A Message from the President

Dear CPHA Members,

As I sit here under the pressure of the looming printing deadline of the Annual Conference Program booklet, there is one thing that always keeps me going despite the never-ending demands of work, family (pets!), friends and my responsibilities as CPHA President.

It is the one thing that differentiates all public health professionals from most other professionals. It is the one thing that results in Board members, Committee members and CPHA members putting in endless hours of volunteer time to improve the public’s health and to make the annual conference a success year after year. It is the one thing that brings familiar faces and many new faces to this year’s conference. It is the one thing that results in an impressive student poster session and increased student attendance.

That one thing is **passion.** As demonstrated by the following successes of CPHA during 2011, public health professionals are passionate:

- CPHA’s Advocacy Committee was instrumental in contributing to the passage of two landmark pieces of legislation during the 2011 session. As a member of the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut, CPHA helped Connecticut become the first state to ban the use of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in thermal register receipts. Additionally, CPHA was a strong supporter of legislation that resulted in Connecticut being the first state in the nation to mandate paid sick leave for hundreds of thousands of service workers. CPHA was recognized by APHA for its efforts on both pieces of legislation and has been asked to present at the APHA Annual Meeting related to the BPA legislation.

- As a follow up to last year’s annual conference, CPHA hosted a *Roundtable Discussion on Health Equity: Advancing Policy Solutions in Connecticut.* The roundtable event brought together representatives of state-level organizations with a vested interest in promoting health equity, resulting in specific legislative/policy initiatives for CPHA.

- Members of the CPHA Executive Committee met with Dr. Jewel Mullen, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health, to discuss ways in which CPHA and DPH can collaborate to meet the public health needs of Connecticut’s citizens. Following that successful meeting, CPHA was invited to participate in a two-day DPH strategic planning meeting.

- CPHA and the Connecticut Public Health Association Foundation, Inc. (CPHAF) executed a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement so that CPHAF, a 501(c)(3) organization, could receive grant funds on behalf of CPHA.

The passion behind all of these great successes is obvious. That same passion will be instrumental in developing a public health agenda that advocates for policies that address the root causes of health inequities in Connecticut. Policy change takes time. And it will take passion. Together we can make it happen.

Thank you for letting me serve as your President for the past two years. My term may be coming to an end, but my passion for public health and CPHA will remain.

Tracey Scraba, J.D., M.P.H.
President, CPHA
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Conference Goals and Objectives

Goal: To support the development of a public health agenda that advocates for policies that address the root causes of health inequities in Connecticut.

Conference Objectives:

- Profile existing policies that are effective in public health issues such as oral health, food access, equitable housing, and women's health.
- Promote multi-disciplinary and multi-sector solutions to effectively promote public health policy that involves non-traditional public health partners.

Business Meeting Agenda

11:45AM  Lunch Seating & Serving
12:00PM  Lunch and Business Meeting
  Tracey Scraba, President
  • Accept CPHA Committee Reports
  • Accept Treasurer’s Report
  • CPHA Election Results/CPHA Articles of Incorporation
12:20PM  Annual Meeting Awards
  Joan Segal, Immediate Past President
  • Winslow Award: Presented by Elaine O'Keefe
  • Huntington Award: Presented by Joan Segal
  • Huntington Award: Presented by Mary Ann Boos
  • President’s Award: Presented by Tracey Scraba
12:50PM  Luncheon Speaker Introduction
  Alison Gilcreast
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  State Senator Terry Gerratana
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Rear Admiral Michael Milner, DHSc, PA-C, Assistant Surgeon General, Chief Health Services Officer, United States Public Health Service

Rear Admiral Michael Milner serves as the Regional Health Administrator (RHA) in Region I (New England), a position he has held since 2003. As RHA, he serves as the department's senior public health and science official in the region and performs essential functions in three major areas: prevention, preparedness, and agency-wide coordination. RADM Milner also oversees the operation of the regional offices of Women's Health, Minority Health, Population Affairs, Medical Reserve Corps, and the HIV/AIDS Policy Program. He supports all-hazards emergency preparedness activities for the region under the National Response Framework and leads post crisis recovery activities for the region on behalf of the department. RADM Milner received bachelor degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Oklahoma University, holds a masters degree in Medical Science from St. Frances University and a doctoral degree in Health Science from Nova Southeastern University. A career officer, RADM Milner has more than 28 years of experience in clinical medicine, emergency preparedness, health education, and public health. From 2006 to 2010, he served as the Chief Health Services Officer for the US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps where he directed over 1200 officers on behalf of the Surgeon General. From 2001 to 2003, he served as the Region 1 director of the National Health Service Corps with the Health Resources and Services Administration. RADM Milner is a certified physician assistant (PA) and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. From 1991 to 2001, he served as the PA Consultant to the Director of the Indian Health Service and coordinated a diabetes and nutrition clinical research unit in Phoenix, Arizona sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. He entered the USPHS in 1989 with a clinical assignment in the Emergency Department of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center. From 1984 to 1989, RADM Milner practiced family and emergency medicine in the United States Air Force. RADM Milner holds an academic appointment as Adjunct Clinical Professor at South College PA Program in Knoxville, TN and has held several other academic appointments during his career. He has authored and co-authored articles on a variety of clinical and metabolic research topics, and has been cited in multiple journal articles and health related books. During the Hurricane Katrina and Rita responses, RADM Milner served as Deputy Commander of the Secretary's Emergency Response Team in New Orleans, LA and he led three of the four 2004 Florida hurricane responses on behalf of the department. He also led the public health and medical preparedness and response operations for the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, MA. RADM Milner is the recipient of numerous awards and special honors, including the USPHS Surgeon Generals Exemplary Service Medal, Outstanding Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, Indian Health Service Directors Distinguished Service Award, and the Nova Southeastern University Presidents Distinguished Service Medal.

State Senator Theresa "Terry" Bielinski Gerratana, Connecticut General Assembly, 6th Senate District; Co-Chair, Public Health Committee

Senator Theresa "Terry" Bielinski Gerratana was elected to the State Senate in a special election on February 22, 2011, to represent the citizens of New Britain, Berlin and Farmington. In her first term in the state Senate, she was appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Public Health Committee and the Select Committee on Children. Senator Gerratana was first elected to the Connecticut General Assembly as a member of the state House of Representatives where she served for ten years, from 1993 to 2003. During her time in the House, she distinguished herself from the rank-and-file as a thoughtful leader while serving as Co-Chair of the Human Services Committee. She was instrumental in passing children's health care legislation as well as managed care and mental health reform. Senator Gerratana worked to create a breast and cervical cancer early detection and treatment referral program, to require health insurance plans to provide 48-hour inpatient care for mothers and infants after normal child delivery and to create a work incentives program for people with disabilities. Her commitment to social change and the betterment of people in the 6th District and across the state of Connecticut has been recognized by many groups, including the League
of Women Voters of Connecticut, the ARC of Connecticut, the Connecticut Association of Social Workers and the Connecticut Medical Society. Dedicated to “good government,” Ms. Gerrantana served as a commissioner of the State Elections Enforcement Commission from 2007 to 2010, where she worked directly on implementation of the state’s Clean Elections Program. She is also a former Ethics Commissioner for the city of New Britain, a position she held from 1990 to 1993. In addition, Senator Gerratana has been president of the League of Women Voters for the New Britain area and president of the Junior League of Greater New Britain. She has strong ties with area organizations, including New Britain General Hospital (now the Hospital of Central Connecticut), the Klingberg Family Center, the New Britain-Berlin YMCA, the New Britain Library board, the New Britain YWCA and several local arts organizations. The Senator received her Bachelor of Science from Central Connecticut State University and is certified as a secondary school teacher. A mother and grandmother, she and her husband, Dr. Frank Gerratana, reside in New Britain.

Breakout Session Objectives and Biographies

There’s No Place Like home: How Policy Affects Access to Safe, Affordable Housing in Connecticut

- Recognize how housing influences health outcomes of Connecticut residents and the sustainability of the community.
- Discuss how organizations promote access to safe, affordable housing through policy initiatives at the local, state and federal level.
- Understand how community wellbeing can be improved by having adaptable, accessible and affordable housing that meets the diverse needs of the community.

