

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Agenda
1712 Main Street, Coventry
Town Hall Annex
Thursday June 15, 2023, 4:30 PM*

Call to Order – Welcome Maria Capriola

Approval of Minutes (April 20, 2023)

Public Comments

Old Business - none

New Business

1. Preventive Health Strategies at Work in Connecticut Communities – Grant Proposal - Authorization
2. Re-appointment of Director to CT Water Company, Water System Advisory Committee
3. EHHD and Ledge Light Health District, Memorandum of Agreement (Updated) – Reauthorization

Town Reports

Subcommittee Reports

4. Finance Committee – Financial Report for period ending 3/31/23
5. Personnel Committee – Starting Salary Authorization for Sanitarian II

Directors Report

6. CADH - Legislative Session Bill Tracking report
7. Canada Wild Fires – CT/EHHD air quality
8. Rural Health Care Summit
9. EHHD Staffing Update (no attachment)

Communications/other

10. AP re: CDC Ties sick workers to 40% of food poisoning cases
11. R Miller re: Governor Lamont Announcement & EHHD COVID-19 Services
12. CT Office of Health Strategy re: Survey Solicitation regarding Yale New Haven acquisition of Manchester Hospital & Rockville General Hospital
13. CT DPH re: Changes to List of Reportable Diseases
14. R Miller re: Changes to Farmers Market Food Vendor Licensing Requirements
15. J.I. re: Crews clean up septic mess in Tolland
16. R Miller re: Communication to Town of Woodstock regarding EHHD Membership
17. R Miller re: Communication to Town of Canterbury regarding EHHD Membership
18. Hartford Courant re: Area Restaurants Flagged by Inspectors

Other business

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting – August 17, 2023, 4:30 PM

***Virtual Meeting Option**

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Public comment will be accepted by email at mbrosseau@ehhd.org or by USPS mail at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to be shared at the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting).

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Members present: R. Aylesworth (Mansfield - Virtual), J. Elsesser (Coventry), S. Powers (Scotland-Virtual), T. Nuccio (Tolland - Virtual), M. Walter (Columbia - Virtual), B. Foley (Tolland - Virtual)

Staff present: R. Miller, M. Brosseau

J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm

Approval of Minutes T. Nuccio made a MOTION seconded by S. Powers to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor FY22/23

M. Walter made a MOTION seconded by T. Nuccio to appoint CliftonLarsenAllen as auditor for FY22/23. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Town Reports

Columbia – M. Walter informed the board that the bank next to the town hall has been purchased. There is a possibility that a restaurant will be going in there.

Scotland – S. Powers reported that the town received a \$50,000 grant to improve the town hall.

Mansfield – R. Aylesworth informed the board that the new Elementary school has opened. They are still getting high copper in water samples throughout the building. They expect that to clear up by the fall. R. Aylesworth also reported that a raccoon was sighted at the town hall during daytime.

Tolland – T. Nuccio reported that a new farmers market will be opening on the Tolland Green. T. Nuccio also reported on a septic issue at a local café.

Coventry – J. Elsesser reported that Lakeview has signed a lease with 4 Dad's Pub. In addition the town has received a school air grant. The plan is to go out to bid by June. This will put air conditioning into the High School.

J. Elsesser reported that Congressman Courtney has directed congressional spending funds to the town for a water tower. 75% of the funding will be from the grant and 25% of funds will be from CT Water DSF funds. Hiring a well person to deal with well contamination issues. Things are still moving ahead with extending sewers in to Bolton.

Financial Report for the period ending 12/21/33

R. Miller presented an overview of the report, highlighting the salient features. T. Nuccio made a MOTION, seconded by M. Walter to accept the financial report as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

B. Foley joined the meeting at 4:51pm.

Directors Report

R. Miller provided an update on the order issued for the establishment in Tolland with a septic problem.

Cosmetology Program Implementation

R. Miller reported on the implementation and progress of the program. Implementation generally going well and as planned. R. Miller recommends no changes to the sanitary code at this time.

Public Health Workforce Development and Infrastructure Grant

R. Miller reported that the Health District will receive \$229,000 this year. This will be worked into the next budget cycle. R. Miller is still waiting for guidance and contract terms from the state.

CDC Immunization and Vaccines for Children Supplemental Grant

R. Miller reported that this funding of \$185,000 will be used toward promoting and supporting vaccination programs. R. Miller is still waiting for spending guidance and contract terms from the state.

Quarterly Activity Reports for periods ending 12/31/22 and 3/31/23

R. Miller presented a brief overview of the reports and offered to answer any questions. R. Miller noted that some COVID-19 activities are winding down at the state and federal level. EHHD will continue with vaccinations, education and infection control for the foreseeable future.

R. Miller updated the board on the FDA Food Code implementation. He went over the background. He noted that local LHD and EHHD are scrambling to implement the new code. Staff training, orientation for businesses, new tracking software and new operational protocols are in development. R. Miller also noted that inspections have slowed due to the new form.

R. Miller reported that the Itinerant Food Vendor MOU was executed in March 2023. IFVs can now travel to participating jurisdictions without additional permits and fees. This supports small businesses.

R. Miller asked members to notify us if they have any ideas on where to set up opioid harm reduction risks at high volume town events.

CADH Bill Tracking Report

R. Miller called attention to 2(two) bills:

Bill HB5902 Local public health departments will be required to post to website restaurants that are in or out of compliance with food allergies training.

Bill HB6727 Lead bill – implementation of lower blood level standards. CADH will be investigating why the office of fiscal analysis indicated that no funding is being given to local health for this initiative.

Northeast District Department of Health Per Capita Increase - Implications

An increase in per capita fees at NDDH has lead to some of the towns in that district reaching out to other districts to join a new district. R. Miller outlined concerns with adding additional town(s) at this time. By consensus the board concurred with R. Miller's recommendation to not take on any new towns at this time.

Health District staffing update – job opening

R. Miller informed the board that Holly Hood will be retiring June 2nd. Recruiting for her replacement is being done now.

Communication/Other

DPH re: Meet & Greet with new DPH Leadership Team

R. Miller informed the board that DPH will be scheduling a meeting with the district. At that time the board will be notified.

Adjournment

R. Aylesworth made a MOTION, seconded by M. Walter to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:20 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Next Board Meeting – June 15, 2023, 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller

Secretary



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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert Miller, Director of Health

Date: 6/12/2023

Re: Preventive Health Strategies at Work in Connecticut Communities Grant –Proposal, Contract log #2023-0903

Background

As you may recall, the Health District applies for and receives annually federal block grant monies. For the past 14 years this grant has funded limited chronic disease prevention services to member towns, mostly in the form of policy & environmental changes to promote healthy behaviors. Unfortunately, for this funding cycle the CT DPH shifted the grant award to a state-wide competitive process.

The grant award, if our proposal is selected, is \$150,000 over five years. Within the proposal document attached will find the budget detailed on pages 23 to 35, and the proposed activity work plan detailed on pages 70 to 86. If our proposal is selected this award would fund predominately staff time for our current Public Health Project Specialist (Program Coordinator), the Community Health & Wellness Coordinator, and a Public Health Nurse. There are no agency matching funds required.

The executive summary can be found on pages 5 & 6. In brief, the proposal involves the establishment of a district-wide, self-monitoring blood pressure initiative, leveraging partnerships with schools, senior centers, fire departments, libraries, towns, and area healthcare providers.

A copy of the complete proposal is attached for your edification.

Recommendation

This funding would support agency activities intended to address high rates of elevated blood pressure among our at risk population. Authorization to submit the attached proposal, and then if awarded, authorization to execute the subsequent grant contract with the State of Connecticut is recommended.

If the board concurs then the following motion is respectfully recommended: *Move, to authorize the Director of Health to (1) submit attached proposal for the Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities Grant as presented on June 15, 2023, and if awarded, (2) negotiate & execute the subsequent grant contract with the State of Connecticut.*

**COVER SHEET REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL RFP DPH**

Log # 2023-0903

Preventive Health Strategies at Work in Connecticut Communities

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Community, Family Health, and Prevention Section**

Applicant InformationApplicant Agency: Eastern Highlands Health District

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Mansfield	Address	CT	06268
City/Town		State	Zip Code
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Telephone No.	FAX No.	Email Address	

Contact Person: Robert Miller Title: Director of HealthTelephone No: 860-429-3325**TOTAL PROGRAM COST: \$**150,000

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this application is true and correct. The application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant, the applicant has the legal authority to apply for this funding, the applicant will comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and that I am a duly authorized signatory for the applicant.

