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A MESSAGE FROM CPHA PRESIDENT KATHI TRAUGH

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! The CPHA Program Committee has certainly had a busy one putting the final touches on the 2013 CPHA Annual Meeting & Conference, ***The Power of Partnerships: Working Together for a Healthy Connecticut***, which will take place on Friday, October 25th at Coco Key Convention Center in Waterbury. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Dr. Judith Monroe, our keynote speaker, and learn about our state's most successful collaborations and partnerships. During this time of budget cuts and sequesters, partnerships can be the key to stretching limited public health dollars! And the conference is a great time to network with friends and colleagues from around Connecticut. Next, more than 100 professionals from hospitals and health departments attended the ***Conducting Collaborative Community Health Needs Assessments*** workshop on June 27th at the Connecticut Hospital Association. This workshop was co-sponsored by CPHA, the Connecticut Hospital Association, CADH and CT-RI Public Health Training Center. This was a real-life example of the power of partnerships! The Membership Committee conducted a survey to learn more about who are members are and what CPHA benefits are most important to them. Thanks to all of you that took the time to respond. We will use the survey results for future planning and prioritization. Finally, Colleen O'Connor, CPHA Advocacy Committee Chair, attended the Governor's signing of Public Act 1379 ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF INDOOR TANNING DEVICES BY PERSONS UNDER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE*** on July 12, 2013. This was a priority issue for the CPHA Advocacy Committee and its passing is a great example of legislators, researchers, and public health advocates partnering on this very important issue. Kudos to everyone involved!

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REGISTER TODAY FOR 2013 CPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE! EARLY REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR 2013 CPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Power of Partnerships: Working Together for a Healthy Connecticut Friday, October 25, 2013 8:00 am-4:00 pm
CoCo Key Convention Center, Waterbury

DR. JUDITH MONROE TO DELIVER 2013 CPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS!

Dr. Judith Monroe is Deputy Director for State, Tribal, Local & Territorial Support at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. [Click here](#) for more information about Dr. Monroe.

2013 CPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Public Health/Hospital Collaboration * Coalition Building 101 * Health Impact Assessments * Partnering to Advance Public Health Policy * Partnerships for Obesity Prevention * Student Mentoring * Partnerships in Emergency Preparedness * Maintaining Environmental Health Partnerships * Working With the Media * Campus Partnerships * Partnering with Connecticut's Health Insurance Exchange

BECOME A 2013 CPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSOR, ADVERTISER OR EXHIBITOR!

Don't miss this annual opportunity to reach your public health colleagues. Affordable rates and ample options. [Click here](#) for more information.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE CONFERENCE?

We need help with registration and check in. Email Anjuli Bodyk at anjuli.bodyk@yale.edu.

ATTENTION STUDENTS & RECENT GRADUATES! 2013 CPHA STUDENT POSTER SESSION

Deadline to submit your poster abstract for consideration is **Friday, October 4, 2013**. The 2013 CPHA Annual Student Poster Session will take place on Friday, October 25th during the Annual Conference. This is your opportunity to showcase your research, thesis or other public health-related project. [Click here](#) to learn more and to submit a poster abstract.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (CECHs) for CHES

Credit will be available for Certified Health Education Specialists. To learn more, visit the 2013 CPHA Annual Conference webpage.

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CPHA COMMITTEE UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2013 CPHA "REFER A FRIEND"

The 2013 CPHA webpage "Refer a Friend" link is a great way to help CPHA meet its annual membership goals...Here is how it works...

CPHA "Refer a Friend" Instructions

- Click on the main CPHA webpage
- On right side of page, go to My Profile.
- Click on "Refer a Friend."
- Follow the simple instructions.
- You can refer up to 10 friends at once....your profile will keep a list of those you have referred.

2013 CPHA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

2013 CPHA Membership Survey Summary is now available online!

Thank you to all who completed the 2013 Membership Survey. Click here to review the results.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Thinking about getting involved in public health advocacy? The CPHA Advocacy Committee is seeking new members who are interested in participating in upcoming legislative advocacy projects. Learn more by visiting the [CPHA Advocacy Committee webpage](#) or email Colleen O'Connor at colleen.oconnor@cpha.info.

HEALTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE (HEC)

[CPHA's Health Education Committee](#) (HEC) always welcomes new members. For more information, please email the CPHA Health Education Committee at cpha.hec@cpha.info.

HEC meets 5 times per year (January, April, June, September, November) on the second Wednesday of the month from 9 am until 12 pm. In 2013, meetings will be held at the State of CT Department of Transportation located at 2800 Berlin Turnpike in Newington. **Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) are eligible to receive (2) Category 1 CECHs for a \$6 fee at each meeting.**

MENTORING COMMITTEE (MOR)

As CPHA's Mentoring Organization Registry (MOR) enters its 7th year, efforts to educate about and advance interest in public health and public health careers to middle, high school and community college students continue. Schools are now partnering with public health organizations to help them meet new graduation requirements for community service, experiential learning and mandated health education. Since 2012, MOR has spread the word about concepts and careers in public health at CT River Academy, an environmental science magnet school in East Hartford, Wilby High School in Waterbury, Metropolitan Business Academy in New Haven, Manchester High School, Middlesex Community College, Newtown High School and the Education Connection Health Career Internship Program. MOR continues to offer workshops and technical assistance to targeted schools to increase Public Health 101 lessons, community service opportunities, and participation in national events, such as National Public Health Week.

MOR wants to hear from you! Let us know how MOR can help you with training, materials and/or web resources. Share your successes in helping youth learn about and participate in public health in your community. Send email to: Pamela.Kilbey-Fox@cpha.info or Cyndi.BillianStern@cpha.info.

Upcoming MOR Activities

September 10, 2013 at UConn Health Center MPH Office

MOR will meet with invited high school educators from communities that have

already begun to incorporate public health activities into curriculum. The focus of the meeting will be to approve MOR's 2013-14 plan.

October 25, 2013 at the CPHA Annual Conference Student Mentoring Breakout Session Moderated by Pamela Kilbey-Fox and Cyndi Billian Stern.

Participants will have the opportunity to query 6 professionals from different fields of public health.

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CPHA MEMBER NEWS

DR. WILLIAM FARACLAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SCSU FACULTY SENATE

After serving 33 years as Chair of the Department of Public Health at Southern Connecticut State University, Dr. William Faraclas has been elected President of the SCSU Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate is the representative body of the faculty, and the means through which the faculty actively participates in the governance and policy-making decisions of SCSU. During his tenure as Chair, Bill oversaw the creation of one of the country's first Bachelor of Science programs in public health and the development of SCSU's Master of Public Health program, both of which are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and have been cited as being successful at preparing students for today's public health workforce. In collaboration with the CT DPH, Bill established the long-running Environmental Health Training Program, providing a pathway into public health careers for many of the state's sanitarians. Central to Bill's work at SCSU has been his role as Director of International Field Studies in Health, through which hundreds of students went abroad to Mexico and, for the past 2 decades, to Guatemala. In 2013, Bill received the University's *Robert E. Jirsa Service Award*. He also received the *J. Philip Smith Outstanding Teaching Award* in 2004. A longtime member of CPHA, Bill has served on CPHA's Board of Directors at least since 1991, and the CPHA Foundation Board since 1992.

DR. JEAN BRENY NAMED CHAIR OF SCSU DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. Jean M. Breny has been named Chair of the Department of Public Health at Southern CT State University in New Haven. Dr. Breny succeeds Dr. William Faraclas, who served 11 terms. She has been on the faculty since 2000 and teaches undergraduate and graduate-level courses, including community health assessments and program planning and evaluation. Dr. Breny received her PhD in Health Behavior/Health Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2000) and her MPH in Community Health Education from San Jose State University (1994). In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Breny sits on the Community Research Core at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (Yale University) and traveled to Izmir, Turkey as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in 2012.

The SCSU Department of Public Health, which is nationally accredited, has 12 full-time and 35 part time faculty.