State Representative Larry Butler, Connecticut General Assembly, 72nd Assembly District

Larry B Butler serves the 72nd District in Waterbury. As a member of the Connecticut State House, Representative Butler currently services as Assistant Majority Leader and was appointed Co-Chair of the General Assembly’s Housing Committee in 2011. Representative Butler was born and raised in Waterbury and was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly in 2006 after serving eight years on the Waterbury Board of Alderman. His accomplishments while serving in local office include working on the Community Development Block Grant program and sponsoring a resolution to restore school nurses to every Waterbury city school. His community service includes serving as a board member of Waterbury chapters of the American Red Cross and the NAACP. Representative Butler was presented with the “Legislator of the Year” award by the Connecticut Community Development Association (CCDA) in 2010 and in 2009 was selected by the State Chapter of the NAACP as one of the “100 Most Influential Blacks” in Connecticut. He attended Central Connecticut State University and currently works as a computer software designer.

Karen Dubois-Walton, PhD, Housing Authority, City of New Haven (HANH)

Karen DuBois-Walton serves as the Chief Operating Officer for HANH. Previously, she served as Chief of Staff for Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. in the City of New Haven, CT. Appointed to this role in August of 2004, Dr. DuBois-Walton was responsible for oversight of all city administrative and political affairs. Additionally, Dr. DuBois-Walton was responsible for all collaborative work with the city’s municipal and state legislative bodies. Prior to promotion to Chief of Staff, she served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of New Haven from January 2002 to August 2004. As Chief Administrative Officer, Dr. DuBois-Walton served as the Mayor’s coordinator of public services including police, fire, public works/engineering, parks, recreation and trees, library and human resources. In addition to coordinating activities of these departments, Dr. DuBois-Walton oversaw the city’s emergency planning initiatives. A trained clinical psychologist, she served in positions with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Yale University Child Study Center prior to assuming positions with the Housing Authority and the City of New Haven. Dr. DuBois-Walton earned her BA from Yale University and MA and PhD from Boston University. Dr. DuBois-Walton resides in New Haven. She is the wife of Kevin Walton, Sr. and the mother of two boys, Kevin and Kaleb. She is actively engaged in service through the Bethel A.M.E. Church; is a member of New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she serves as President; and sits on several non-profit boards including Clifford Beers Child Guidance Clinic and Student Parenting and Family Services.

David Fink, MA, Partnership for Strong Communities

David Fink is the Policy and Communications Director for the Partnership for Strong Communities. In this role, he is the staff director of the HOMEConnecticut campaign that is charting solutions to the shortage of housing affordable to workers, young professionals, families and others across the state. Mr. Fink also coordinates press relations and education activities. He has testified before the U.S. Senate Banking Committee and the Connecticut General Assembly on how housing creation relates to transportation policy and community development, and has spoken at conferences and written extensively on developing community support and strategic communications. David Fink comes to the housing field from the worlds of journalism and government. He spent 25 years as a newspaper reporter, editor and opinion writer for five newspapers, including USA Today, the St. Louis Dispatch, The Boston Herald-American and The Hartford Courant where he served as a legislative correspondent, government editor and associate editor of the editorial page. Mr. Fink left The Courant in 2001 to serve as press secretary for the Speaker of the state House of Representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly. He joined The Partnership in January 2004. David Fink was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from the State University of New York with a BA in political science and received a Masters Degree in journalism from Ohio State University. He and his wife, an attorney, live in West Hartford and have two children.

Beth Hogan, JD, Connecticut Fund, Inc.

Beth Hogan is a Project Developer with The Connection Fund, Inc., in Middletown, CT. Ms. Hogan practices law part time at the Law Offices of Seifert and Hogan in Old Lyme, and has over 18 years experience as a lawyer in the areas of general law and litigation. She is licensed in the states of New York and Connecticut and Federal Courts. Her overall experience includes municipal government including two years as First Selectman in East Lyme; local initiatives for housing and tax relief programs; and grant funding for town infrastructure, streetscapes and preservation of open space. Beth Hogan has proven successful in bringing together all stakeholders in a collaborative process to achieve goals. She is currently active in statewide steering committees that work to create permanent supportive housing in Connecticut. She is a member of the Southeastern CT Partnership to end homelessness, Executive Board member for the Alliance for Living in New London, Commission Member for the Smith Harris Museum in East Lyme, Steering Committee member for Reaching Home, and a member of Partnership for Stronger Communities.

Moderator - Alison Gilcreast, MPH, OptumHealth

Alison Gilcreast received her Master of Public Health Degree at Southern Connecticut State University with a concentration in community health education and public health policy, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in public health and psychology from Mitchell College. A Certified Peer Educator, Mrs. Gilcreast received training from the American Red Cross in Family Services, Disaster Relief, and Shelter Operations & Mass Care. While earning her bachelors degree, she worked as a Community Health Advocate and Patient Care Coordinator at Shoreline Obstetrics & Gynecology in New London, and implemented and supervised philanthropy efforts to raise money for 501(c) (3) charities. While employed as a Plan Coordination Consultant for Aetna, Mrs. Gilcreast served four years on the Aetna Volunteer Council and was Co-chair for two of those years. A Public Health Policy Intern for the Connecticut Public Health Association’s Advocacy Committee in 2011, Mrs. Gilcreast was also CPHA’s 2011 National Public Health Week representative and currently serves as the Chair of the 2011 CPHA Program Committee. She is a member of the CPHA Board of Directors and is actively engaged in the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Campaign and The Connection, Inc.’s Middlesex County Community Board. Mrs. Gilcreast has received the two highest awards in Girl Scouts - Gold Award and Silver Award, has clocked over 100 hours yearly in volunteer assistance, and has worked with over fifteen national and local charities, including the American Heart Association and Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Mrs.
Gilcreast resides in Plainville with her husband, James, and daughter Averyll.

Food Policy at Home and Nationwide: The Fight Against Obesity

- Highlight examples of recent successful food policy enacted in the local, state and federal realms and the public health problems they address, with particular emphasis on obesity.
- Outline the mechanisms within which new food policy can be constructed at the local municipal level to engage attendees in their own workplaces and communities.
- Profile changes made in Fairfield, Connecticut schools to improve the school lunch program, highlighting ways to utilize the existing legislation and influence local Boards of Education.

Valerie Bassett, MFA, Massachusetts Public Health Association

Valerie Bassett is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA). MPHA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to improving the health of all residents through strong public health and prevention policy. Valerie has worked in public health and health policy for over ten years, with a focus on health equity, access to health care, and broadening public engagement in health policy advocacy. Prior to coming to MPHA, she was Director of Research and Policy at the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. At the Boston Public Health Commission, she helped to create the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and Public Health Advocacy, the Public Health Management and Leadership Institute, and the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health. She has a BA in American Civilization from Brown University and an MFA in Creative Writing from Emerson College.

Roberta Friedman, ScM, Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, Yale University

Roberta Friedman is the Director of Public Policy at Yale University’s Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity. She writes and disseminates resources to educate federal, state, and local policy makers and organizations on the science supporting those food and nutrition policies that have the potential to create real change. Prior to her work at Rudd, Ms. Friedman was the Program Director at the Massachusetts Public Health Association, where she coordinated efforts to pass legislation to improve school nutrition, and worked with several New England and statewide coalitions to develop obesity prevention strategies.

Michelle McCabe, MA, Fuel for Learning Partnership

Michelle McCabe has been actively involved in the school lunch movement since joining the Fuel for Learning Partnership (FFLP), a PTA council standing committee in Fairfield, CT. Emphasizing grassroots, cooperative, bottom-up reform, Ms. McCabe has worked closely with her district’s Wellness Committee and administration in a shared effort to minimize the use of processed menu items and to expand the choice of healthy food items for the students. Ms. McCabe’s efforts, and those of FFLP, have resulted in a number of accomplishments. This year, Ms. McCabe and FFLP are launching a new initiative: The Veggie Pledge. Through local business partners including the schools as well as social media, the Veggie Pledge aims to raise consciousness of healthful eating while assisting, encouraging, and educating the entire community in integrating vegetables into their daily meals. The ultimate goal of the program is to insure that healthy eating becomes a life-long, second nature habit.