Signature of Authorizing Official:_____
DateRobert Miller, Director of Health_____
Typed Name and Title

The applicant agency is the agency or organization, which is legally and financially responsible and accountable for the use and disposition of any awarded funds. Please provide the following information:

1. Full legal name of the organization or corporation as it appears on the corporate seal and as registered with the Secretary of State
2. Mailing address
3. Main telephone number
4. Fax number, and email address, if any
5. Principal contact person for the application (person responsible for developing application)
6. Total program cost

The funding application and all required submittals must include the signature of an officer of the applicant agency who has the legal authority to bind the organization. The signature, typed name and position of the authorized official of the applicant agency must be included as well as the date on which the application is signed.

Applicant Information Form (continuation)

PLEASE LIST THE AGENCY CONTACT PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETION AND SUBMITTAL OF:

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Incorporated:	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	Agency Fiscal Year:	July 1 to June 30
Type of Agency:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private	Other, Explain:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Profit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Profit		
Federal Employer I.D. Number:	06-1498232				Town Code No:	
Medicaid Provider Status:	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	Medicaid Number:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Minority Business Enterprise (MBE):	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Women Business Enterprise (WBE):	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO		

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C. Executive Summary

As the regional public health authority for 10 member towns in Tolland and Windham Counties (Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington), the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) is eligible to present a proposal for funding for this grant opportunity.

Furthermore, the EHHD is highly qualified to receive this award to partner with the DPH to implement Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities. For over 15 years the EHHD has demonstrated experience working collaboratively within the community to lessen the burden of chronic disease for the residents of member towns including the successful implementation of ACHIEVE, Community Transformation and Plan4Health grants; as well as a long history of compliance and successful outcomes with the annual DPH Preventative Health Block grants.

While there are many aspects of this RFP to address local Health District needs that could be justified for a proposal, the EHHD analyzed the data and opportunities at this time and zeroed in on the documented high rates of elevated blood pressure, diabetes and smoking for EHHD residents along with the higher-than-state death rates from heart disease and stroke in member towns. Accordingly this proposal focuses on the Healthy People 2030 objective to Increase the Control of High Blood Pressure. Often referred to as the “silent killer” because it may show no symptoms, high blood pressure increases the risk for heart disease, heart failure, and stroke. Evidence for narrowing the priority population for the proposed intervention to adults over the age of 50 was gathered from the 2021 Connecticut Healthy Aging Community Profile which magnified the risk factors for stroke and heart disease among older adults in EHHD member towns.

The EHHD community, especially those 50 and older, is at higher risk for coronary heart disease death and stroke than much of the state based on elevated rates of smoking among older adults, current high death rate from heart disease, documented high rates of high blood pressure, and significant rates of diabetes. All of these chronic disease indicators have common risk factors which can and will be addressed through the proposed intervention.

The proposed project the EHHD determined would create the greatest impact with the available funds is to facilitate and implement a self-monitoring blood pressure initiative utilizing evidence-based initiatives. Leveraging partnerships in the local community and implementing a three-tiered approach to

increasing access to automated blood pressure units that can be used at home and at work, the EHHD will impact over 1500 residents in the community. Commitments from a local primary care provider, Town administrators, libraries, fire departments, schools and senior centers expands the depth and breadth of resources across the EHHD, with each member town submitting one or more letters of support for their role in the proposed project.

The three components of this proposal are:

- A 1.5 hour educational program offered at venues that are accessible and acceptable to the priority population (senior center, library, fire stations, etc.). The curriculum will utilize evidence-based programs and will provide home monitors at no cost to participants.
- Library loan of an automated blood pressure monitor with instructions and educational materials, utilizing evidence-based programs.
- School self-monitor stations in the nurses' office with instructions and educational materials.

The EHHD envisions these three aspects of access to self-monitoring of blood pressure and engagement within the community to elevate awareness and access to resources leading to increased control of high blood pressure, a priority objective of Healthy People 2030. Promotion and referrals for each component of the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure project will support the others. The EHHD will also engage local health care providers to be a referral point to maximize the reach and impact of this project.

The cost proposal for this initiative is for \$150,000 over the five year grant period. The EHHD has proven fiscal responsibility with grant resources and will make the most of on this opportunity by utilizing existing staff who have experience, knowledge, and trusted relationships in community at the organizational and community level to take the lead in implementing this project. The ability of the Health District to use experienced staff and long-term community partners will result in a swift implementation of strategies to maximize the impact of the time and funds available for the Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant.

D. Main Proposal

1. Organizational Profile

The Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) has a robust history of providing prevention, promotion and evidence-based interventions to reduce the impact of chronic disease in the member towns it serves. From being resourceful and fiscally responsible with the annual Preventative Health Block Grant funding to implementing national awards focused on sustainable change through policy and environmental changes such as those through the ACHIEVE, Community Transformation and the Plan4Health grants, the EHHD has been dedicated to achieving its mission and promoting public health throughout all member towns.

- **Mission:** Eastern Highlands Health District is committed to enhancing the quality of life in its communities through the prevention of illness, promotion of wellness and protection of our human environment.
- **Vision:** Healthy People, Healthy Communities, Healthier Future.
- **Purpose:** The Eastern Highlands Health District strives to put their motto of "preventing illness and promoting wellness" at the forefront of all services offered. The environmental health program provides the basic duties for which the Health District is best known, and their services are the backbone of efforts to "prevent illness" in our communities. Complementing this effort, the public health emergency preparedness program develops and secures the critical resources necessary to prepare for and respond to a public health emergency. Additionally, promoting wellness continues to be a guiding force as areas of need in the community are explored, and thoughtful, community-centric initiatives are implemented.
- As a quasi-governmental agency formed in June, 1997 the EHHD currently provides full-time health department services to ten member towns (Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington) and is governed by a Board of Directors.
- Current Range of Services:
 - o Monitoring of health status to identify and solve community health problems including the regular review of public health data provided by local, state, federal, and non-governmental agencies; completed 2014 community health needs assessment for Tolland County.

- Investigation and diagnosis of health problems and health hazards in the community concerning health issues encompassing: Complaint investigation program, Laboratory services with emergency response services (5 to 15 incidents annually), Special Environmental Monitoring Projects, and responding to school and town public health concerns, providing consultation, and subject matter expertise.
- Informing, educating and empowering persons in the community concerning health issues through website resources and promotion (e.g. School initiatives '95210' & 'POW', tobacco-free initiatives, sun safety, tick borne diseases, asthma and rabies) response to public's need for timely information (EEE, WNV, COVID, Ebola, Zika, seasonal Influenza), localized responses through local partners such as schools, senior centers, town hall, and other local employers.
- The EHHD is the leader and hub of the local public health system, with established relationships with multiple community partners and stakeholders for addressing issues ranging from chronic disease management (Community Health Action Response Team (CHART), Plan4Health initiative, Active Living Projects), participation on area workgroups including Substance Abuse Workgroup, Early Childhood town committees, Town Health and Safety committees, UConn Infection prevention committee and others.
- Enforcement of laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety such as those related to Food Protection Regulations (licensing and temp event permitting), Subsurface septic system program (permitting, plan review and pit/perc tests).
- Connecting persons in the community to needed health care services such as the coordination and promotion of area flu clinics with VNA's, promotion of other community based health services when available (health screenings, dental clinics, wellness clinics, tick testing program, EHHD implemented flu clinics).
- Location of Office(s) or Facilities / Hours of Operation
 - Main office for the EHHD is located at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield with other office hours provided for environmental services at several other town halls.
 - Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 8:15am till 4:30 pm; Thursday from 8:15am till 6:30pm and Fridays from 8am till 12:00 pm
- Relevant Experience: The EHHD has experience addressing health promotion topics including:

• **Chronic Disease Prevention and Management:** Extensive experience managing multiple-year grants (in addition to the annual Preventative Health Block Grant) to assess needs, facilitate policy and environmental change, and evaluate implementation of projects following best practices for addressing modifiable risk factors including Healthy Eating/Active Living resources and stroke and cardiovascular risk reduction. The EHHD has been invested in addressing the limited access to opportunities for physical activity in our rural towns in diverse ways to impact as many residents as possible. For example:

- Lead agency for the collaborative efforts in Mansfield and Coventry to establish Safe Routes to School master plans resulting in significant funding for both towns to improve infrastructure around schools to facilitate active transportation for families;
- Partnered with town senior centers to provide much needed exercise equipment;
- Implemented Plan4Health initiative, a partnership between planning and public health bringing public health into land use decisions; winner of the CT APA Chapter 2016 Public Program Award;
- Partnered with towns on multiple occasions to provide resources to increase opportunities in the local community for physical activity through Active Living Projects ranging from kayak and canoe loaner programs (free or very low cost) that have been actively supporting area residents for over 10 years, to trail enhancements and connections to increase options for active transportation and recreation; and
- On-going partnerships to address physical activity in member towns include partnerships with parks and recreation directors, active participation on the UConn Bike Workgroup (assisting most recently in their attainment of Bike Friendly University), and the Bike Mansfield team (assisting most recently in the effort to implement the BikeWalk CT 4th grade education program at Mansfield Elementary School).

