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Inside NHPHA

(A Monthly Column Written by NHPHA Leadership)

The 2018 NHPHA Annual Meeting in Review: Skills, Scholars, Friendship and Appreciation

(written by Joan Ascheim, Interim Executive Director)



I always find our annual meeting to be celebratory, motivating, inspiring and a validation of the tremendous work we do collectively as public health professionals. This year's 2018 NHPHA Annual Meeting hit the mark on all counts! There were 135 of us in attendance with 30 of those being students from various academic institutions. Students had the opportunity to attend the pre-session presented by our Rising Stars Program and led by Cait Glennen entitled: *Demystifying the Interview and Salary Negotiation Process*. The program was highly rated and noted to provide practical skills students could put to use as they search for their perfect public health jobs.

The student poster session followed with 21 scholarly and diverse poster presentations spanning topics such as: structural racism in healthcare, increasing hand hygiene, suicide ideation among high school students, community health assessments and home visiting (see article below to learn about poster winners). The poster sessions are a tremendous opportunity for students to share their work with public health professionals and provides a networking experience between the two groups.

[Read the full message here.](#)



Students from UNH and Rivier University Top Annual Poster Session

Zachary Ahmad-Kahloon and Ashley Hall were the winners of the student poster session awards at the annual meeting in April. The judges of the 14 poster presentations used criteria including relevance of subject; rigor of project methodology; voice projection and audience engagement; and use of graphs and images. The outstanding presentations showcased Hall's and Ahmad-Kahloon's passion for community health and social justice. [Read more about the students and their posters here.](#)



New Board Members and Officers Announced at Annual Meeting

The New Hampshire Public Health Association was pleased to announce new members to its Board of Trustees for 2018-2019. Newly elected officers include:

- Tyler Brandow, Performance Improvement Manager NH Division of Public Health Services
- Shannon Bresaw, Vice President of Public Health for Granite United Way,
- Alysia Kennett, student at Southern New Hampshire University,
- Jonathan Stewart, Director of the Community Health Institute/JSI, and
- Lisa Vasquez, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator of the City of Nashua Division of Public Health & Community Services.

Rebecca Sky of the Foundation for Healthy Communities was announced as the new President of the Board; Marcella Bobinsky as the President-Elect; Terry Johnson also of the Foundation for Healthy Communities as the Vice President; and Tyler Brandow as the new Secretary. Sophia Japhet of the Manchester Health Department will continue to serve in her role as the Treasurer of the organization.



Membership Updates

Important Notice - Restructuring of Organizational Memberships

The NHPHA Board has approved a new organizational membership structure which now includes event sponsorship benefits. These updates are reflected on our website.

In addition to increasing the value of existing benefits, the new structure also gives organizational members, depending on their membership level, complimentary registration to NHPHA events, recognition at events, opportunities to speak at events, and even access to a student intern database and student intern stipends. These are just some examples of the added benefits to our organizational members.

This new structure has been created in an effort to streamline the membership and

sponsorship processes for our organizational members.

Ashley Peters, Chair of the Membership Committee, will be reaching out to current organizational members to discuss these changes. Please feel free to reach out to Ashley Peters (Ashley.Peters@unh.edu) or Neil Twitchell, Chair of Programming Planning, (Neil.Twitchell@dhhs.nh.gov) with any questions about these changes

Call out for leadership! The NHPHA Membership Committee is seeking a Co-Chair to fill the vacant seat on the committee. Please reach out to current Co-Chair Ashley Peters (Ashley.Peters@unh.edu) with questions and/or nominations.

Membership Renewal Pins. The committee has purchased NHPHA pins as a way to say thank you to our members when they renew. We hope you will wear your pins with pride at NHPHA and other public health events. Pins can be picked up at NHPHA events, or to coordinate a pick up, please e-mail Ashley Peters (Ashley.Peters@unh.edu).

New and renewing members. We'd like to welcome our new members:

- Zachary Ahmad-Kahloon
- Annie Averill
- Rebecca Butcher
- Sarah Daley
- Crissie Ferrara
- Suzanne Gaulocher
- Nathan Hassell
- Hanna Mortimer
- Stacey Oliveira
- Nicholas Simeti
- Lissa Sirois

A special shout-out to our renewing individual members: Marcella Bobinsky; Gail Brown; Sue Etkind; Vanessa Grunkemeyer; Denise Krol; Erin Langille; John Martin; Barbara McCahan; Jessica Swan; Sabrina Therrien; Neil Twitchell; and Susan Wnuk.