Moderator - Katie Boyle, MPH, Yale University

Katie E. Boyle, MPH is Co-Chair of the CPHA Program Committee. She works as a Research Assistant on the National Children's Study at Yale University and as an independent consultant, specializing in public health research and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping technology. Ms. Boyle has over 9 years of experience working in environmental health, local and international health, public health research, Spanish-language research, and GIS. She earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Connecticut in 2009, a Certificate in GIS from the University of New Haven in 2004, and Bachelor's degrees in both Environmental Geology and Spanish from Northeastern University in 2002. She utilizes her proficiency in Spanish in her public health research work.
Tales from the Front: Local Public Health Policy-Making

- Describe the policy-making role of local boards of health in Connecticut.
- Discuss at least one example of a public health policy-making initiative at the local level.
- Identify factors influencing the outcome of the board of health policy initiatives presented.

David Skoczulek, MPH, Board of Health, North Central Connecticut District Department of Health
David Skoczulek is the Director of Business Development and Community Relations for the Ambulance Service of Manchester (CT) and Aetna Ambulance Service of Hartford (CT). He is the Chairman of the Board for North Central Connecticut District Health Department and the Vice President of the Board for North Central Area Agency on Aging. He has a BS in Emergency Medical Services Management; holds a MPH from University of Connecticut and was a Connecticut Health Foundation Health Leadership Fellow for 2011.

Carolyn Wysocki, MA, MHSA, Board of Health, Central Connecticut Health District
After her early retirement as a psychologist from Connecticut Department of Mental Health in 1995, Carolyn Wysocki became an advocate for environmental public health. She is a past-chair and current member of the Central Connecticut Health District Board and is the New England Regional Representative and a Director on the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) governing board. Carolyn served on the Governor’s Council for Local Public Health Regionalization and as a member of the DPH Commissioner’s Council for Local Public Health. She was a founding member of the Connecticut Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut and is currently President of the Ecological Health Organization, Inc. (ECHO).

Constance E. Young, EdD, RN Board of Health, Milford Health Department
For over 25 years, Dr. Constance Young has been a member of the City of Milford Board of Health and for 15 years has served as its chair. She is Professor Emeritus at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT. Prior to her retirement she was responsible for the administration of undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing and chaired the Connecticut State Articulation Task Force. She has consulted and presented internationally on a variety of nursing and health care topics. She received her BS in nursing from Burbank Hospital School of Nursing and Fitchburg State College (MA) and holds masters and doctoral degrees from Columbia University Teachers College, NY.

Moderator - Judith A. Sartucci, MSN, RN, Board of Health, Central Connecticut Health District
Judy Sartucci is chair of the board of Central CT Health District. She is retired from the Connecticut Department of Public Health where she held several positions including director of its community health nursing section and director of the office of local health administration. She holds a BS in nursing from St. Anselm College (NH) and a master’s degree from the University of Washington School of Nursing.

Effective Oral Health Policy and Advocacy: A New Course during Challenging Times

- Increase awareness and scope of the importance of oral health in establishing public health policy and advocacy.
- Explore public health policies on the national, state and local levels that affect Connecticut’s public health, and identify the connections for determining the most effective ways to advocate for health equity for Connecticut residents.
- Identify how to integrate and promote multi-disciplinary and multi-sector solutions to effectively promote oral health public policy that involves non-traditional public health partners.

Patricia Baker, Connecticut Health Foundation
Patricia Baker is founding president & CEO of the Connecticut Health Foundation (CT Health), the state’s largest health philanthropy dedicated to improving lives by changing health systems. Before establishing the foundation in 1999, the Wayne State University and University of Wisconsin - Madison alumna served as national program director for the March of Dimes Foundation and director of state government programs at Oxford Health Plans. The long-time women’s health advocate also served as executive director of Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
and The Women's Center, a domestic violence service provider in southeastern Wisconsin.

**Linda Ferraro, RDH, BS, Office of Oral Health, Connecticut Department of Public Health**

Linda Ferraro has been a registered dental hygienist for over 20 years. She worked in private practice for 8 years before pursuing a career in dental public health. After practicing at a community health center, she went on to become the director of The Dental Center of Stamford, a not-for-profit dental clinic serving the underserved in lower Fairfield County, CT. Ms. Ferraro is currently the Program Coordinator for the Office of Oral Health at the CT State Department of Public Health. In addition to her duties as program coordinator, she is the chairperson for the CT Task Force on Oral Health for Older adults, the state dental sealant coordinator and chairperson for the National Association of State and Territorial Dental Director’s Committee on Healthy Aging.

**Dr. Monty McNeil, DDS, MDentSC, University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine**

Dr. R. Lamont (Monty) MacNeil is Dean and Professor of Periodontology at the University of Connecticut School Of Dental Medicine. He holds a DDS degree from Dalhousie University and both a certificate of advanced education in Periodontics and a Master of Dental Science degree from the University of Connecticut. He has held academic positions at four dental schools (Dalhousie, Indiana University, University of Michigan and the University of Connecticut) and has over 30 peer-reviewed research publications primarily focused on cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating tooth development, periodontal wound healing and tissue regeneration. Dr. MacNeil is a consultant on curriculum to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and was a member of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations from 2001-2005, serving as chair of the commission in 2004-05. He was an initial member of the Commission for Change and Innovation in Dental Education, which is a collaborative effort between the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), the American Dental Association (ADA), and several other dental and medical organizations. Prior to being named Dean in January 2007, Dr. MacNeil was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs where his major interests were in achieving better integration of the basic, medical/dental and clinical science elements of the curriculum, in developing evidence-based teaching approaches, and in expanding community-based opportunities for student learning and oral health care delivery. His interests in community-based education continue and he is currently a consultant to a number of dental schools in their efforts to expand their community-based efforts. He was Principal Investigator of the Pipeline Profession and Practice Award, a major grant funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from 2001-2006; this project significantly expanded the School’s community partnership network and related extramural service learning initiatives.

**Emanual Finn, DDS, Oral Health Program, Washington, D.C. Department of Public Health**

Dr. Emanuel Finn holds a Bachelors degree in Chemistry, a DDS and a Masters in Health Policy and Administration. He holds certificates in Executive Non-Profit Management and Emerging Leadership in Public Health. Dr. Finn was the initial Dental Director of the Family Health Center of Newburgh, NY. He is a former ADA Congressional Health Policy Fellow. He worked on policy issues in Senator Ron Wyden’s office (Oregon) on Capitol Hill. He is the editor of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) Newsletter, and is a board member of the Association State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and Chair of its Emergency Preparedness committee and member of the School and Adolescent Oral Health Committee. He is the Chief of Oral Health Program at the DC Department of Health in Washington DC, and a part-time faculty member at Howard University College of Dentistry.

**Moderator - Meredith Ferraro, MS, Southwestern AHEC, Inc.**

Meredith Ferraro has worked as the Executive Director of the Southwestern Area Health Education Center (AHEC) since its inception in the spring of 1998. In the oversight of Southwestern AHEC, Inc., her work has focused on program development, systems development and policy change in various areas of public health, health education, recruitment of a diverse health professions workforce, and access to health care, with a special emphasis on oral health. Her prior experience as a physical therapist focusing on hand therapy includes work in academia as Assistant Professor and ACCE of Physical Therapy.
at Housatonic Community College and Touro College, and varied clinical settings, including private practice.

**Moderator - Dr. Susan Reisine, PhD, University of Connecticut Health Center**

Dr. Susan Reisine is professor and chair of the Division of Behavioral Sciences and Community Health, Department of Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. She also is Associate Dean for Research of the dental school. Dr. Reisine received a doctorate in sociology from Yale University and has conducted research on health related quality of life and factors contributing to oral disparities. She was a contributing author to the Surgeon General’s Report on Oral Health in America and she was a panel member on the NIH Consensus Conference on the Diagnosis and Management of Caries throughout the Lifetime (2001). Dr. Reisine has received several awards in recognition of her scholarly contributions in oral health and rheumatology, including the Distinguished Scientist Award in the Behavioral Sciences and Health Services Research, International Association for Dental Research (2003), Honorary Membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon (2002), Alpha Delta Omicron award for research in women’s health (1999) and the Distinguished Scholar Award, Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (1996). She received the University of Connecticut Health Center Board of Directors’ Recognition Award in 2004 for her contributions to the university. She was a Fellow in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program (1998-99) and served as the Criticism Editor of Oral Health Group in the Cochrane Collaboration (1997-2002). Dr. Reisine has had extramural funding since 1980 starting with an NIDR New Investigator Award (1980-83) and Career Development Award (1981-86). She is the author or coauthor of more than 135 peer-reviewed articles or book chapters and more than 100 abstracts.