In addition to a focus on opportunities for physical activity, the EHHD has been the lead agency in other projects implemented across the Health District including:

- The successful self-monitored blood pressure program targeting older women;
- A multi-faceted employee wellness initiative focusing on policy and protocol that promotes wellness aspects with supportive programming to engage employees and help them focus on addressing modifiable risk factors for chronic disease; and

- The Produce of the Week campaign that partnered with schools and local grocers to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- **Tobacco Prevention:** Facilitated tobacco-free policies in the Health District through partnerships with local towns including the advancement of “Tobacco-Free Campus” for the Town of Mansfield municipal buildings, worked with Town Parks and Recreation directors across the health district to designate parks and other outdoor spaces as “Tobacco-Free” and provided signage and policy language for implementation.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

As a large rural health district, the EHHD relies on partnerships in the community with schools, town departments and agencies and other non-profit organizations to move the EHHD vision into focus. The community knows and trusts the EHHD as a reliable health partner and is willing to explore innovative evidence-based programming and policy with the EHHD team.

For the past 15 years the EHHD has addressed social determinants of health, tobacco prevention and chronic disease prevention through policy, protocol and environmental changes to create a sustainable and broad impact across the ten member towns. Opportunities for targeted programming in collaboration with key partners to augment and support policy and environmental changes have proven to be effective in raising awareness and addressing modifiable risk behaviors for chronic disease.

It is significant to note that over the years of working on health promotion initiatives, the lessons learned, partnerships created and knowledge gained has been a springboard for subsequent initiatives, allowing the EHHD to start each new grant with community support and baseline resources to demonstrate successful outcomes. Training received during prior grants (ACHIEVE and Community Transformation) in Social Marketing, Policy, Systems and Environmental Change, and evaluation methods allow the EHHD to be effective and efficient in meeting grant deliverables and making an impact in the community with subsequent initiatives.

This proposal to address risk factors for high blood pressure among adults in the member towns by increasing blood pressure awareness and providing tools to address modifiable risk factors, fits into the EHHD’s overall mission to prevent illness and promote wellness by addressing an identified need in a population demonstrating a higher-than-state incidence of risk factors for stroke and heart disease.

Furthermore, funding through the Preventative Health Block Grant has been an important resource over the past 20 years to the EHHD community, as this funding supports progress towards meeting and complying with CGS 19a-207a. The EHHD has a strong history of dedicated staff (funded through this resource) and eager community partners to leverage the Preventative Health Block Grant funds for sustainable outcomes. These outcomes are building blocks for continued policy, program and environmental changes that improve health outcomes in member towns.

2. Scope of Services

To **increase control of high blood pressure** in adults, the EHHD proposes to provide opportunities for self-monitoring available to the identified priority population utilizing evidence-based programs. Furthermore, this project will utilize existing qualified staff and community partnerships across multiple sectors to achieve objectives and implement strategies, including a single EHHD staff member to coordinate all grant activities.

LOCAL NEED: The Connecticut Cardiovascular Diseases Statistics Report, 2021 (Estimates of Cardiovascular Diseases and Their Burden in Connecticut) identifies the main risk factors for cardiovascular diseases as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and smoking. According to the report, “an estimated 30.9% of Connecticut adults have been told by a health professional that they have high blood pressure, and 34.5% of adults have had their cholesterol checked and have been told by a health professional that it was high.[BRFSS 2027 & 2019] Approximately 12.0% of Connecticut adults are current cigarette smokers. [2018-2020 Connecticut Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Data]”. The conclusion of this report was that “cardiovascular diseases and their risk factors impose a great burden on Connecticut. However, the state and local health departments, healthcare systems, communities, and individuals can collaborate to lessen this burden. Implementing and participating in evidence-based strategies that prevent, manage, or delay cardiovascular diseases and their risk factors will lessen the burden and improve the health of Connecticut residents.”

The EHHD seeks to be a partner with the State in implementing evidence-based strategies to lessen the burden of stroke and heart disease in Northeastern Connecticut. Community Health Assessments capturing our population from Johnson Memorial Hospital (2022), Windham Hospital (2022) and the ECHN (2019) are additional resources on the impact of modifiable risk factors and the resulting outcomes of heart disease and stroke in our region.

Focusing on the **Healthy People 2030 Objective to Increase the Control of High Blood Pressure**, the EHHD will address a significant issue in the community. The American Heart Association refers to high blood pressure as the 'silent killer', and points out in their website "many people with high blood pressure don't even know they have it. Often the signs and symptoms are misunderstood." An online Food and Drug Administration article, "[High Blood Pressure—Understanding the Silent Killer](#)" states:

Early detection of high blood pressure is very important. Often referred to as the "silent killer" because it may show no symptoms, high blood pressure puts you at an increased risk for heart disease, heart failure, and stroke, among other things.

The incidence of death in member towns of the EHHD for cardiovascular events is among the highest in the state, providing an opportunity to improve outcomes in this geographic area. According to the [CDC Interactive Atlas of heart disease and stroke](#) from 2018 through 2020 for all adults 35 and older:

- The death rate total cardiovascular disease in Windham County was greater than 367 per 100,000 (highest in state); in Tolland County, it was greater than 361 per 100,000 (second highest in state)
- The death rate for high blood pressure in Windham County was greater than 182 per 100,000 (highest in state)
- The death rate for 'all heart disease' in Windham County was greater than 298 per 100,000 (highest in state) and in Tolland County, it was greater than 280 per 100,000 (2nd highest)

The data show there are a disproportionate number of residents in the EHHD member towns with a wide range of risk factors that play into this high death rate. For example, the Town Equity Reports (2021) from DataHaven expose some of the disparities in our rural Northeastern Connecticut communities, highlighting the need to address risk factors for stroke and heart disease. According to DataHaven, notable **high rates of modifiable risk factors in the EHHD include:**

- High blood pressure in adults is higher than 23% in seven of ten towns in the EHHD
- Diabetes is higher than 23% of adults in half of the EHHD member towns
- Rate of smoking in two EHHD member towns significantly exceeds the state average for all adults; it is 29% higher in Ashford (Windham County) and 43% higher in Coventry (Tolland County) than the state rate of 14%

TARGET POPULATION: This proposed project will **target adults ages 50 and older with at least two modifiable risk factors** outside the normal range (inactivity, smoking, poor eating, high blood pressure, or overweight).

Refining the priority population for this proposed intervention to adults age 50 or older is backed by data from the 2021 Connecticut Healthy Aging Community Profile. The report highlights the extent of risk factors for stroke and coronary heart disease in EHHD member towns including

- The rates of hypertension among residents 65 and older is 70% or higher for Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia (79%), Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland (75%), Willington
- Willington has a worse-than-state rate for ischemic heart disease (44.6%) and three additional towns have rates just below the state rate (Columbia 40.6%, Scotland 38.7% and Tolland 39.2%)
- All EHHD member towns have a smoking rate for ages 60 and older that exceeds the state rate for that age group, with 80% of towns exceeding the state rate by 35%
- Chaplin & Scotland (Windham County towns in the EHHD) have rates for diabetes at 35.6% (ranking worst, #126 out of all Connecticut towns)
- Chaplin & Scotland (Windham County towns in the EHHD) have rates for COPD at 24% (ranking worst, #129 out of all Connecticut towns)
- Rates for “ever had heart attack” identify Coventry at 6.4% (ranking worst #162 out of all Connecticut towns) and Chaplin & Scotland at 5.8% (ranking worst #151 out of all towns)
- Rates for Ischemic Heart Disease identify Willington at 44.6% (ranking worst #144 out of all Connecticut towns)

The Burden of Cardiovascular Disease in Connecticut, 2010, (most recent available from DPH), states:

“Risk factors for CVD may be modifiable or non-modifiable. Key modifiable risk factors are high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, obesity, and physical inactivity....High blood pressure (HBP) is a major risk factor for heart attack and stroke. Targeted, evidence-based public health interventions are warranted for all Connecticut residents with multiple risk factors.”

Furthermore, leaning into local Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) completed in the region confirms the approach and direction of this proposal. The ECHN CHNA completed in 2019 identified the mortality rate for heart disease in Tolland, Andover and Willington as higher than the state rate.

Additionally, the focus group theme on heart disease and nutrition produced the following

recommendations: "the need for prevention education, desire for information regarding walking and biking access and access to services after work or on weekends". The Hartford Health Care (Windham Hospital) CHNA completed in June, 2022 prioritized needs includes focused initiatives addressing chronic health conditions noted as "data-based greatest impact on health outcomes". Towns represented in this HHC CHNA include five EHHD member towns: Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield and Scotland.