You Could Be Our Representative to APHA's Governance Council

(Guest Post by Jeanie Holt, NHPHA Board Member)

Are you a "governance geek?" I am. I really enjoy the mostly behind-the-scenes work of making decisions about policy, bylaws, organizational structure, and strategic planning. If you enjoy that, too, here is an opportunity for you!

Every affiliate has an Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council (ARGC). I currently serve as the interim ARGC so we are looking for someone to take on a 2-year term as our ARGC. [Read more here.](#)



Rising Star Updates

Rising Star Advisory Committee Meets

- On April 24th, the Rising Stars Advisory Committee met to discuss the Rising Stars program and some of the current initiatives in which we are engaged.

We are currently in the process of determining our next steps for communicating opportunities in the public health field. The main focus of this meeting was the possibility of a student mentoring program and ways in which we could implement this program. The next meeting will convene on July 24th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at CHI/JSI. If you are interested in hearing more about the committee, please contact Emily Goulet at egoulet@nhpha.org.

- For the first time, Emily Goulet, NHPHA Workforce Development Coordinator and Joan Ascheim, NHPHA Interim Executive Director exhibited at career fair on April 12th. We provided information about careers in public health, our internship offerings and membership in the organization.



We have begun a new partnership with Stay Work Play NH as part of our Rising Stars initiative. Stay Work Play is an organization that encourages young professionals to stay or move to New Hampshire. Please feel free to check out their website: <http://stayworkplay.org/>. Stay Work Play provides an existing database that advertises internships and open positions. As a result of our partnership, **there is now a category for public health**

internships and employment opportunities. We encourage our public health partners to post jobs or internship opportunities. Students or graduates can check out the site to find an internship or employment. - <http://stayworkplay.org/work/jobs-and-internships-nh/>

We are also allocating two stipends for students from the New England Public Health Training Center (NEPHTC), at \$1500 each. This project is a great opportunity to provide some remuneration for students participating in field placements and faculty-student collaborative projects. It must be completed by August 15, 2018.

If you have any questions about the minimum requirements, application process, or the selection process, please feel free to contact Emily Goulet at egoulet@nhpha.org.



Colby-Sawyer Students Travel to D.C. for Summit

(Guest Post by Emily Bear, Member)



Two Colby-Sawyer College sophomore public health students, Lila Bradley & Molly Pfenning, recently had the opportunity to attend the annual Save the Children Advocacy Network summit in Washington, D.C. during their spring break.

After hearing about the summit from her advisor, Shari Goldberg, Professor, School of Nursing and Health Professions, Lila completed the application in early December and soon learned that she received a scholarship to attend the summit in D.C.

There, she spent three days attending conferences on early childhood education, child and maternal health, and how to initiate change in her own community.

Specifically, Lila told me that the conferences emphasized the need to support local

organizations such as HeadStart early development programs in schools; these essential programs are often underfunded and suffer from a lack of basic supplies. [Read the entire article here.](#)



Registration Open! May 23rd New Hampshire Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium!

Registration is now open for the New Hampshire Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium which is taking place at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH on May 23rd, 2018! Registration is now open for the New Hampshire Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium which is taking place at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH on May 23rd, 2018. [Click here for more information.](#)



Calendar of Events

May 2, 2018 - NH Businesses for Social Responsibility, Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. [Learn more about the conference here.](#)

May 4, 2018 New Hampshire Health Information Management Association, New Hampshire Health Information Management Association for more information and registration, [click here.](#)



May 23, 2018 - New Hampshire Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. For more information [click here.](#)

May, 31, 2018 - Hypertension Guidelines CME Dinner. Two Continuing Nursing Education Credits. Other credit pending approval. No fee to attend. [Register here.](#)

June 14 & 15, 2018 - New England Public Health Conference, The Colony Hotel, Kennebunkport, ME. For more information [click here.](#)

June 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 2018 - The NH Health & Equity Partnership is offering two "Diversity & Cultural Competence" Train the Trainer workshops. [Get more info here.](#)

To have your upcoming event included in the next issue of the NHPHA e-Newsletter, email us!



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To Renew by Mail: Go to <http://nhpha.org/membership>. Choose the individual or organizational membership application to print and fill out. Send the application and check (payable to NHPHA) and mail to NHPHA, 4 Park Street, Suite 403, Concord, NH 03301.

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