**Promoting Health Equity for Women: CT Policy Initiatives**

- Discuss ways in which public policy and issues of gender discrimination impact women’s health across the lifespan.
- Understand changes to the Medicaid health care delivery system in Connecticut and how women’s health will be integrated into this model.
- Recognize the impact impending health care reform will have on women’s basic preventive reproductive health care and the important role of advocacy to assure continued access to vital services.

**Amy D. Gagliardi, MA, IBCLC, Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council**

Amy D. Gagliardi has worked in the non-profit world for over 20 years involved in direct services, management and policy. She is a published writer, researcher and lecturer specializing in Maternal-Child and Women’s Health and is particularly interested in these issues as they relate to low-income women and their families. She has presented original work at multiple state and national venues. Ms. Gagliardi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Boston College, a Master of Arts degree in Psychology with a concentration in Community Psychology from Central Connecticut State University and is a Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She is the Chief Operating Officer for Lily’s Kids Inc., a non-profit organization for children, and has been employed at Community Health Center, Inc., a federally qualified health center, for over 17 years. She currently chairs the Women's Health Subcommittee of the Connecticut Medicaid Care Management Oversight Council, is a partner with the Region 1 Office of Women's Health and was recently invited to participate in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women’s Health Meeting in Washington DC, Women’s Health 2011: A FOCUS ON CULTURE AND COLLABORATION.

**Susan Lloyd Yolen, MALS, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Inc.**

Since 1987, Susan Yolen has been Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy at Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, where she oversees that agency’s government affairs and advocacy programs. She is a graduate of Hobart & William Smith Colleges and currently serves as a member of the board of trustees. Ms. Yolen received her masters in liberal studies from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT and has served on many boards and committees in the New Haven area. She was the secretary of the board of the national Planned Parenthood Action Fund and serves on its federal PAC committee, chaired the
Connecticut Coalition for Choice for many years, and is a founding board member of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice of Connecticut. In 2005, she received the Elizabeth Blackwell Award from Connecticut NOW; and in 2001, she received the “Sexuality Educator of the Year” award from the Sexuality Information and Education Council of Connecticut.

**Teresa C. Younger**, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

Teresa Younger is the Executive Director of the Connecticut General Assembly’s Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW). Prior to joining the PCSW, Younger was the Director of Affiliate Organizational Development at the American Civil Liberties Union National Office, where she assisted affiliates throughout the country with organization and management issues. Prior to her tenure with ACLU National, Younger became the first woman and the first African American to serve as Executive Director of the ACLU of Connecticut. Younger has a diverse array of policy and management experience, from corporate philanthropy to youth development. She is the president of the board of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, which serves 44,000 Connecticut girls, and is a member of the GSUSA National President’s Advisory Council. Younger serves on several other boards including the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University, the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame, the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut and the National Association of Commissions for Women. She was identified by the Connecticut NAACP as one of the “100 Most Influential Blacks in the State of Connecticut 2009,” and was named by Hartford Business Journal as one of “2008 Eight Remarkable Women in Business.” Younger has continually been recognized for her commitment to civil rights and civil liberties by numerous organizations. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Dakota and lives in Shelton with her husband, Ronald Preston.

**Moderator - Elaine O’Keefe, MPH, Yale School of Public Health**

Elaine O’Keefe is the Executive Director of the Office of Community Health (OCH) in the School of Public Health (YSPH) at Yale University. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA). The OCH was established in 2008 to enhance practice based education, research and academic-community health partnerships. CIRA supports the conduct of interdisciplinary research focused on the prevention of HIV infection and the reduction of negative consequences of HIV disease in vulnerable and underserved populations in the United States and internationally. O’Keefe worked in the local governmental public health milieu for over two decades prior to joining the Yale School of Public Health, including 14 years as Health Director for Stratford, Connecticut and before that as AIDS Division Director for the New Haven Health Department. She has held various state and national leadership positions. She is the former president of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) and the past president of the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO). O’Keefe has consistently focused on eliminating health disparities and redressing the underlying causes of health inequities in her public health work. She is a co-author of the Health Equity Index (HEI), a tool developed under the auspices of CADH to assist local health departments to take action to identify and target adverse social and economic conditions associated with health disparities. O’Keefe holds a masters degree in public health from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and she is a graduate of the CDC Public Health Leadership Institute Scholar’s Program, class of 1993/94.

**Ready, Set, Advocate! Public Health Advocacy in Action**

- Recognize the central role of advocacy in formulating and introducing new public health bills to protect and promote the health of the public.
- Discuss the utilization of various advocacy channels to generate broad support for pending public health legislation.
- Describe the legislative process involved in getting public health bills passed.

**Hunt Blair, Department of Vermont Health Access**

Hunt Blair is Deputy Commissioner of Health Reform in the Department of Vermont Health Access (VT Medicaid) and the State Health Care Information Technology Fund (HIT) Coordinator. The Division oversees implementation of the
digital infrastructure for a statewide Learning Health System to drive delivery system reform, payment reforms, and other state reform initiatives. Hunt is active in the national Health Information Technology/Health Information Exchange (HIT-HIE) community, serves on the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Health Information Technology Policy Committee Information Exchange Work Group, and is co-chair of the Statewide HIE Coalition. Previously, he served as Vermont Director of Public Policy at Bi-State Primary Care Association. The New England Rural Health Roundtable awarded Hunt its Leadership Award in 2008 for his work on Vermont health reform. He graduated with an A.B. Honors degree in Semiotics from Brown University in 1983 and has been conducting post-structural analysis “deconstructing” health care systems ever since.

Alison Gilcreast, MPH, OptumHealth
(Please see bio “There’s No Place Like Home”)

Anne B. Hulick, RN, MS, JD, Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Connecticut

Anne B. Hulick is the Coordinator for the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut. In this capacity, she coordinates the legislative campaign to pass health protective policies in Connecticut aimed at removing toxic chemicals from consumer and children’s products and works to raise awareness across the state on the health impacts of exposure to toxic chemicals. Anne was a staff nurse in critical care and K7cardiothoracic surgical intensive care for several years before moving into a leadership role and held administrative positions as the Director of Acute Care Services at Waterbury Hospital Health Center, and Nursing Director of the medical cardiology service at Hartford Hospital. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Hartford and a Master of Science degree from the University of Connecticut. Her passion to combine nursing, health policy and environmental law led her to pursue a law degree. She graduated from Western New England College School of Law in July 2007, with an emphasis on environmental law, and was admitted to the CT Bar in October 2007. Prior to joining Clean Water Action, Anne worked as an environmental analyst in the Air Bureau at Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and was the Environmental Health Coordinator at the CT Nurses’ Association. She has written and lectured extensively on environmental health topics, particularly on the health impacts associated with exposure to chemicals. In her spare time, Anne enjoys spending time on the Cape, kayaking, gardening and running.

State Representative Betsy Ritter, Connecticut General Assembly, 38th Assembly District

Betsy Ritter has served as State Representative for the 38th House Assembly District since November 2004. Her particular interests are in the areas of public health, healthcare access, and energy. Since 2009, she has been House Chair of the Committee on Public Health in addition to being a member of the Appropriations and Energy and Technology Committees. She is also a founding member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Results Based Accountability. In addition, she serves on the sub-committees on Health and Hospitals, and Human Services; and she is a long-time member of CT’s Medicaid Managed Care Council. In 2009, she led legislative efforts to bring affordable care to the uninsured and underinsured through delivery system reform and collaboration with the state health insurance pool, which resulted in the creation of the Office of Health Reform and Innovation and the SustiNet Health Care Cabinet in 2011. In 2007, Representative Ritter was nominated to the Council of State Governments/Eastern Region healthcare committee. She achieved recognition as a Thompson Fellow that same year, and she was appointed to the healthcare committee of the National Council of State Legislators in 2011. Ms Ritter volunteers for numerous town and community agencies and organizations including Waterford emergency management, PTAs and school board action planning, school sports, YMCA of Southeastern CT, low-income housing advocacy, and arts in education. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Natchaug Hospital and United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern CT. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, gardening, music and the performing arts, and beekeeping. Betsy lives in the Quaker Hill section of Waterford with her husband Grant.