The program design will address the Healthy People 2030 objective to increase control of high blood pressure by implementing the following strategies that are supported by the accompanying budget plan.

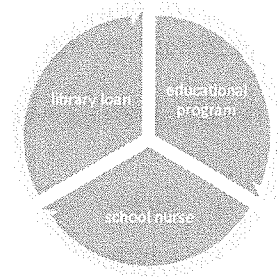
STRATEGIES: The EHHD will implement self-monitoring blood pressure strategies from evidence-based initiatives to address this public health concern as described below. Through these strategies, the EHHD will enable residents in the identified priority population to monitor their blood pressure at home and receive resources and encouragement to address modifiable risk factors for stroke and coronary heart disease. The proposed project will **utilize and disseminate CDC and DPH prevention campaign materials** whenever possible. Furthermore, the EHHD has a small carry-over (approximately \$5,000) of funding to support policy and environmental change to address chronic disease from the ACHIEVE initiative that can supplement outreach efforts for this initiative.

Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure Strategies to be implemented:

1. Educational programs at convenient locations (senior centers, libraries, fire stations) in member towns presented by an EHHD registered nurse, utilizing the Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring Toolkit developed in 2023 by the National Association of Community Health Centers (https://www.nachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SMBP-Toolkit_FINAL.pdf)
2. Library loan of automated blood pressure monitors utilizing the best practice, "Check Out a Book, Check Out a Blood Pressure Kit!" presented by the [Public Health National Center for Innovations](#) and the [American Heart Association](#)

3. School-based monitoring stations for staff to self-check their blood pressure during a school day in the nurses' office with supporting educational materials available to staff.

The EHHD envisions these three aspects of access to self-monitoring of blood pressure and engagement within the community to elevate awareness and access to resources leading to improved high blood pressure control. Promotion and referrals for each component of the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure project will support the others: School access will mention library loan availability (for home monitoring if needed) and the upcoming educational programs in the community. The library loan program will include availability of educational programs. Promotion for educational programs will include the promotion of the library loan, while the promotion of library loan program will include educational program opportunities. The EHHD will also engage local health care providers to be a referral point (for both sending referrals to available community resources and for those without a PCP to be able to access a healthcare professional if they have questions or concerns about their blood pressure home readings). **Letters of support from sectors** contributing to the success of this initiative include local health care providers, schools, libraries, senior centers and Town Managers are in Attachment E.



To address inequalities and reach the Health District's rural and somewhat insulated population, educational programs will be offered in locations that are "friendly forums" for the targeted audience. Through partnerships with local senior centers, volunteer fire stations, Fish and Game clubs and town libraries, the intervention has great potential to reach adults who have the greatest need for resources and support. Complementing this educational program component, the implementation of a library loan for blood pressure monitors (an evidence-based intervention) and school-based resources for staff will improve blood pressure awareness and facilitate the early intervention in the event of high blood pressure, and further the reach of access to the tools needed to address risk factors. Letters of support from town senior centers, libraries and schools are included in this proposal, assuring success of each component presented in this application.

Educational programs will be presented by an EHHD registered nurse and cover several areas of modifiable risk factors as well as important information about blood pressure, how to take accurate readings at home, and when to reach out to their health care provider regarding blood pressure readings that are above normal. These in-person programs provide a teachable moment for the target

audience and dissemination of CDC and DPH prevention campaign materials regarding smoking cessation, the DASH diet (weight control, hypertension) and increasing physical activity (providing an opportunity to promote the EHHD Active Living Projects as well as other free or low cost resources in the community to get active) will be incorporated in the curriculum.

This proposal supports **multiple Essential Public Health Services** as identified by the CDC including:

- Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
- Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services

WORK PLAN

Current EHHD staff will manage and implement all aspects of the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure project. Key personnel have the background, experience, knowledge, and community awareness to meet the stated objectives and achieve positive outcomes. The lead project manager for this proposed initiative (Ande Bloom) has extensive grant experience in the community with health promotion and education. The Health District registered nurse (Courtney LeBlanc) has significant community outreach and public health awareness experience, and will provide educational programs. This internal team at EHHD has worked together throughout the past three years to effectively create targeted messaging, develop educational materials, and promote healthy eating and active living initiatives in an effective manner.

To achieve the goal of this grant project to increase control of high blood pressure in the EHHD community, collaboration with partners across sectors in the community will be implemented. The Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure project proposed by the EHHD will engage leaders from town senior centers, town libraries, town fire departments, local schools and area Fish and Game clubs to identify locations and create programming that is relevant to and appropriate for the priority population. For this grant, the priority population is adults over the age of 50 with two or more risk factors for stroke or heart disease. The identified sectors are key to addressing the priority population because they have the greatest opportunity for personal connections to the target group.

The two main components of outreach (educational programs with take-home blood pressure monitors provided to participants and a library loan of a blood pressure monitor) will mirror evidence-based programs and utilize CDC and DPH prevention campaign materials. Throughout the grant period, an approach of continual quality improvement will be implemented with each intervention being evaluated through a “Plan-Do-Study-Act” cycle. Additional evaluation and assessment of outcomes will be included in both main components with pre and post-tests used to measure individual knowledge and change, as well as monthly follow-up with program participants. Each of these steps affords the opportunity to refine the approach or materials to maximize outcomes during the grant period and beyond. Lessons learned and aggregate data from each year of the program implementation will be shared at annual gatherings with program partners and participants and with the DPH. A detailed work plan is attached in the Appendices (E).

Goal: Increase control of high blood pressure in adults

Objective 1: Create educational materials for Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure sessions that are culturally appropriate for priority population educational sessions by February 1, 2024

Strategies:

1. Research available evidence-based program resources from online resources
2. Collaborate with local partners (senior centers, town social services, town librarians) to assure materials address known risk factors of importance and are culturally relevant

Objective 2: Conduct educational Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure program at 36 community locations reaching 360 EHHD residents in priority population by August 30, 2028

Strategies:

1. Engage with community partners (senior centers, fire departments, Fish and Game Clubs, libraries) to identify educational program sites
2. Blood pressure self-monitoring and stroke risk reduction educational classes are scheduled at 36 local sites at times/days most likely to incur participation
3. Promotion of classes and recruitment based on targeted priority population occurs in the weeks prior to scheduled class
3. Educational program lasting 1.5 hours is provided at 36 sites to an average of 10 qualifying participants at each class (over age 50 with 2 or more risk factors for heart disease or stroke)

Objective 3: Engage with school nurses to identify locations for blood pressure monitors at school for approximately 1,100 staff members to use at 15 schools by January 15, 2028.

Strategies:

1. Identification of schools willing to provide access to BP monitors
2. BP monitors and educational materials are provided to schools willing to participate in initiative
3. Implement protocol and resources for school-based staff blood pressure monitoring

Objective 4: Implement a Self-Monitor Blood Pressure library loan program at 2 town Libraries by May 15, 2028.

Strategies:

1. Recruit libraries to participate in program by sharing an overview of blood pressure monitor loan program as described in existing literature of this evidence-based initiative
2. Provide materials (blood pressure monitors and educational materials) to participating libraries
3. Conduct on-going community awareness campaign and promotion of blood pressure monitoring loan program

Objective 5: Conduct evaluation of project each month throughout the grant period (September 30, 2028) through specific measures for each component as described below.

Strategies:

1. Conduct pre and post assessments with each participant during educational programs to assess knowledge and risk factors
2. After attending educational program, follow up with participants monthly to assess knowledge, risk factors, utilization of home blood pressure monitor
3. Survey school nurses each month to assess utilization of blood pressure monitors and any anecdotal evidence available regarding impact of resource
4. Evaluation measures are implemented including library staff surveys (assessing monthly utilization of blood pressure monitors) and pre/post use from patrons who wish to participate to assess knowledge and risk factors

3. Staffing Plan

All staffing for this proposal will be current EHHD employees who have the experience, training and availability to meet all grant deliverables and produce successful outcomes based on the identified work plan. Resumes for key personnel for this proposal (which describe the depth and extent of training and experience) are attached.

- Program Coordinator: Ande Bloom, a current full-time EHHD employee with extensive experience working with DPH grants and other large grant projects will have duties re-assigned so that this grant can be managed and expectations of DPH met for meetings and trainings as scheduled.
- Project Nurse: Courtney LeBlanc, RN, a current full-time EHHD employee with years of public health experience as well as home health, patient education and counseling. There is flexibility to include duties from this grant in assigned weekly hours. The first year of the grant reflects fewer hours to mirror fewer educational sessions as the project gets launched. Hours are increased in years two through five.
- EHHD Community Health and Wellness Coordinator: Cecile Serazo, RN will provide overall supervision of this project that falls within her program management purview.

