

SUPPORTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUNE 2016



Derek Fullerton
MHOA President

On behalf of MHOA,

In February, I went to State Association of County and City Health Officials (SACCHO) Leadership summit in Washington D.C. as the a representative of the for MHOA. I joined our college Claude-Alix Jacob of Cambridge Health Alliance, soon to be President of the National Association of



County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in a few weeks (July 1, 2016). Together with other SACCHO reps from across the country, we outlined national public health priorities such as, but not limited to, the importance of federal funding for response to Zika, immunization program, public health emergency preparedness Cooperative Agreements (PHEP), Medical Reserve Corps, CDC Core Infectious Diseases, CDC childhood lead poisoning prevention, opioid abuse and overdose prevention, the preventative health and health service block grant, and the prevention and public health fund. We planned and strategized for two days (See pic next column) in order to prepare our Capitol hill visits later in the week where we would meet with



House Representatives to inform them on what local health departments do, how they keep people healthy and safe, how the federal government can support community efforts, and how CDC and other funding supports health at the local level.

On the last day of the summit we visited the Capitol Hill. Claude and I met personally with staff of Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts Senator Senator Ed Markey, and Representative Seth Moulton

See Page 3 for what they discussed, especially on Opioids!

ORAL HEALTH IS PUBLIC HEALTH

MHOA President, Derek Fullerton Partnered with the local Technical School Dental Assisting Program to educate them on public health, including oral health that included a visit to the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury



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FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, & MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR



Sam Wong
Vice President
Conference Chair

Along with being Vice President, Sam serves as the MHOA educational conference chair.

Annual Conference Update:

This year's annual conference keynote speaker will be **Dr. Sandro Galea, Dean of the BU School of Public Health.**

The Conference committee is planning to hold the **MHOA 5k run** and a **tour of the Cape Cod Beer Company!**



The MHOA Annual Conference will be held **October 26-28th, 2016**



Sigalle Reiss
Secretary

As Secretary, I am placed in charge of MHOA's [website](#). I will be working to keep things updated. If you have any pictures or ideas for the site please send them to me.

In addition, the Secretary is charged with assisting the Vice President with the annual conference. There is a lot of work put in by our executive committee on the conference and I look forward to assisting the great team.

Last but by far not least, I want to send a **personal THANK YOU and Congratulations to Ruth-Ellen on her retirement in June.**

For many of us Ruth-Ellen IS MHOA. She is so much more than her title of Member Services, she is the backbone of the organization and contributes to all aspects of our Association. She will be hugely missed professionally and personally by many including me. Best of luck, enjoy the boat, lake and relaxation, you deserve it!

PAST PRESENTATIONS AND SLIDES FROM THE 2016 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE CAN BE FOUND AT: [CLICK HERE](#)



Ruth Ellen Sandler
MHOA Member Services
Coordinator



Click here for membership [FORM!](#)

Do not forget about the upcoming Quarterly Educational Meeting on June 16th.

We have the ever-engaging Dr. Al DeMaria, Jr. presenting on the **Zika Virus** and **space is still available.**

For more information, visit [MHOA.COM](#)

On behalf of MHOA, I would like to welcome new members:

<i>Charles Daniel</i>	<i>Bill Cole</i>
<i>John Davis</i>	<i>Alan Dias</i>
<i>Gino Frattallone</i>	<i>Doug Kress</i>
<i>Shin-Yi Lao</i>	<i>Brad Mitchell</i>
	<i>Lauren Pratt</i>

They bring our total membership to **575 strong**

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MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES ASSOCIATION



Terri Khoury
MAPHN Vice President
MHOA At Large Rep

MAPHN celebrated its 20th Annual Conference on April 13-14th in Brewster, MA:

“Public Health looking Ahead”

Visit www.maphn.org for more information about MAPHN Activities and to see our [Spring 2016 Newsletter!](#)



LOCAL STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Local/State Advisory Committee (LSAC) has embarked on a strategic planning journey to reimagine its role in emergency preparedness, as well as how funding should be distributed in future years. With CDC redirecting funds from BP5 to address a need for Zika Virus response, we anticipate that there will be a dramatic decrease in PHEP fund availability in future years.

Let your emergency preparedness coalition representative know what you think! Discuss this at your meetings, so that your representatives can make informed recommendations and choices. Our goal is to have budget priorities set early in 2017.