Moderator - Katharine Kranz Lewis, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN, University of Hartford

Katharine Kranz Lewis received her nursing degree from Ryerson University in Toronto,
Canada in 1992. She worked as a staff nurse at Bellevue Hospital, a school nurse within the Department of Public Health and as Director of Patient Services for a privately owned homecare agency, all within New York City. In 1997, she completed MSN/MPH degrees at Hunter College and later earned a PhD in social policy at Brandeis University’s Heller School. She worked as a research associate and then deputy director with the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum. Dr. Lewis is now an assistant professor at the University of Hartford, and director of the Center for Public Health and Education Policy. Since 2010, she has been chair of the CPHA Advocacy Committee. Her research interests include comparative analyses of public health systems nationally and internationally, translational public health research, and the impact of policy on the health of populations.

Awards

The C.-E.A. Winslow Award

The C.-E.A. Winslow Award is presented to a public health professional that has demonstrated leadership and achievement in practice, research and/or education. The award commemorates Charles-Edward Amory Winslow (1877-1957), a pioneer in public health and medicine, who is credited with founding the second oldest school of public health in the country at Yale University. Among the most widely quoted health leaders during his lifetime, Dr. Winslow believed that equal in weight with scientific ideas about health and disease was a commitment to social justice – that social ills must be the first conquest in the "conquest of epidemic disease.”

Past C.-E.A. Winslow Award Recipients

1955 – Friend Lee Mickle
1956 – CT PH Nursing Agencies Board
1957 – IRA Hiscock and Stanley H. Osborn
1958 – Elizabeth Fox
1959 – M. Allen Pond
1960 – Alfred Burgdorf
1961 – John R. Paul
1962 – Hazel V. Dudley
1963 – Martha Clifford
1964 – Louis J. Dumont
1965 – Lenard F. Menczer
1966 – Warren J. Scott
1967 – Franklin M. Foote
1968 – Edward M. Cohart
1969 – Leonard Parente
1970 – Wilbur Johnston
1971 – Florence Austin
1972 – Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse
1973 – Edwin Meiss
1974 – James Hart
1975 – Barbara Christine
1976 – Adrian Ostfield
1977 – Estelle Siker
1978 – Fred Adams
1979 – J. Wister Meigs
1980 – Robert W. McCollum
1984 – I.S. Falk
1985 – George Silver
1986 – Ralph Gofstein
1987 – Alvin Novik
1988 – Martha Leonard
1989 – Elizabeth Bellis
1990 – Ruth Abbott
1991 – Roslyn U. Fishman
1992 – John Glasgow
1994 – Susan Addiss
1995 – James F. Jekel
1996 – Virginia S. Humphrey
1997 – James L. Hadler
1998 – Cornell Scott/Katrina Clark
1999 – Holger Hanson
2000 – Richard F. Straub
2001 – Marge Nelligan
2002 – Alfreda Turner
2003 – Elaine O'Keefe
2004 – Paul M. Schur
2005 – Joan Segal
2006 – Ruth N. Knollmueller
2007 – Katherine A. Kelley
2008 – Elaine Anderson
2009 – Michael J. Perlin
2010 – Baker Salsbury

The 2011 C.-E.A. Winslow Award Winner

Shelly Diehl Geballe, JD, MPH

This year’s C.-E.A. Winslow Award for outstanding contributions to the public’s health by a Connecticut Public Health professional goes to Shelley Geballe, JD, MPH. Filling a need for effective policy development and advocacy for children, Geballe is Past-President (1995-2008) and Co-Founder of CT Voices for Children and an enduring advocate for Connecticut’s children and youth. Now a distinguished senior fellow, her work focuses on state and federal tax and budget issues, child and family health and mental health, child welfare, education and juvenile justice.
Among her many contributions to public health, Geballe was instrumental in advancing rationale policy in response to the aids epidemic, and played a pivotal role in the struggle to assure access to vital prevention and care services for disproportionately impacted groups including inmates of the Connecticut correctional system and school-aged children with HIV/AIDS who were being denied the right to an equal education. Geballe now co-directs Yale Law School's Legislative Services, a clinical legal training program that provides students in law and public health with hands-on experience in state policy and fiscal work and legislative advocacy.

In addition to her seminal role at the law school, Geballe is a lecturer at the Yale School of Public Health in the Health Policy and Administration Division, where she teaches a highly acclaimed health disparities course and a new practicum that she conceived to foster more practical learning opportunities for students in health policy settings. She was recently named Yale School of Public Health's 2011 Mentor of the Year in recognition of the exceptional contribution of her health disparities course in preparing students to address the social determinants of health and for "creating a welcoming and open space" in and out of the classroom, routinely going above and beyond for her students to provide guidance on career paths, research interests and internships. As one example, Geballe recently organized a dinner series where students had the opportunity to talk candidly with public policy experts from CT about their work and careers.

Among her other accomplishments, Geballe was also associate legal director (1981-1989) and staff attorney (1989-1991) of the CT Civil Liberties Union Foundation and a member of the law policy and ethics core of the Center for Interdisciplinary Study of AIDS at Yale (1997-2003). Geballe received her JD from Yale Law School in 1976 and her MPH from Yale School of Public Health in 1995. She has a BA from the University of Michigan.

In 2010, Shelley Geballe received the John H. Filer award for her demonstrated leadership in encouraging private action for the public good in Connecticut by the CT Council for Philanthropy. For her unwavering leadership and determination in pursuit of social justice and health equity, her advocacy for children, youth, women and the underserved in general, and for her current public health workforce development efforts at Yale University, Shelley Geballe is a most fitting recipient of CPHA’s 2011 Winslow Award.

The Charles G. Huntington III Award
The Charles G. Huntington Award III is presented annually to a Connecticut health care practitioner who has demonstrated public health leadership and a commitment to the health and well-being of populations. Charles Huntington was a leader, a role model, a dedicated humanist, a steadfast public health advocate and a caregiver of the first order. He was a leader in the physician assistant profession, a leader of the Connecticut Public Health Association for many years, and at the time of his death, was Associate Dean and Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

The 2011 Charles G. Huntington III Winners
Robert W. Hill, APRN
Gary F. Spinner, PA-C, MPH

Robert W. Hill, APRN family nurse practitioner, is director of special projects at the Cornell Scott Hill Health Center, where he serves as a primary care provider for adults and children and director of special projects. In this latter capacity, he is responsible for the implementation, growth, and coordination of specialty services. He is also a caregiver at the South Central Rehabilitation Clinic, which provides management of HIV and Hepatitis C, detoxification of substance addicted persons, and opiate dependence care. He is a teacher/role model to students at Yale School of Nursing and precepts physician assistant and medical students. A caregiver of the first order, he is tireless in the primary care of his patients, and in obtaining specialty services for them when needed. As a dedicated humanist, he has consistently strived throughout his career to assist the under-served through New York City’s housing works day treatment program for persons living with HIV, the Montefiore Care of the Homeless Project, the Yale Community Health Care Van, and other programs.

Robert Hill earned a BA in Political Science and Philosophy from Fordham University in 1990 and a MS in Nursing from Yale University School of
Gary Spinner, PA-C, MPH, the second recipient of the 2011 Charles G. Huntington III award, is HIV specialist at the Southwest Community Health Center in Bridgeport, serving as the core provider of the Ryan White (HIV/AIDS) Program. Prior to this, he was Chief Operating Officer of Cornell Scott Hill Health Center, where he worked for 25 years. In that capacity, he provided administrative oversight of all clinical services in the multi-site health care organization and provided primary care and HIV specialty care at the health center. He is a board member of the Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT) and heads the network’s quality assurance committee. Mr. Spinner has many broad-based health care interests, among them the establishment of an HIV clinic program in Africa. He has a global public health perspective that is driven by the belief that everyone deserves access to and receipt of quality health care.