The required Staffing Form is included here, and additional required documents are in the attachments:

- Resumes: for three key staff as identified above
- Work Force Analysis
- Organizational Chart

At the EHHD, any request for bids, proposals, or qualifications include specific language: "The Eastern Highlands Health District hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and they will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, in consideration for an award. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply."

Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form

Profile of staff providing services. Please provide the information requested below.

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2024

(year 1; years 2-5 are in Forms attachments as required)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10.5hr/wk 52wks	32.93	17,980	8.82 %	1586
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.5hr/wk 52wks	38.14	992	13.65 %	136
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	.5hr/ wk 52wks	38.10	990	20.3 %	201
Totals				19,962		1,923

4. Data and Technology

The EHHD has a well-established technology access to servers, electronic file maintenance and security and communication (email, phone, web conferences) and an IT department supporting all technology to maintain effectiveness as a health district and for this grant as demonstrated from recent grants and grant activity with DPH. Furthermore, the ability of the EHHD to provide required reports, success stories and respond to data requests has been well-documented over the years of grant-related interactions with DPH.

In terms of referencing and researching relevant sources that can inform the implementation and outcomes of this grant proposal, the EHHD has utilized national and state resources for current health data, Community Health Needs Assessments from regional hospitals and national models for the programs that will be the best fit for the EHHD community from best practices across the country.

The e-mail system is a Microsoft Exchange Enterprise system that is actively managed and monitored by our two expert Microsoft Exchange system administrators and hosted in a centralized data center that has multiple redundancies. The system is regularly patched to ensure it is fully up-to-date and compliant. All e-mail is backed up on three different redundant systems to safeguard the data.

All Health District workstations (computers) run Microsoft Windows 10 Professional. These systems are automatically and frequently patched to ensure they are on the latest and most secure patch level. Similarly, the Health District's servers are Windows Enterprise servers that are frequently patched to ensure they are highly secure. All servers reside behind multiple firewalls as well. For software, Microsoft Office is the productivity suite, Claris FileMaker is the internal database, and cloud hosted vendor provided systems are utilized. All systems run anti-malware / anti-virus software.

The Health District has a highly professional and qualified I.T. management team. Specifically, the I.T. Director is Mr. Jaime Russell (RussellJL@mansfieldct.org and 860-429-3383). Mr. Russell has two decades of I.T. experience in public sector enterprise networks and has advanced degrees from Central Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut.

The EHHD will not collect personal health information or any data containing confidential materials.

Below are sample performance measures for the self-monitoring blood pressure initiative.

Eastern Highlands Health District Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure Initiative Performance Measures	
Performance Measure Description	Performance Measure Data Source
Develop educational and outreach materials	Materials are developed/used in program
Educational classes are presented in community 36 times over course of 5 year grant period	Number of classes presented in EHHD member towns to reach priority population
Libraries (2) initiate blood pressure monitor loan program	Number of libraries participating and number of monitors distributed to libraries for loan
Schools (15) establish access and promote availability of blood pressure monitors for staff	Number of schools participating and number of staff with access to monitors
Clients served each year through educational program (360 participants in priority population over course of 5 year grant period)	Number of priority participants and number of blood pressure monitors distributed with sociodemographic characteristics
Clients served each year through library loan program (125 over 5 years)	Blood pressure unit check out count from library records
Clients served each year through availability of blood pressure monitor to school staff (access to 1100 staff across all schools)	Blood Pressure monitor utilization count with sociodemographic characteristics
Impact or outcome on priority population in increasing control of high blood pressure	Educational program contains pre/post-test to determine baseline for blood pressure control;

	quarterly outreach will collect outcome data for participants through duration of grant period
	Blood pressure monitor loan program will include opportunity to 'connect with EHHD' to participate in outcome measurements on a quarterly bases after monitor use (opt-in)
	Outreach to school nurses participating in blood pressure self-monitoring for anecdotal evidence of outcomes
	Number of residents participating in BP monitoring programs with increased control of high blood pressure
Impact of SMBP on health equity in EHHD member towns	Review of data collected from all sources
	Sociodemographic make up of participants with increased control of high blood pressure

5. Subcontractor Description: The EHHD will not utilize subcontractors for this grant implementation.

6. Cost Proposal

1. Financial profile: The EHHD fiscally stability, and implements traditional and audited accounting and financial reporting systems and business practices. The EHHD is prepared to follow the guidance put forth by the DPH in this RFP regarding expenditure reports.

2. Budget

a. Budget Narrative: A detailed budget is included using forms provided by this RFP. The review committee will find that the EHHD has presented a cost-effective budget that focuses the majority of the annual amount of \$30,000 on personnel to assure the three key activities (educational programs, library loans and school access) for providing access to blood pressure monitors in the community are coordinated and well-promoted. Adequate funds have been earmarked for the purchase of high-quality automated blood pressure monitors as described in the proposal. Because the EHHD will leverage community partners and resources, there will be no cost for program venues, or the supporting staff in community agencies and schools who will help promote and identify the priority population.

The required budget forms follow here as required by the RFP:

b. Budget Summary Sheet

c. Budget Summary 1 Form was not provided in the RFP

d. Budget Justification Schedule B

e. Subcontractor Schedule A Detail Form is not needed as the EHHD will not be using subcontractors for this proposal.

Year 1

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2024

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Summary Sheet

Program	Name	Name	Total
Fund:	SID	SID	
1. Salaries & Wages			19962
2. Fringe Benefits			1923
3. Contractual (Sub-Contracts)**			
4. Transportation			600
5. Materials & Supplies			4715
6. Facilities			
7. Capital Expenses (>\$5,000)			
8. Client Subsidies			
9. Other Expenses (list)			
a. Printing			500
12. Administrative and General Costs			2300
Total DPH Grant			30000
Other Program Income			
ACHIEVE Grant			1000

Year 2

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025

Contract Start/End Dates:10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Summary Sheet

Program:	Name	Name	Total
Fund:	SID	SID	
1. Salaries & Wages			21055
2. Fringe Benefits			2115
3. Contractual (Sub-Contracts)**			
4. Transportation			400
5. Materials & Supplies			3830
6. Facilities			
7. Capital Expenses (>\$5,000)			
8. Client Subsidies			
9. Other Expenses (list)			
a. Printing			300
12. Administrative and General Costs			2300
Total DPH Grant			30000
Other Program Income			
ACHIEVE Grant			1000

Year 3

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026

Contract Start/End Dates:10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Summary Sheet

Progra	Name	Name	Total
Fund:	SID	SID	
1. Salaries & Wages			21720
2. Fringe Benefits			2300
3. Contractual (Sub-			
4. Transportation			350
5. Materials & Supplies			3030
6. Facilities			
7. Capital Expenses (>\$5,000)			
8. Client Subsidies			
9. Other Expenses (list)			
a. Printing			300
12. Administrative and General			2300
Total DPH Grant			30000
Other Program Income			
ACHIEVE Grant			1000

Year 4

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027

Contract Start/End Dates:10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Summary Sheet

Progra	Name	Name	Total
Fund:	SID	SID	
1. Salaries & Wages			22263
2. Fringe Benefits			2357
3. Contractual (Sub-			
4. Transportation			350
5. Materials & Supplies			2430
6. Facilities			
7. Capital Expenses (>\$5,000)			
8. Client Subsidies			
9. Other Expenses (list)			
a. Printing			300
12. Administrative and General			2300
Total DPH Grant			30000
Other Program Income			

Year 5

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2027 – 09/30/2028

Contract Start/End Dates:10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Summary Sheet

Progra	Name	Name	Total
Fund:	SID	SID	
1. Salaries & Wages			22819
2. Fringe Benefits			2416
3. Contractual (Sub-Contracts)**			
4. Transportation			350
5. Materials & Supplies			1815
6. Facilities			
7. Capital Expenses (>\$5,000)			
8. Client Subsidies			
9. Other Expenses (list)			
a. Printing			300
12. Administrative and General			2300
Total DPH Grant			30000
Other Program Income			