Tom Carbone
LSAC Chairman
MHOA Active ExOfficio

MR. FULLERTON GOES TO WASHINGTON

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Derek Fullerton
MHOA

Con't,,,,,to discuss all the public health programs and funding the local health departments need to do their jobs effectively. **We discussed it all; Zika, PHEP Funds, Infectious Diseases, but the ears of all the staff of the Senators and Representatives Claude and I visited were tuned into the opioid crisis.** Each legislative staff member indicated how their Senator or Representative is working on or with others on

bills and legislation to help collaboratively address the **national opioid epidemic!**

The keyword is **collaboratively** work together as a nation, both on the federal, state, and local level.



MHOA will continue to help support our local health departments advocate and plan for this opioid epidemic. Our intent is develop a **local health opioid planning toolkit** and your community this early fall should receive a survey. **Ensure your community participates in it!**

To Register click [here](#)

Educational Quarterly Meeting: Zika Virus: What We Know, What We Don't Know and What We are Learning

June 16th - Taunton Holiday Inn

10am-1pm

To Register visit MHOA.COM

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST TIME
EDUCATIONAL TRAINING ATTENDEES!**

Dr. DeMaria will review the history of Zika virus and the disease it causes with special attention to the emerging situation in the Western Hemisphere. He will discuss the challenges Zika presents and its representativeness of emerging infectious diseases.

The 49th Annual MHOA Conference

October 26-28th

Hyannis

To Register visit MHOA.COM



Alan Perry
MEHA President



The Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA) is a subsidiary of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). MEHA's main concerns are the support, representation, and knowledge

base training for the local environmental health professional in MA.

In May, MEHA held a very successful annual education conference at Gillette Stadium. We thank all who attended. We continue to work with other members of the CLPH in our sponsorship of the upcoming **Orientation for Local Health (See Page 9)**. We also continue our work alongside MHOA in sponsoring the ongoing Foundations Course with BU.

Also many of our members will be attending the NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference being held **June 13-16 in San Antonio, TX.**



Katherine Kokko
MHOA Executive
Administrator

It's Pool Season and MHOA has the reference you need! **The MHOA Lending Library has the 2014 Pool and Spa Operator Handbook ready for loan!**

This library also includes **key references** for environmental health law, engineering and practices, study guides for those pursuing their RS or CPFS, communicable disease control, pool and spa operation and healthy community design. Multiple copies of study guides are available to assure that we can meet demand for this cost-saving benefit.

A listing of available books and their descriptions can be found at <http://www.mhoa.com/library/>. Books are available for renewable terms of three months. Rules for lending are also available on the MHOA Library website. Requests should be sent via email to MHOA.KatherineKokko@gmail.com Books are shipped via USPS and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return.



**Sarah McColgan-MHOA
Tobacco Control Director**

Tobacco Control & Prevention

Sarah's role as Tobacco Control Director of MHOA is to provide technical assistance and trainings for Boards of Health and assist with the development of training and education related to tobacco control issues. **FDA COMPLIANCE CHECKS IN MASSACHUSETTS**

In 2009, the [Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act](#) gave the FDA authority to regulate tobacco products. On June 22, 2010 a number of new FDA regulations designed to restrict the sale of tobacco products to minors and limit the advertising and promotion of tobacco products went into effect. More information on the regulations can be found at www.fda.gov/tobacco.

The federal government, through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), gave Massachusetts-based inspectors the authority to conduct compliance checks and issue fines that would be paid to the federal government. The FDA enforcement is in addition to current local enforcement.

Federal penalties for violation of selling tobacco to minors include:

- Warning issued for first offense
- Up to \$11,000 for sixth offense within a four-year period
- "No-Tobacco-Sale" order for repeat offenders

Some things to note are:

- Though not required to issue a warning letter, the FDA "generally" intends to issue a warning letter for a first violation.
- Once a warning letter is issued to an establishment, the FDA will conduct follow-up compliance checks at that location.
- If the FDA finds a pattern of non-compliance, either during a follow-up compliance check, or subsequent scheduled checks, they intend to civil assess monetary penalties and/or no-tobacco sales orders
- If a retailer receives notice of a violation, he may either pay the penalty or contest the violation. Information on how to contest the violation will be included in the notice issued to the retailer.

Penalties will follow the fine statutorily prescribed fine schedule. **(See Page 6)**

Retailers are not required to implement a training program and are under no obligation to submit their training programs for FDA . FDA may consider further reducing the civil money penalty for retailers who have implemented a training program. Retailers who have received a notice of Complaint for Civil Money Penalties and who wish to submit evidence that they have a training program in place may do so after receiving the Complaint. Detailed information on where to send evidence that a retailer has a training program in place will be included in the notice of Complaint for Civil Money Penalty.