Gary Spinner received his BA in Political Science from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick (1972); Physician Associate (PA) from Yale University School of Medicine (1983), and MPH from University of Connecticut (1990).

In selecting recipients of the 2011 Charles G. Huntington III award, the CPHA Awards Committee chose two individuals who best exemplify the characteristics of dedication and leadership that Charles Huntington exhibited in his life. The accomplishments of Robert W. Hill and Gary Spinner are a model for the award.

The CPHA President’s Award

Occasionally, the President of the Connecticut Public Health Association will choose to recognize CPHA members for their outstanding work and for their significant contributions in the field of public health.

This year’s President’s Award Winner

Joan Segal, MA, MS

Ms. Segal began her career at the University of Connecticut (UCONN) Health Center in 1969 where she was a research assistant and research associate in the School of Dental Medicine. In the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, she worked as a Research Associate and Editorial Consultant at Connecticut Community Care, Inc., a statewide, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting older adults and the disabled remain independent in their homes. After pursuing studies in public health at UCONN, she returned to the UCONN Health Center and worked on two research projects investigating the impact of coordinated services on drug utilization of the elderly population. She became the Associate Director of the Graduate Program in 1984.

Ms. Segal is currently the Immediate Past President of the Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) and is a recipient of the Association’s 2005 Charles-Edward Amory Winslow Award for her demonstrated leadership and achievement in public health education.

Over the past 3 years, Ms. Segal served as the Association’s Grant Manager for the Affiliate Capacity Building Infrastructure (ACBI) grant and has represented CPHA on several coalitions, including the CT Influenza and Pneumococcal Coalition and the Primary Care Coalition of Connecticut. Prior to serving as President of CPHA, she served in several capacities on the Board, including Co-Chair of the Communications Committee.

Ms. Segal is currently the MPH Program Coordinator at the UCONN Health Center, advising and supervising several students in their Practicums.
**AN ANALYSIS OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH**

Alison J. Gilcreast, MPH, Southern CT State University

**BACKGROUND:** Current federal policies on marijuana focus on government resources and funding around controlling and prohibiting the substance, rather than exploring and funding research on how marijuana can be used as a safely and effectively. There are scientific, political, organizational and social factors shaping marijuana policy. Key stakeholders such as the states, individuals, advocacy groups, professional organizations and industries analyzed how their relationships affect the advancement of medical marijuana research.

**METHOD:** This analysis reviewed (1) how policies set by the U.S. DEA and the FDA affect the process of researching marijuana as a legitimate drug and (2) if they are responsible for slowing the advancement of medical marijuana.

**CONCLUSION:** Interdisciplinary discussion on how to increase research and funding is needed to advance federally approved adequate research on medical marijuana research. Advancing knowledge on the safety and efficacy that can be achieved through medical marijuana research will not be possible until these federal policies and procedures are reformed.

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**FOOD SECURITY, DIET QUALITY AND HEALTH OF FOOD PANTRY PARTICIPANTS IN THE NORTH END OF HARTFORD**

Katherine Robaina, University of Connecticut

**BACKGROUND:** Food insecurity is an increasingly urgent problem in the U.S. Food security is defined as having “consistent access to enough food for active healthy living.” Those experiencing food insecurity often lack access to healthy food items, especially fresh fruits and vegetables, putting them at increased risk for certain cancers, obesity, and cardiovascular disease.

**METHOD:** In-person survey examining the relationship between food security, diet quality, body mass index (BMI) and overall health in a sample of 212 Hartford residents accessing food pantries.

**RESULTS:** Of those surveyed, 84% were food insecure, 72% were overweight or obese, women were at highest risk for obesity and food insecurity was significantly related to low fruit and vegetable consumption (p<.01). One quarter (26.4%) of participants had diabetes and 67.5% were hypertensive.

**CONCLUSION:** The continued expansion of food assistance programs makes it important to examine the socio-demographic characteristics and nutritional and health profiles of people relying on food pantries. Solutions to food insecurity within CT require system-based changes in the local food economy as the scale of food insecurity in the state requires new strategies that target the routine channels people use to access food.

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**MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS & BARRIERS TO CARE AMONG OFFICERS IN AN URBAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Karissa Britten, Yale University; Marjorie Rosenthal, MD, MPH, Yale School of Medicine; Georgina Lucas, MSW, Yale School of Medicine; Justin Fox, MD, Yale School of Medicine; Detective Renee Luneau, New Haven Police Dept; Mayur Desai, PhD, MPH, Yale School of Public Health

**BACKGROUND:** Police officers are frequently exposed to work environments that can negatively impact their mental health, while concurrently living in a culture that values stoicism. The study was conducted to determine the prevalence of mental health conditions and to identify barriers to obtaining mental health services in an urban police department where mental health services are provided free of charge.

**METHODS:** Partnering with the New Haven Police Department (NHPD), officers were surveyed in July and August 2011 using validated instruments to (1) estimate the prevalence of depression and alcohol abuse, (2) screen for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and (3) describe barriers to obtaining mental health services.

**RESULTS:** 150 officers completed the survey (response rate=37%). Respondents were predominantly male (75%), had 10+ years experience (59%), and served as patrol officers (75%). PTSD (24%), alcohol abuse (19%), and depression (9%) were common. Among officers with mental health diagnoses, only 46.7% had sought any mental health services. Of those seeking services,
35.7% sought care exclusively outside the department. “Confidentiality” (83%) and “negative career impact” (42%) were the most commonly cited barriers to accessing services. **CONCLUSION:** Police officers carry a substantial burden of mental health diagnoses. Despite the availability of city-funded and department-sponsored treatment, few utilize these services due to modifiable barriers.

**ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPIES IN CT HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS**

Jessica Ritchie, Southern CT State University

**BACKGROUND:** Animal-assisted therapy is an alternative therapy that has been shown to improve health in populations at various types of health care facilities. **METHOD:** This study assessed knowledge and attitudes towards animal-assisted therapy in health care facilities to determine if more education on this topic is needed. A self-report questionnaire was delivered electronically to health care administrators at CT hospitals, mental health facilities and nursing homes. **RESULTS:** A total of 46 responses were collected. A mean knowledge score of 5.37 out of 7 demonstrated that administrators had a general understanding of animal-assisted therapy. There were no significant differences in knowledge based on demographic characteristics of administrators. Significant differences in attitudes were found based on type of facility and gender. **CONCLUSION:** Additional investigation is necessary to further examine potential relationships between knowledge and attitudes about this alternative therapeutic modality and possible demographic factors.

**TOBACCO SMOKING AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS: IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR INTERVENTION**

Salman Alzayani, MD, Center for Public Health and Health Policy, University of Connecticut; Randah Hamadeh, BSc, MSc, DPhil (Oxon), Department of Family and Community Medicine, Arabian Gulf University, Manama, Bahrain