Year 1

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2024

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Justification Schedule B

Line Item (Description)	Amount	Justification including Breakdown of Costs
Salaries & Wages	19962	<p>For staffing cost breakdown please see Position schedule #2a Staffing detail form.</p> <p>Ande Bloom, Project Specialist - primary point of contact, provides overall program coordination & management. This includes but is not limited to outreach, data collection, reporting, communications, and other activities outlined in work plan.</p> <p>Cecile Serazo, Community Health & Wellness Coordinator – provides community health staff guidance and supervision.</p> <p>Courtney Leblanc, Public Health Nurse – coordination and implementation of community education sessions, provides individual and group health education.</p>
Fringe Benefits	1923	<p>Retirement – 404</p> <p>FICA – 255</p> <p>Medicare – 62</p> <p>Life ins – 25</p> <p>Health Ins - 1177</p>
Transportation	600	916 miles @ .655 = 600 for outreach meetings, education sessions, supply pickups, etc.
Materials & Supplies	4650	<p>86 BP monitors x 50/device=4300</p> <p>Ink, paper, pens, other office supplies - 350</p>
Other expenses Printing	500	Education materials- 2000 items x .25 = 500
Administrative & General Costs	2300	A&G cost items include CEO salary, administrative & Financial Personnel, accounting, HR, and management of information systems (7.66% of award)
Other Program Income	1000	20 BP monitors x 50/device = 1000

Year 2

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025

Contract Start/End Dates:10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Justification Schedule B

Line Item (Description)	Amount	Justification including Breakdown of Costs
Salaries & Wages	21055	<p>For staffing cost breakdown please see Position schedule #2a Staffing detail form.</p> <p>Ande Bloom, Project Specialist - primary point of contact, provides overall program coordination & management. This includes but is not limited to outreach, data collection, reporting, communications, and other activities outlined in work plan.</p> <p>Cecile Serazo, Community Health & Wellness Coordinator – provides community health staff guidance and supervision.</p> <p>Courtney Leblanc, Public Health Nurse – coordination and implementation of community education sessions, provides individual and group health education.</p>
Fringe Benefits	2115	<p>Retirement – 444</p> <p>FICA – 280</p> <p>Medicare – 69</p> <p>Life ins – 28</p> <p>Health Ins - 1294</p>
Transportation	400	611 miles @ .655 = 400 for outreach meetings, education sessions, supply pickups, etc.
Materials & Supplies	3830	<p>70 BP monitors x 50/device=3500</p> <p>Ink, paper, pens, other office supplies - 330</p>
Other expenses Printing	300	Education materials- 1200 items x .25 = 300
Administrative & General Costs	2300	A&G cost items include CEO salary, administrative & Financial Personnel, accounting, HR, and management of information systems (7.66% of award)
Other Program Income	1000	20 BP monitors x 50/device = 1000

Year 3

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026

Contract Start/End Dates:10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Justification Schedule B

Line Item (Description)	Amount	Justification including Breakdown of Costs
Salaries & Wages	21720	<p>For staffing cost breakdown please see Position schedule #2a Staffing detail form.</p> <p>Ande Bloom, Project Specialist - primary point of contact, provides overall program coordination & management. This includes but is not limited to outreach, data collection, reporting, communications, and other activities outlined in work plan.</p> <p>Cecile Serazo, Community Health & Wellness Coordinator – provides community health staff guidance and supervision.</p> <p>Courtney Leblanc, Public Health Nurse – coordination and implementation of community education sessions, provides individual and group health education.</p>
Fringe Benefits	2300	<p>Retirement – 483</p> <p>FICA – 304</p> <p>Medicare – 75</p> <p>Life ins – 31</p> <p>Health Ins - 1407</p>
Transportation	350	534 miles @ .655 = 350 for outreach meetings, education sessions, supply pickups, etc.
Materials & Supplies	3030	<p>54 BP monitors x 50/device=2700</p> <p>Ink, paper, pens, other office supplies - 330</p>
Other expenses Printing	300	Education materials- 1200 items x .25 = 300
Administrative & General Costs	2300	A&G cost items include CEO salary, administrative & Financial Personnel, accounting, HR, and management of information systems (7.66% of award)
Other Program Income	1000	20 BP monitors x 50/device = 1000

Year 4

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Justification Schedule B

Line Item (Description)	Amount	Justification including Breakdown of Costs
Salaries & Wages	22263	<p>For staffing cost breakdown please see Position schedule #2a Staffing detail form.</p> <p>Ande Bloom, Project Specialist - primary point of contact, provides overall program coordination & management. This includes but is not limited to outreach, data collection, reporting, communications, and other activities outlined in work plan.</p> <p>Cecile Serazo, Community Health & Wellness Coordinator – provides community health staff guidance and supervision.</p> <p>Courtney Leblanc, Public Health Nurse – coordination and implementation of community education sessions, provides individual and group health education.</p>
Fringe Benefits	2357	<p>Retirement – 494</p> <p>FICA – 312</p> <p>Medicare – 76</p> <p>Life ins – 32</p> <p>Health Ins - 1443</p>
Transportation	350	534 miles @ .655 = 350 for outreach meetings, education sessions, supply pickups, etc.
Materials & Supplies	2430	<p>42 BP monitors x 50/device=2100</p> <p>Ink, paper, pens, other office supplies - 330</p>
Other expenses Printing	300	Education materials- 1200 items x .25 = 300
Administrative & General Costs	2300	A&G cost items include CEO salary, administrative & Financial Personnel, accounting, HR, and management of information systems (7.66% of award)

Year 5

Eastern Highlands Health District, DPH RFP Log#2023-0903

Funding Period: 10/01/2027 – 09/30/2028

Contract Start/End Dates :10/01/2023 – 09/30/28

Budget Justification Schedule B

Line Item (Description)	Amount	Justification including Breakdown of Costs
Salaries & Wages	22819	<p>For staffing cost breakdown please see Position schedule #2a Staffing detail form.</p> <p>Ande Bloom, Project Specialist - primary point of contact, provides overall program coordination & management. This includes but is not limited to outreach, data collection, reporting, communications, and other activities outlined in work plan.</p> <p>Cecile Serazo, Community Health & Wellness Coordinator – provides community health staff guidance and supervision.</p> <p>Courtney Leblanc, Public Health Nurse – coordination and implementation of community education sessions, provides individual and group health education.</p>
Fringe Benefits	2416	<p>Retirement – 507</p> <p>FICA – 320</p> <p>Medicare – 78</p> <p>Life ins – 33</p> <p>Health Ins - 1478</p>
Transportation	350	534 miles @ .655 = 350 for outreach meetings, education sessions, supply pickups, etc.
Materials & Supplies	1815	<p>30 BP monitors x 50/device=1500</p> <p>Ink, paper, pens, other office supplies - 315</p>
Other expenses Printing	300	Education materials- 1200 items x .25 = 300
Administrative & General Costs	2300	A&G cost items include CEO salary, administrative & Financial Personnel, accounting, HR, and management of information systems (7.66% of award)

Year 1**Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form****Contractor Name:** Eastern Highlands Health District**Funding Period:** 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2024 (year 1)**Contract Start/End Dates:** 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10.5hr/wk 52wks	32.93	17,980	8.82 %	1586
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.5hr/wk 52wk	38.14	992	13.65 %	136
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	.5hr/ wk 52wk	38.10	990	20.3 %	201
Totals				19,962		1,923

Year 2**Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form****Contractor Name:** Eastern Highlands Health District**Funding Period:** 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025 (year 2)**Contract Start/End Dates:** 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10.5hr wk /52wk	33.91	18,515	8.82 %	1,633
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk /52wk	39.24	510	13.65 %	70
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1hr wk /52wk	39.05	2,030	20.3 %	412
Totals				21,055		2,115

Year 3**Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form****Contractor Name:** Eastern Highlands Health District**Funding Period:** 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026 (Year 3)**Contract Start/End Dates:** 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10hr wk /52wks	34.75	18,075	8.82 %	1,594
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk /52wk	40.22	523	13.65 %	72
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1.5hr wk /52wk	40.02	3,122	20.3 %	634
Totals				21,720		23,00

Year 4**Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form****Contractor Name:** Eastern Highlands Health District**Funding Period:** 10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027 (Year 4)**Contract Start/End Dates:** 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10hr wk /52wks	35.62	18,526	8.82 %	1,634
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk /52wks	41.22	536	13.65 %	73
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1.5hr wk/52w	41.03	3,201	20.3 %	650
Totals				22,263		2357

Year 5

Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2027 – 09/30/2028 (Year 5)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10hr wk/52wks	36.51	18,989	8.82 %	1,675
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk/52wk	42.26	550	13.65 %	75
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1.5hr wk/52wk	42.05	3,280	20.3 %	666
Totals				22,819		2,416

E. Appendices:

a. Job Descriptions, not applicable per answered questions by the DPH on May 10, 2023:

“If current staff will be assigned to the Project, include a current resume in the attachments. If staff will be hired, include an outline of the job description”

The EHHD will not be hiring staff for this project.

b. Resumes

- Ande Bloom, Grant Program Coordinator
- Courtney Leblanc, RN, Project Nurse
- Cecile Serazo, RN, EHHD Community Health & Wellness Coordinator

Ande Bloom, RD (Retired)

56 Thomas Street, PO Box 1434, Rockville, CT 06066 860-429-3325 bloomai@ehhd.org

SUMMARY

Over 20 years' experience managing grants, data, programs, and community initiatives with 15 years building community partnerships leading to improved health outcomes in EHHD member towns and Northeastern Connecticut.