The Massachusetts FDA program is prohibited from sharing information until the FDA completes their investigation and closes a case. The FDA applies strict standards of confidentiality in all of their work until a case is resolved. Once a case is resolved, the information is then made public and is posted on the FDA website:

<http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/WarningLetters/Tobacco/default.htm>

MHOA monitors this site monthly, and is contracted by DPH/MTCP to provide notification of violations to local boards of health. If you receive a notification from MHOA of a violation you can access the information regarding this violation on the site. Searches can be done by municipality, or by vendor name within a municipality. The FDA does not notify vendors or post the violation on the website for 8-12 weeks following the compliance check.

If you would like further information regarding the FDA checks, or would like to schedule a free group retail training contact Sarah McColgan, MHOA

Tobacco Control Director at 413-636-6418.

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FEAC)

Overhaul of the MA Food Code!

A draft of the Massachusetts' 590, adopting the FDA 2013 Model Food Code standards has been created and is currently undergoing the legislative process, with anticipated re-



Rae Dick
MHOA Region 3 Rep
FEAC Representative

lease for public comment. The MA DPH Food Protection Program and MHOA will notify stakeholders when the public comment period opens.

Food Establishment Inspection Reports

MDPH has established an approved inspection report. Communities in Massachusetts will no longer need to receive permission to use a food inspection form.

Looking Ahead to Upcoming Funding Opportunities in Food Safety!

Communities enrolled in the FDA Retail Standards Program will be eligible for funding of up to \$26,000 in October. Communities will also be able to apply for mentorship funds. The previous 5-year award for \$350,000 will not be offered in 2016-



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Tobacco Control & Prevention: Continued from page 5

FDA Fine Schedule	Penalty For Retailer with Training Program	Penalty For Retailer without Training Program
First Violation	Warning Letter	\$250
Second Violation (w/in 12 months)	\$250	\$500
Third Violation (w/in 24 months)	\$500	\$1,000
Fourth Violation (w/in 24 months)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Fifth Violation (w/in 36 months)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sixth or Subsequent Violation (w/in 48 months)	Determined on a case by case basis: \$10,000	Determined on a case by case basis: \$10,001

Did You Know?? There are over 40 online "On Your Time" training modules. Visit the LPHI online training website by clicking [here](#)



Kathleen Macvarish
LPHI Director
MHOA Active Ex-Officio



Strengthening Local Public Health Through Training & Education

The mission of the Local Public Health Institute (Institute) is to improve public health and preparedness capabilities and the health of the residents of the Commonwealth by creating, implementing, and sustaining workforce development activities for local public health and other public health system partners. Local public health professionals are busier than ever, and their training needs are more complex. In order to make the training accessible statewide, the Institute leverages a variety of training delivery methods, including traditional classroom trainings, asynchronous online modules, live webinar sessions, and blended formats.

For a full list of Institute offerings, please go to our [Training](#) page.

Foundations for Local Public Health (co-sponsored by MHOA and MEHA) began April 27 in a blended format. Registration filled in less than three days so class size was increased to 40. To allow for interactive classes and webinars, class size could not be increased so a waiting list was generated (@20 people).

LPHI launched a **Public Health Core Certificate**. This certificate is recommended for staff and board members of local boards of health or health departments who are new to the field of governmental public health, lack formal public health education, or want a refresher. The certificate can be obtained by completing a designated set of LPHI *On Your Time* modules within five years of application and with a passing score of 90% on each module. Other certificates are in development (emergency preparedness, environmental health, population-focused health care). Read more: <http://sites.bu.edu/masslocalinstitute/training/certificates/>

2016 LPHI Fellow Ruth Mori, R.N., B.S.N., Public Health Nurse and School Nurse Leader, Town of Wayland. Ruth Mori has functioned in a dual role as Wayland’s Public Health Nurse and School’s Nurse Leader since 2007. She manages a number of essential functions within the Wayland Health Department to promote the health, wellness, and safety of the population with adherence to State regulations and reporting requirements.



[LPHI Online Modules](#)

New

Administrative Search Warrants

Coming soon

- Animal Control
- Special Food Operations: Farmer’s Markets
- Special Food Operations: Temporary Food Events

[New England Center for Public Health Training \(NECPHT\) Modules](#)

New

- Health Equity
- Marketing Public Health
- Performance Management and Quality Improvement

NACCHO

National Association of County & City Health Officials



Claude-Alix Jacob
NACCHO Region Rep for MHOA
Upcoming NACCHO PRESIDENT
July 1, 2016

On July 1st, our very own local health official will be the **President** of the National Association of County and City Health Officials! Congratulations to Claude-Alix Jacob!!

A message from Claude:

A tremendous **"Thank you!"** to all local health departments who completed the NACCHO Annual Profile Survey. This survey is critically important in providing NACCHO, and ultimately funders, with an accurate picture of the developments in local health.

