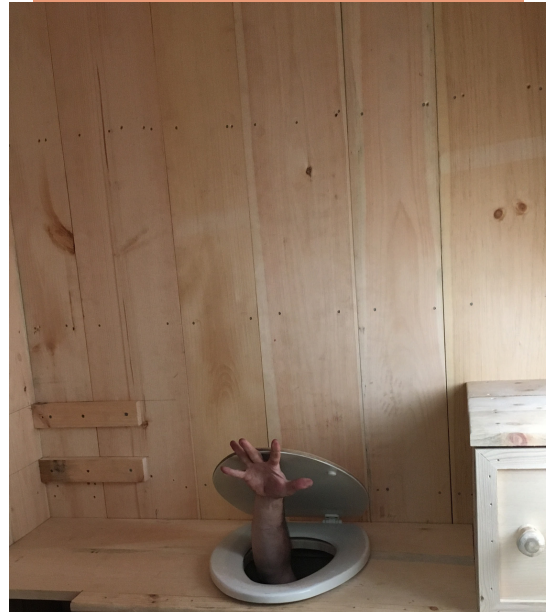
Not all, but many.

The season of change in Connecticut environmental health was exemplified by the slow-sudden transition to the FDA food code. Our compatriots at the State-level are working hard to soften the blow but I know of several in my Curmudgeon Cohort that are hanging up their thermometers (if that is a thing) and moving on with their lives.

That happens with change.

I'm sticking around and I am glad to be and there is no shortage of curmudgeons, so don't worry. But the FDA code is just change. We will all master it in the end; heck, just about every other state in the union can't all be wrong about the FDA. The piece I look forward to is the promised electronic version of the inspection form. *That* component actually scared off some that previously mentioned cohort of mine, but I see it as an integral, if not, indispensable tool. Time will tell and perhaps by the summer newsletter we will see that there really isn't anything new, just *different*.

Hang in there, lean on each other, it'll be ok.



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CEHA is busy planning for the Yankee Conference and each of the various committees are hard at work in their fields of study. The announcement of workforce development monies is just being made, even as details are being hammered out, I think we will see, at the local level, some substantial seed money to entice, train, and retain our highly specialized selves.

We are planning a spring training seminar and the Education Committee is finalizing some plans; watch for the announcement.

(Now that I have said it "out loud", I am certain it will come to fruition).

Keep up the great work education, we are looking forward to getting together again!

Summer party picnic planning will take place soon, too.
Time marches on.

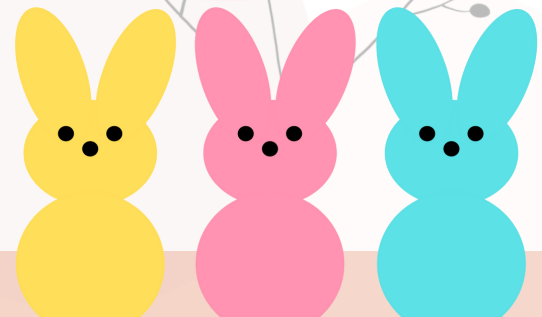
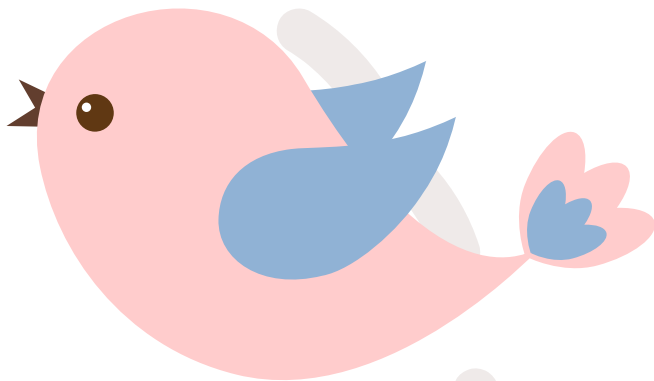


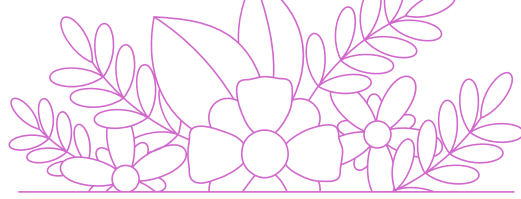
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I wasn't given an assignment for this newsletter; I think our editor realized there wasn't much use in doing so. The presidency seems to be moving along in an expected manner, you can read into that however you wish, but I will say that I am enjoying being at the helm happily steering CEHA along. I have been offered amazing support from past presidents, future presidents, and many many others and I thank you all. We are, as a group, vital to our constituents, even if they have no idea who we are.

Keep up the incredible work you all do and please drop me a line with any comment you may have.

Now, get outside; there's mud to be trodden in.