**BACKGROUND:** Health promotion is inherently political, thus health professionals have to find ways to become more effective political advocates for young people. This should be reflected in the education of health professionals and educators, which requires political action through the development of public policy. **METHOD:** Arabian Gulf University (AGU) is located in the Kingdom of Bahrain. A cross sectional study was conducted on all AGU Years 1 to 4 medical students who were enrolled in the 2008-2009 academic year. A self-administered anonymous questionnaire was used, which included questions on demography and tobacco smoking behavior. Data entry was done by the researcher and the Statistical Product and Service Solutions (SPSS); Version 17.0 was used for analysis. **RESULTS:** The study showed that 10.8% of the medical students were current smokers, either on daily or occasional basis. However, 27% of the males were current smokers compared to 4.2% of the females (p<0.001). The mean and median ages of starting to smoke were 17.43±2.3 and 18 years, respectively. The minimum age of starting to smoke was 11 years and the maximum 20 years. However, the prevalence of smoking was higher in Years 3 and 4 than in Years 1 and 2. Further analyses by medical year and gender by smoking showed that 11.3% of the male students were tobacco smokers in Year 1 compared to 35.5% in Year 2, 36.9% in Year 3 and 34.4% in Year 4. One percent of the female students were smokers in Year 1 compared to 1.4% in Year 2, 7% in Year 3 and 7.7% in Year 4. The prevalence of cigarette smoking among male students was 23% and that of female students 1.9%. Corresponding figures for Sheesha and pipe smoking were 23.8%, 4.5%, and 1.8%, 0.2% respectively. 2% of male students smoked cigars compared to none of the female students. More male and female students smoked cigarettes and Sheesha than pipe and cigar. They smoked cigarettes and Sheesha on both daily and occasional basis but there were no daily users of pipes and cigar smokers. **CONCLUSION:** Tobacco smoking behaviors cluster among medical students according to gender and medical year. Urgent interventions are needed at AGU to promote smoking cessation among students. Such intervention would include reinforcing smoking cessation techniques in the medical curriculum, providing counseling services at AGU for smoking cessation and reinforcing the norm of AGU being a smoke free environment for faculty, administrators and students.
PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & LEARNING PROGRAM AT THE COMMUNITY RENEWAL TEAM OF HARTFORD, CT
Stephanie Platis; Whitney Hubbard; Dr. Debbie Humphries; Nicholas Devito; Blanca Paccha; Britton Gibson, Yale School of Public Health

BACKGROUND: 45.9% of Hartford children under age 18 live below the federal poverty line. They are 3 times more likely to drop out of high school than high-income children are, and 3.8 times as likely to have parents without stable employment. The Community Renewal Team of Hartford (CRT) aims to improve employability, leadership and work maturity through summer work experiences for Hartford youth.

METHOD: CRT collaborated with students from the Yale School of Public Health Community Health Program Planning course to evaluate their Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program. Fifty-seven evaluations from student participants were analyzed, and 9 interviews with program supervisors were conducted to identify strengths and weaknesses of the program from the perspectives of both students and supervisors.

RESULTS: Ninety percent of the students described the program as excellent, and all would participate again or refer their friends to the program. Supervisors found the program a very positive experience, and had suggestions for improving communication and support structures for the program.

CONCLUSION: Results provide targeted suggestions for improving the program and support for the importance of the program to the participants.

SMOKING CESSATION AND HIV IN A CONNECTICUT-BASED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
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BACKGROUND: HIV+ individuals who smoke have a significantly elevated risk of cardiac events that drops sharply when they discontinue smoking. METHOD: Optimus Health Care’s Ryan White Department (RWD) collaborated with students from Yale School of Public Health Community Health Program Planning Course to assess potential interventions for smoking cessation among their HIV+ patient population. A needs assessment of smoking status and beliefs among RWD patients was conducted. 357 RWD charts were reviewed and interviews were conducted with 43 RWD smokers.

RESULTS: Four potential target groups were identified based on age, gender, and race that accounted for 60% of the smoking burden in the HIV+ population. Provider documentation of patients’ smoking status was inconsistent. Forty five percent of respondents exhibited high levels of nicotine dependence, 46% reported that smoking was a bigger daily burden on their lives than HIV/AIDS, and 75% of respondents reported a motivation to quit of five or more on a 10 point scale. Respondents demonstrated high levels of awareness of smoking-related health risks, and lower levels of awareness regarding the impact of smoking for HIV+ individuals.

CONCLUSION: Results suggest the importance of better smoking cessation interventions targeting the HIV+ patient population and further research is required to better characterize smoking behaviors in HIV+ patients.

UNDERSTANDING JUROR VERDICTS IN RAPE CASES: MISCONCEPTIONS AND CHALLENGES
Alyssa Bilinski, Yale College; Rachel Gandell, RAINN

BACKGROUND: According to the Department of Justice, one in six women and one in thirty-three men experience rape or attempted rape during their lifetimes, and the psychological consequences are often severe. Figures compiled by the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network indicate that only 6% of rapists are incarcerated for their crimes, and such low conviction rates are often linked to rape myths, misperceptions about rape that blame the victim or excuse the perpetrator.

METHOD: This poster explores the poorly-understood relationship between rape myths and juror attitudes through a systematic review of both general literature on rape myths and literature that specifically discusses jury decision in rape trials. General research on rape myths frequently reaches different conclusions than
research that examines juries specifically, particularly in regards to the prevalence of myths and beliefs held by women. **CONCLUSION:** The poster highlights common discrepancies between the two types of studies, explains possible causes, and discusses the implications for current policies intended to improve conviction rates. The government must fund more thorough, targeted research to answer questions raised by these discrepancies and develop effective policies to increase successful prosecutions.

**EVALUATING THE ROLE OF TEACHERS BEYOND GATEKEEPING IN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH INTERVENTIONS**

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**BACKGROUND:** School-based interventions (SBIs) that are not led by teachers are more likely to be successful in reducing student BMI; however, as gatekeepers, teachers can provide access to parents while not fully cooperating with investigators. Lack of teacher cooperation limits 1) the implementation of the project 2) data collection and 3) effect of intervention. **METHOD:** The purpose of this evaluation is to determine teacher involvement beyond gatekeeping in SBIs. Researchers conducted teacher evaluations at four pre-schools that hosted a childhood obesity intervention. Researchers developed a conceptual model of teacher involvement based on on-site observations. Teachers and teacher assistants (N=39) answered a 42-item self-administered questionnaire. An 11-question Likert subscale focused on teacher assistance. The teacher assistance subscale had a high level of internal consistency $\alpha = .945$. **RESULTS:** Overall, teachers reported a moderate degree of assistance on the composite Teacher Assistance measure $M=35.68 \text{ SD}=8.96$. Additional analysis indicated while there was a fair degree of variability between teachers, there was not a statistically significant difference in teacher assistance between schools. **CONCLUSION:** Teachers who cooperate with interventionists help them by promoting and re-enforcing health lessons. Future practitioners should measure teacher assistance as an important implementation factor when analyzing SBIs’ effectiveness.

**THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM IN A PRIMARY CARE CENTER: THE EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY PRACTICE IN CT**

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**BACKGROUND:** Early introduction of palliative care can lead to a significant improvement in the quality of life for patients with life-limiting illnesses. Many of these patients can be properly managed within their primary care offices, providing continuity and coordination of care. **METHOD:** A survey was conducted within a community-based family practice that is part of a larger network in order to create a diagram describing the movement of a palliative care patient through the practice. In addition, the perceptions, attitudes and beliefs of the staff members concerning palliation were determined. **RESULTS:** It was demonstrated that a primary palliative care program was considered feasible and desirable by all staff members. **CONCLUSION:** Implementation of a framework such as the British Gold Standards Framework can assist the practice in establishing guidelines and policy for the effective provision of care to their palliative care patient population.

**SHOPPING CARTS AS A FOMITE: WHAT BACTERIA IS ON YOUR SHOPPING CART?**

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**BACKGROUND:** Shopping cart handles can serve as a mode of transmission of disease throughout the public. The purpose of this project was (1) to determine the types of bacteria present on shopping cart handles, (2) to assess whether carts in grocery or department stores have more bacteria, and (3) to see if the sanitizing wipes provided by grocery stores were effective in eliminating bacteria. **METHOD:** The handles at a grocery store were swabbed before and after using sanitizing wipes (benzethonium chloride 0.1%) and handles at a department store were swabbed. The samples were incubated and plated on TSA, MSA, MacConkey agar, and CNA blood agar. The results indicate that there is an average of $1.3 \times 10^7$ bacteria on grocery store carts which is $2.5X$ greater than the average of
5.1 \times 10^6 \text{ bacteria department store carts. There was also a reduction of 70\% of the total amount of bacteria after using the sanitizing wipe. RESULTS: The majority of the bacteria present on all shopping carts are gram negative rods; however, no coliforms were present. There is an equal number of pathogenic } Staphylococcus \text{ species present before and after using the sanitizing wipe. CONCLUSION: The sanitizing wipes did eliminate red blood cell lysing pathogenic species and should be made widely available to the public to reduce transmission of disease.}

**Committee Reports**

**Advocacy Committee**

*Chair, Katharine Lewis*  
*Co-Chair, Vani Anand*

Purpose: To establish, prioritize, and promote a legislative agenda directed at improving the public health and well being of Connecticut residents.