EXPERIENCE

Public Health Project Specialist (2020 – present)

Eastern Highlands Health District, Mansfield, Ct

- Coordinate outreach for cases and contacts, provide support to schools/daycares, manage local data, databases and provide status reports for the local COVID-19 response;
- Program support for Active Living Projects and other chronic disease prevention and education efforts;
- Create educational materials as needed to support outreach efforts;

Program Coordinator (2017 – 2020)

Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Houston-Galveston, Houston, Texas

- Created and distributed electronic newsletter communication; managed database;
- Established online documentation data management system for Fellows;
- Coordinated and managed events to meet organizational development goals including End of Year Campaign and annual gala fundraiser.

Manager, Employee Assistance Program (2014 – 2017)

United Services, Inc., Dayville, Ct.

- Managed contract negotiation and deliverables; maintained reporting and internal auditing;
- Provided HR and management support to over 20 local businesses in the region to improve workforce productivity and performance;
- Conducted HR investigations and maintained documentation and reports;
- Developed, conducted and evaluated trainings and educational programs to support management and human resources goals of local industry, businesses and municipalities.

Community Health and Wellness Coordinator (2006 - 2014)

Eastern Highlands Health District, Mansfield, Ct

- Created, implemented and managed all aspects of award-winning employee wellness program, *Be Well*, a contracted product to local employers ;
- Supervised program staff, developed and managed budgets;
- Developed, implemented and evaluated grant-funded initiatives to address prevention of chronic diseases; met grant deliverables with documented outcomes;
- Facilitated high-level community coalition focused on policy and environmental changes.

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University	M.S.	Higher Education Administration
University of Kentucky	B.S.	Nutrition and Dietetics

TRAINING

- | | |
|---|---|
| - CT DEMHS Risk Communication (V. Covello) | - Performance Management & Quality Improvement (Yale) |
| - Motivational Interviewing | - Social Media Training (Yale) |
| - Social Marketing (USF Training Institute) | - Mediation Training (40-hour course) |

Courtney LeBlanc

860-912-7904 | courtney_leblanc301@yahoo.com | Norwich, CT 06360

SUMMARY

Connecticut State Board Certified Registered Nurse with over 10 years of experience delivering high-quality care to patients in Emergency, Home Health, and Public Health situations. Passion for educating patients on acute and long-term health needs.

SKILLS

Palliative and Pain Management, Patient education and counselling, Wound Management, Medication Administration.

EXPERIENCE

Public Health Nurse, Eastern Highlands Health District May 2022- present

Promote wellness, disease prevention and education related to communicable diseases, primarily focusing on COVID 19 Awareness and Prevention. Vaccine Administration

RN Supervisor Apple Rehab Uncasville, CT, January 2022- May 2022

Supervision of the clinical support staff of entire facility as well as staff RN for a full assignment of patients.

Registered Nurse, Home Health Care, Ledyard Town Hall , April 2015-December 2021

Case manager for patient needs and care at home which includes palliative / hospice care, trach and g tube management, wound care, reviewing and teaching proper medication administration, assessing vital signs and coordinating with physicians, physical / occupation therapists and home health aides.

Registered Nurse, Emergency Department, Backus Hospital, August 2013-July 2015

Treated patients suffering from acute emergencies such as trauma, cardiac events and drug overdoses, triaged incoming patients and communicated with doctors on acute needs.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

BSN, Liberty University, Lynchburg VA December 2013

CERTIFICATIONS

CPR certified through American Heart Association- 2023

Certified ACLS, AHA - 2021

QPR Instructor – 2023

Stop The Bleed Instructor- 2023

Cecile Serazo

24 Pepperidge Rd
Portland, CT 06480

Phone: 860-342-4432 | Cell: 860-754-8045 | Email: ceceserazo@hotmail.com

EDUCATION	Bachelor of the Science of Nursing University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI	05/20/2018
	Science of Nursing Capital Community College, Hartford, CT	05/26/2016
	Bachelor of Art, Latin American Studies University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT	05/20/1990
EMPLOYMENT	Eastern Highlands Health District, Mansfield, CT <i>Community Health and Wellness Coordinator, Medical Reserve Corps Unit Leader</i> - Administering Health District communicable disease control programs; including providing follow-up and guidance to community partners and residents, providing wellness education providing case management for childhood lead program, supervising Health District vaccine program including: training staff and volunteers, vaccinating and vaccine management, administering and managing the Preventive Health and Health Services Block grant, as Medical Reserve Corp Unit Leader, working to enhance recruitment and retention of volunteers	05/2019-present
	Sanitas Medical Center, Newington, CT <i>Urgent care RN and Chronic Care nurse</i> - Providing triage and skilled nursing care to urgent care patients, providing individualized education to patients in the chronic care programs of diabetes and anticoagulation, providing group education and group presentations	10/2016-05/2019
	211- United Way of CT, Rocky Hill, CT <i>Bilingual Caseworker/Call Specialist</i> - Providing information and referrals, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention	03/2000- 10/2016
	East Hartford Community Health Center, Inc., East Hartford, CT <i>Bilingual breast health educator</i> - Educating citizens on breast cancer prevention in Spanish and English	10/2006-05/2009
	Community Health Center, Inc., Middletown, CT <i>ICEA certified childbirth educator, and IBCLC lactation consult</i> -Provided childbirth education in series and individual classes and lactation support Registered Nurse license from the State of Connecticut	10/2002-5/2004
HONORS & SKILLS	Fluent in Spanish BLC certified	

c. Letters of Support

Andover School	Columbia Library	Mansfield School (MMS)
Andover Town	Columbia School	Scotland School
Ashford School	Coventry Library	Scotland Town
Ashford Senior Center	Coventry School (CNS)	Tolland Fire
Bolton Library	Coventry School (GHR)	Tolland Schools
Bolton Senior Center	Coventry Town	Tolland Town
Bolton School (BCS)	Mansfield Family Practice	Wilmington Senior Center
Bolton School (BHS)	Mansfield Fire Station	Wilmington Town
Chaplin School	Mansfield Library	
Columbia Fire Station	Mansfield Senior Center	



Andover School District

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Valerie E. Bruneau
Superintendent

Taylor M. Parker
Principal

Holly L. Misiorano
Director of Special Education

May 23, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Andover Elementary School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

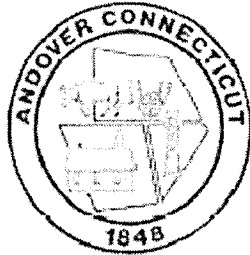
We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bringing community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Andover Elementary School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you,

Karen Zito, RN
Andover Elementary School

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT



TOWN OF ANDOVER
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ANDOVER, CT 06232
PHONE: 860.742.7305 x210 FAX: 860.742.7535
E-MAIL: eanderson@andoverct.org
www.andoverct.org

Office of the Town Administrator

May 22, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Town of Andover **would** like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

As someone who has witnessed the positive impact of preventive cardiology, I am in favor and support any efforts that are shown to be effective. As an active member of Eastern Highlands Health District, we have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives and feel that the EHHD can make a significant impact in the community through this grant. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Town of Andover can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering our community room for educational sessions at the Town Hall as well as encouraging staff and the community to participate.

Eric Anderson, Andover Town Administrator



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Superintendent
Director, Pupil
Personnel Services
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cford@ashfordct.org

Polly A. Borysevicz
Principal
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pborysevicz@ashfordct.org

David L. Eichem
Assistant Principal
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deichem@ashfordct.org

May 23, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

Ashford School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with EHHD on other public health initiatives, and feel that EHHD is ideally positioned to teach individuals about the importance of maintaining a healthy blood pressure and increase control of high blood pressure in our staff and our town's residents. The Health District is uniquely qualified to bring community partners together to help reduce obstacles to health improvement. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Ashford School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you.

Martha Sibley-Jett RN BSN
Ashford School Nurse

ASHFORD SENIOR CENTER

25 TREMKO LANE

ASHFORD, CT 06278

860-487-5122

SENIORCENTER@ASHFORDTOWNHALL.ORG

May 11, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

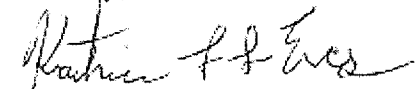
The Ashford Senior Center would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health district for the 2023 Preventative Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunities.