The NACCHO Annual Conference will be held in Phoenix, AZ from July 19th-21st. Visit www.nacchoannual.org for more information.



John Coulon
MHOA Representative
for the Massachusetts
Food Safety Education
Partnership



MAPFSE & USDA at: The BIG E

The Massachusetts Partnership for Food Safety Education invites you to join us and USDA FSIS staff in providing FUN, educational outreach to consumers through their interactive multimedia show - the **Food Safety Discovery Zone (FSDZ)**.

As a volunteer you will help visitors to the **Food Safety Discovery Zone** by assisting FSIS personnel in overseeing activities and displays in and around the FSDZ, as well as disseminating a variety of USDA food safety materials. (See attached FSDZ Training PPT for more details on activities and resources)



If you would like to join us, **we ask that you commit to a 3 or 5 hour shift for at least one day at the Big E.** You will receive an admissions pass that will allow you to stay and visit other aspects of the Big E before and/or after your time at the FSDZ. Parking passes will also be available.

Currently, of the 17 days of the event, there are 14 days that require coverage from MPFSE from 10 am to 3 pm. These include Saturday, September 17 through Saturday, October 1, 2016. Coverage is also needed for the afternoons through evenings (3 pm to 8 or 9pm) for 8 days weekend day (Saturday, September 17 through Sunday, October 2, 2016.)

The mission of the [Massachusetts Partnership for Food Safety Education](#) (MPFSE) is to provide food workers and consumers with easy access to food safety information, education and training through collaboration and communication among partners, and coordination of resources and services, thus ensuring the safety of our food supply.



Sandy Collins
CLPH Rep for MHOA
MHOA At Large Rep

Coalition for Local Public Health (CLPH)

The Coalition for Local Public Health, formed in 2002, represents the 5 statewide public health organizations (MHOA, MAPHN, MEHA, MPHA, MAHB).

Leadership of each of the organization meets monthly to identify issues and strategies to best advocate, promote and strengthen local health within MA. Collectively we represent over 3000 members. MHOA has participated in the Coalition since the group formed.

Orientation to Local Public Health in Massachusetts

Who

For staff and governing body members from local and regional public health agencies

Why

Learn about public health service delivery and community health activities in Massachusetts
Gather ideas to advance public health goals
Network with other local, regional, and state professionals.

Where

Tower Hill Botanical Garden, 11 French Drive Boylston, MA 01505

When

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

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Office of Local and Regional Health

How do I register?

Email Ruth-Ellen Sandler at resandler@metrocast.net
Type **Orientation** in the subject line.
There is no registration fee but space is limited.

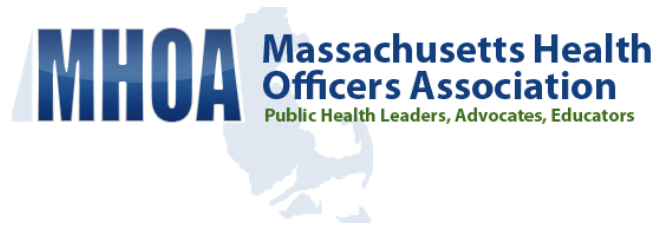
Do I have to do anything to prepare?

Yes, complete two online modules – they are free and self-paced.

Public Health Law and Legal Issues in Massachusetts
Orientation to Local Public Health in Massachusetts



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Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA) was formed to meet a local need. The foundations of MHOA began in 1950, when a group of health officials from cities and towns north of Boston began meeting together several times a year on a voluntary basis for the purpose of contributing their experiences for a better understanding and servicing of local health department practice and administration. This group became known as the North Metropolitan Health Officers and Agents Association. State Health Department officials took an interest and attended their meetings.

Mission

The mission of the Massachusetts Health Officers Association is to assist and support staff of local health departments in meeting their statutory responsibilities to the public through programs of education, technical assistance, representation, and resource development, and by providing educational and informational programs to the general public on public health topics.

Goals

To be recognized as and regarded by members and other agencies as an effective professional group representing and advocating for local public and environmental health

To promote and foster high standards of professionalism among local health department staff

To work closely with national, state, local, and environmental health agencies to improve public health practice

Objectives

To keep members abreast of new and current public and environmental health topics and issues
To maintain a Resource Lending Library

To maintain an internet and email site on the world wide web

To monitor and advocate for legislation affecting health and environmental issues

To offer an annual scholarship to a member or member's family embarking on or enhancing a career in public or environmental health

To present annual awards for outstanding leadership, extraordinary service, and distinguished contributions to local health practice

To promote student internship opportunities

To provide timely, pertinent and cost-effective educational programs

To serve on national and state committees that foster collaboration for the promotion of our ideals

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