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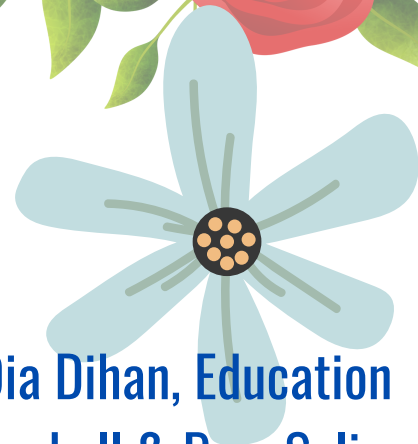
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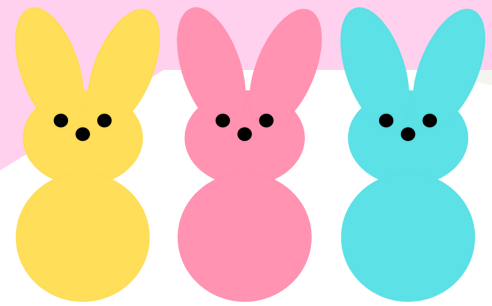
Don Kendrick, Private Well



this board spotlight is on...



workforce development



who are you?

Hi all! We are the Work Force Development Committee, WFD for short, and we are a fairly loud and opinionated group of Sanitarians **AND** Environmental Health Specialists. We are a relatively newer Technical Committee who formed right before the world flipped upside down. Although we have passionate and robust dialog at our meetings, we are a welcoming and supportive group doing our best to make our small, but *muy importante*, career path of Environmental Health Professionals heard, understood, supported, fought for, and developed. We, as a collective of CEHA, believe not only do we do critical work in the Public Health World, but we also believe in the sustainability of our field. We define Environmental Health Professionals (EHPS) as “those who work to improve Public Health by identifying, tracking, and addressing environmental risk factors by using science and evidence-based practices.

who are you?

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EHPs can be, but are not limited to, regulators, local, state, and tribal officials, environmental occupational health and safety specialists, and other environmental and public health stakeholders." In order to achieve success as EHPs, we understand there is a need to have a workforce to do it! We strive to set our peers up for success as we build our workforce through this ever-changing landscape.

what are some of your goals & focuses?

Our biggest pie-in-the-sky goal is to ensure that jobs are created, filled, and sustained in the field of environmental health. That folks entering the workforce know our career path is an option and that there is a **NEED!** Also, to make sure existing environmental health professionals are supported and valued at their workplace.



what are some of your goals & focuses?

- 1) Adding Registered Environmental Health Specialist to existing statute in Connecticut of Sanitarian to align with National credentialling.**
- 2) Focus on Environmental Health school's curriculums to help get more people aware and into this field.**
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- 3) Come up with a way to advertise Public Health as a career option and make sure we are working towards branding our field to encourage others to enter our field and stay in our field!**
- 4) Continue to build collaborative efforts with different entities such as CT Department of Public Health and Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to help support and achieve our goals of building a better workforce.**



Our Next Meeting: May 16th, 2023 2pm via Teams

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING
OUR DISCUSSIONS PLEASE REACH
OUT TO

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OR ALYSSA BROCHU AT
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAININGS

**SAVE
THE
DATE(S)!**

TICK & TICK-BORNE DISEASES OF THE CT RIVER VALLEY

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HEALTH DISTRICT'S FREE EDUCATION SEMINAR

APRIL, 27th, 2023...1:30 – 4:30pm || visit

<https://www.ccthd.org> for more information

61ST ANNUAL YANKEE CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FDA NORTHEAST ANNUAL FOOD PROTECTION SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 20–22, 2023

The Hotel Northampton

36 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060

CEHA NEEDS YOU!

THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED
IS NOW

**We are looking for the support of our Membership to
immediately fill the
SECRETARY Executive Board position.**

This is an opportunity for both new and experienced
Sanitarians in CT to contribute and further your
professional expertise.

The monthly CEHA meetings are virtual and recorded.


This would allow the new Secretary to transcribe the
minutes from the meeting at their convenience.

If you are interested in joining the CEHA Executive
Board or nominating a colleague for
the Secretary position
please contact me with any questions at:

phyllisamodio@bristolct.gov or (860)584-7682

Thank You

PHYLLIS AMODIO, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS CHAIR



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

oldest to newest



- Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist - Central Connecticut Health District
- Sanitarian/Registered Sanitarian - Trumbull Health Department
- Sanitarian - New Fairfield
- Sanitarian - City of Danbury
- Part-Time Food Inspector - Chatham Health District
- Sanitarian II - Housatonic Valley Health District
- Sanitarian II - Naugatuck Valley Health District
- Head Sanitarian - Naugatuck Valley Health District
- Sanitarian III - Chatham Health District
- Sanitarian II - Eastern Highlands Health District



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