CPHA MEMBER RASY MAR RECEIVES 2013 NANCY BERGER AWARD

Rasy Mar MPH, Community Based Education Specialist, Department of Community Medicine and Health Care at UCHC, has received the prestigious 2013 Nancy Berger Award offered by the Connecticut Multicultural Health Partnership (CMHP). The award honors those who have demonstrated leadership, strengthened and inspired peer participation, increased partnerships or expanded involvement of existing partnerships, demonstrated the understanding of the complexity of the causes and solutions to health disparities and is committed to CMHP by participation on a committee. CMHP is a statewide coalition working to develop and support leadership, policy development, information exchange, advocacy and awareness, and interventions designed to improve the quality of care. Rasy Mar co-chairs the CMHP *Awareness and Outreach* committee, which is charged with raising awareness around issues of health inequities, the social determinants of health and the CLAS standards (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services).

BETTER HEALTH: EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY CONFERENCE

CT Partners for Health sponsoring a first-of-its-kind patient engagement conference in Connecticut. Focus is on will empowering consumers to manage their health and engage with the healthcare system, and educate healthcare providers on how to more effectively communicate with their patients. Afternoon keynote presentation by Dave deBronkart (e-Patient Dave).

Conference breakout sessions to include: *Advance Care Planning, Medication Management, Patient Engagement through Technology, the Affordable Care Act, and Patient-Centered Care*. Attendees who choose to stay for dinner will have the opportunity to hear healthcare consultant, author and lecturer Nathan Kaufman of Kaufman Strategic Advisors, LLC who will speak on the future of healthcare.

Date: September 17, 2013

Time: 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: CT Convention Center, Hartford, CT

Cost: \$10. Optional dinner additional \$25. **On-line registrations through September 17th.** Walk-in registrations accepted. To view conference agenda, click [here](#). To register online, click [here](#). For questions contact Nickie Fazzi, nfazzi@qualidigm.org or (860)632-4186.

CONNECTICUT INFLUENZA AND PNEUMOCOCCAL COALITION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ADULT IMMUNIZATION

September 18, 2013

8:00 am-3:45 pm

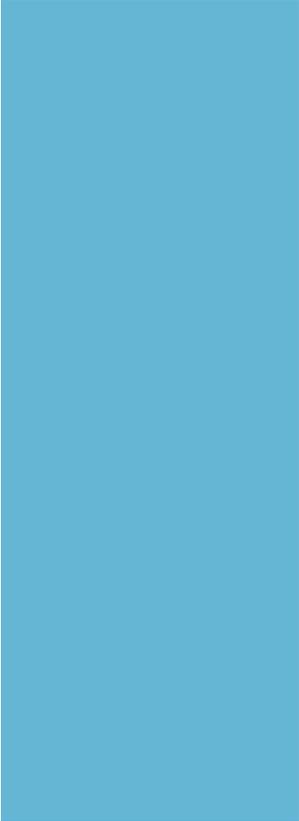
Woodwinds, Branford, CT

For more information, click [here](#)

NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH DISTRICT SEEKING FULL TIME SANITARIAN

North Central District Health Department is currently seeking to hire a full time Sanitarian. The incumbent will:

- Investigate health, environmental, and nuisance complaints

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- Assist in the planning for and response to natural and man-made emergencies
 - Inspect schools and daycare centers, housing, and industrial facilities
 - Conduct inspections and issue permits for food service establishments, subsurface sewage disposal systems, public and community water supply wells, public swimming pools, and other venues for compliance with Federal, State, and local codes and ordinances.

The candidate will be a licensed Registered Sanitarian (RS) or be eligible within one year, will be certified in Food Service Inspections and Phase I and II subsurface sewage disposal, have a BA/BS in public or environmental health or a related field, and the ability to work safely and independently. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include health, dental and life insurance; and a defined contribution retirement plan. Learn more about us at <http://www.ncdhd.org/>.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Director Mike Pirro at mpirro@ncdhd.org. Please forward to your qualified contacts!

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