Legislative Priorities: The Advocacy Committee of the Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) has identified three primary areas of focus in addressing public health concerns: strengthening public health infrastructure; promoting health equity; and supporting policies aimed at improving environmental health. In addition to these legislative priority areas, the Advocacy Committee also supports the efforts of other organizations by signing on to existing action alerts or letters to legislators that address public health concerns including, for example, paid sick leave legislation, legislation aimed at improving school nutrition and legislation that would improve funding for smoking cessation programs.

Activities: The Advocacy Committee meets quarterly on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held at our offices at 241 Main Street in Hartford on Thursday, November 3, 2011. Our advocacy efforts address each of the priority areas by educating CPHA members, public constituencies, and policymakers, and include activities such as: monitoring the status of pending legislation significant to the Advocacy Committee’s public health priorities; preparing fact sheets (position papers) and legislative updates; presenting written testimony on behalf of the CPHA before the Connecticut General Assembly regarding proposed legislation; organizing lobbying efforts and grassroots advocacy through outreach with our Convio software, through legislative education programs, and through telephone and letter-writing campaigns; organizing and collaborating with CPHA members to support the Advocacy Committee’s public health initiatives; maintaining relationships with leadership of the Connecticut General Assembly’s Public Health Committee and other relevant Committees, the Executive Branch of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut Department of Public Health; and collaborating with other organizations to ensure that public health is a priority in the legislative and policymaking process.

Members: Advocacy committee members come from a wide variety of public health areas including state and local public health, professional membership organizations, academia, advocacy, health care and others. We encourage all CPHA members to join and make an impact on the legislative and policymaking process. For more information, please contact Kathy Lewis at kalewis@hartford.edu or Vani Anand at vani_anand2000@yahoo.com.

**Communication Committee**

*Chair, Kathi Traugh*  
*Staff, Jonathan Noel*

The Communications Committee manages the CPHA newsletter and website, as well as the Association’s social media presence. The Committee is proud to report a number of accomplishments this past year.

Four issues of the CPHA e-News were sent to members, covering the many activities and achievements of the Association and members. CPHA was featured in the August issue of The Nation’s Health, APHA’s public health newspaper. An article on page 15 covered the successes of the CPHA Advocacy Committee during the 2011 legislative session.

The CPHA website received 3,736 unique visitors last year totaling 6,482 total visits from 27 states and 78 cities within Connecticut. The web pages for the Advocacy Committee and Health Education Committee were redesigned.
The resources webpage has been updated with information about the areas of focus for CPHA and links for public health jobs was added. Our presence on Facebook and Twitter has grown as well. CPHA now has more than 100 friends on Facebook. And CPHA has added a membership blog.

Development Committee
Chair, Philip Greiner
Purpose: The purpose of the Development Committee is to identify and help pursue opportunities for CPHA to increase non-dues related sources of income with which to fund special projects and to underwrite administrative costs.
Activities: The initial activities of the Development Committee are to identify funding opportunities that are consistent with the Strategic Plan of CPHA. These opportunities include the development of grant proposals, partnering on the grant proposals of other organizations, subcontract work with other grant recipients, and the development of a donor base to support CPHA as well as specific initiatives. The Development Committee will provide support for CPHA members and staff in reviewing grant and subcontract opportunities. The Committee will also work with CPHA entities in creating development opportunities, such as specific fundraising events and donor opportunities.
Goals: The overarching goal of the Development Committee is to add to the financial and organizational stability and capability of CPHA through non-dues related activities.

Health Education Committee
Chair, Kimberly Ploszaj
Co-Chair, Tracy Van Oss
Purpose: A forum for the exchange of information. An opportunity to educate the public health workforce and other health professionals by increasing the competency, skills and performance as they relate to the core public health essential services. The Committee serves as a networking opportunity for public health professionals that are employed in a variety of settings.
Activities: The Health Education Committee meets the second Wednesday of January, April, June, September and November. Refreshments and networking occur from 8:45 am – 9:00 am. The meeting is held from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Meetings are held at in the greater Meriden / Wallingford area, most frequently at the American Heart Association. Meetings begin with (2) one-hour programs on a variety of health topics or skill ability topics of interest to the group. The remainder of the meeting involves networking, sharing of ideas, best practices and job opportunities.
Goal: The goal of the Health Education Committee is to offer networking opportunities to Connecticut health educators in addition to offering CHES credits for attending education sessions.
Members: Members of the Health Education Committee consist of public health professionals who work in local/state health departments, non-profit and not-for-profit organizations, community based organizations, clinical practice, academia and other healthcare settings.

Membership Committee
Chair, Monika Haugstetter
Co-Chair, Melissa Hennessy
Purpose: The CPHA Membership Committee recruits new members and works to retain current membership. The Membership committee also promotes the efforts of the other CPHA Committees, including advocacy, health education, program planning and finance. As of October 2010, CPHA has over 350 members.
Activities: The Membership Committee meets periodically to plan the coordination of membership recruitment activities and membership events, and to identify opportunities for value added services to membership. The CPHA’s new management system provides CPHA with project and web content management and it has allowed consolidation of the membership database. The committee strives to provide its members with opportunities to network with other members and to participate in public health advocacy efforts. The committee has sent out letters to active and inactive members to streamline the membership process. The new and existing
members are continuously updated (via electronic means) on all CPHA activities.

Goals: The Membership Committee’s goals include maintaining the CPHA memberships throughout the year; creating a plan to emphasize and inform members and the public about the benefits of being a CPHA member; increasing the sign-up of new members.

Members: The Membership Committee consists of the Committee Chair, Board Members and the Board President. Interested members of the Association are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

Mentoring Organization Registry (MOR) Committee

Chair, Kristin Sullivan  
MOR Program Consultant, Cyndi Stern

Purpose: To support and enhance public health career mentoring for youth as a way to address public health workforce shortages and growing health threats to youth.

Activities: The MOR Committee meets quarterly at CPHA offices in Hartford, CT with conference call-in options for committee members not able to attend in person. The meetings are held from 12:00 noon – 1:30 PM. Meetings cover grant/funds development, production of curriculum and educational materials, and outreach to our educators and mentors. To date, the MOR has fostered new relationships between public health organizations and educational institutions reaching over 1,800 students and educators in 60 communities with information on public health concepts, skills and careers. This year the MOR focused efforts on developing public health curriculum for high school through community college level students, and training educators and workplace mentors.

Goal: The goal of the MOR Committee is to connect with teachers and educational institutions to prepare young people for community service, healthier lifestyles and careers in public health.

Members: The MOR has 28 organizational members representing a broad range of institutions, including higher education, local and state health departments, foundations and non-profits, that collaborate on grants and free programs aimed at developing [something missing here—if you can’t find add: “at developing an understanding of public health”]

Program Committee

Alison Gilcreast, Chair  
Katie Boyle, Co-Chair

Purpose: The Program Committee’s purpose is to plan CPHA events, particularly the Annual Meeting and Conference. This year’s conference theme is public health policy, and the title is “All Policy is Public Health Policy.”

Activities: The Program Committee holds regular biweekly or weekly meetings via teleconference. Committee members, guided by the Program Committee Chair, discuss and finalize items such as conference content, budget, logistics, invited speakers, publicity materials and content, sponsors and advertisers, registration logistics, awards, food, recruitment of volunteer staff, elections, student posters, and requirements of session organizers. Many committee members accepted tasks to handle individually such as handling CHES credits or reviewing student poster submissions. Members correspond with other CPHA committees, academic institutions, conference vendors, sponsors and presenters in order to ensure a well-executed annual conference. A paid staff person assists the Committee with many details of the conference.

Goal: The goal of the Program Committee is to hold an educational, timely, interesting and well-executed annual conference.

Members: Members of the Program Committee consist of public health professionals at local/state health departments, non-profit and for-profit organizations, community based organizations, clinical practice, academia and other healthcare settings.

The goal of the Program Committee is to hold an educational, timely, interesting and well-executed annual conference.
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