We have worked closely with the Health District in the past. They have provided information on healthy eating, management of chronic diseases and water quality and kitchen inspections. They participate in our annual health fair and provide the public with materials for healthy living and how to live longer and better.

As you know, maintaining a healthy blood pressure is key to a long life. Blood Pressure screenings with relevant informational brochures and tips for healthy eating would go a long way to help my senior citizen population stay active and enjoy life longer. Having the Eastern Highlands Health District partnering with us for lectures and screenings would be welcome at our senior center.

The Ashford Senior Center can provide support for this initiative by promoting various components and available resources and especially by offering a community location for educational sessions at our facility.

Sincerely,



Katherine L.S. Eves – BS, MS, BSW

Director

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Bentley Memorial Library
206 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT. 06043
860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

May 25, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Bentley Memorial Library would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

The Bentley Memorial Library has worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bringing community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Bentley Memorial Library can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by implementing a Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure "Loan-a-Monitor" at our town library and promoting the various project components and available resources in the coordinated effort presented by their proposal.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Thornton, Bentley Memorial Library



(860) 647-9196
FAX (860) 643-5496

Town of Bolton

BOLTON SENIOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES

104 NOTCH RD.
BOLTON, CT 06043

May 12, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Town of Bolton Senior and Social Services Department would like to support the application of the Eastern Highland Health District for the 2023 Preventative Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have been fortunate to collaborate with Eastern Highlands Health District for several other public health initiatives. We greatly appreciate that the health district uses their extensive knowledge to present updated information in a clear format to benefit the people we serve. We are aware of the prevalence of high blood pressure in our region and are excited at the prospect of working with them to help improve modifiable risk factors in our community. We strive to be an inclusive, accessible, and trusted source for educational health and wellness programming and the work of the health district aligns with these goals. We feel this proposed program would provide practical and informative resources that would be an asset to Bolton residents.

The Bolton Senior and Social Services Department will support the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the project and resources, as well as serving as a host site for the educational sessions at the Bolton Senior Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carrie Concatelli".

Carrie Concatelli, MSW
Director of Senior and Social Services
Town of Bolton

BOLTON CENTER SCHOOL

Doreen T. Glend
Principal

Amelia Fajic
Assistant Principal

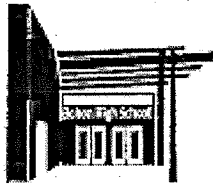
Friday, May 12, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Bolton Center School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, such as Covid and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase awareness of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to assist with and increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Bolton Center School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.



Joseph V. Marzilli, Principal
Christine M. Johnson, Dean of Students

BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

BOLTON, CONNECTICUT

*Bolton High School believes in the development of
capable, ethical, thoughtful, and responsible citizens.*

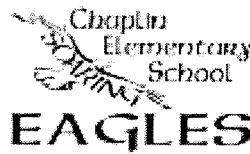
Monday, May 15, 2023

Dear Preventive Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

Bolton High School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, such as Covid and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase Awareness of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring Community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers in cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to assist with and increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Bolton High School can provide support for this Self Monitoring Blood Pressure Initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.



Chaplin Elementary School
Take Care of Yourself; Take Care of Each Other; Take Care of Our School

Mr. Kevin J. Chavez, Principal

<http://chaplinschool.org>

240 Palmer Road
Chaplin, CT 06235
Phone: 860-455-9593
Fax: 860-455-0742

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

Chaplin Elementary School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives and feel that the EHHD is in an ideal position to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to improve control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. EHHD has the unique ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement, and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission, and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Chaplin Elementary School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school, and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Please feel free to contact me during school hours at the number above, or my email below.

Sincerely,

Margaret Shieber BSN RN, School Nurse

mshieber@chaplinschool.org



Columbia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

167 Route 66 - P.O. Box 26
Columbia, Connecticut 06237
860-228-9602 | columbiafire5.org



May 23, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department Inc. would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District can bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The CVFD can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at our firehouse located at 167 Route 66 Columbia, CT 06237.

Stephen Postemsky
Fire Chief
Deputy Fire Marshal
167 Route 66
PO Box 26
Columbia, CT 06237
860-228-9602 office
860-617-0094 cell



Saxton B. Little Library
319 Route 87
Columbia, CT 06237
860-228-0350 / fax 860-228-1569

May 15, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Saxton B. Little Library would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

Our town has worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is perfectly situated to marshal community stakeholders and individuals to help increase the control of high blood pressure in our community. The Health District had the ability to bring people together, support health improvement and increase cooperation. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with the Library's mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Saxton B. Little Library can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by implementing a Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure "Loan-a-Monitor" at our town library and promoting the various project components and available resources in the coordinated effort presented by their proposal.

We strongly support this grant, and urge the committee to support EHHD's application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Su Epstein".

Su Epstein, Ph.D.
Library Director

COLUMBIA SCHOOL SYSTEM

Jesse Tremblay
School Nurse Coordinator

Nurse's Office
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860.228.8592 (fax)



May 23, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Horace Porter School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement, and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Horace Porter School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school, and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan.

We look forward to partnering with and supporting EHHD in advocating for the health of our employees and community.

Kind Regards,


Jesse Tremblay, RN



May 22, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

Coventry has worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feels strongly that the EHH is an ideally situated to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bringing community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations].

The Booth & Dimock Memorial Library can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by implementing a Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure "Loan-a-Monitor" at our town library and promoting the various project components and available resources in the coordinated effort presented by their proposal. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Regards,

Jennifer M. Chretien

Adult Services Librarian

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RONNIE MURDO
PRINCIPAL

CHRISTIAN J. MARCINZYK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

June 1, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

Captain Nathan Hale Middle School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents and reducing obstacle to health care especially among disparate populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Captain Nathan Hale Middle School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you for your consideration of Eastern Highlands Health District application for the 2023 Preventative Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Doane RN BSN
Capt. Nathan Hale MS School Nurse
1776 Main Street
Coventry, CT

**G.H. ROBERTSON
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

JENNIFER DeRAGON, PRINCIPAL

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May 26, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The George Hersey Robertson Intermediate School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

G.H. Robertson can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you,

Therese McKeever, BSN RN
Coventry School District Nurse Coordinator
GH Robertson School Nurse
227 Cross Street
Coventry CT 06238
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Town of Coventry

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
(860) 742-6324

May 19, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

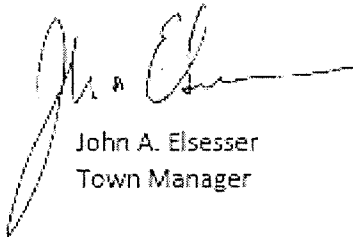
The Town of Coventry would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD has the necessary resources, staffing, and community connections to make a real impact in the community through this grant. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Town of Coventry can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at the Town Hall or other municipal building.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me by email at JElsesser@coventryct.org, or call my office, 860-742-6324.

Sincerely,



John A. Elsesser
Town Manager

MANSFIELD
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PRACTICE LLC

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
34 PROFESSIONAL PARK ROAD
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18 May 2023

To: Preventive Health Block Grant Selection Committee

Mansfield Family Practice supports the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Mansfield Family Practice can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting project components and available resources and referring patients in the priority population targeted by this project to the library loan opportunity and educational programs that will be offered.

Kenneth R. Dardick MD
Mansfield Family Practice, LLC



Town of Mansfield
Fire & Emergency Services

Fred A. Mitchell Jr.
Fire Chief

Date: 25 May 2023

TO: Preventive Health Strategies

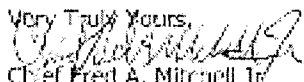
RE: Preventative Health Block Grant

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

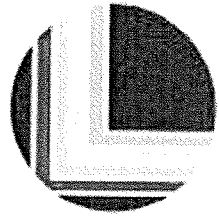
The Mansfield Fire & Emergency Services would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bringing community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations]. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Mansfield Fire & Emergency Services can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at our fire house located at 879 Stafford Road.

Very Truly Yours,

Chief Fred A. Mitchell Jr.
Mansfield Fire & Emergency Services

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MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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May 15, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Mansfield Public Library would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Library can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by implementing a Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure "Loan-a-Monitor" at the library and promoting the various project components and available resources in the coordinated effort presented by their proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie McDonough", is written over a horizontal line.

Leslie McDonough
Director



Town of Mansfield
Senior Center

May 19th, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Mansfield Senior Center would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

The Mansfield Senior Center has worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives and feel that the EHHD has the ability to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The EHHD is ideally positioned to gather and organize community stakeholders and individuals to educate and address high blood pressure and other risk factors for stroke and heart disease. The Health District has the ability to bringing community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers and health disparities among our vulnerable populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Mansfield Senior Center can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at the Mansfield Senior Center.

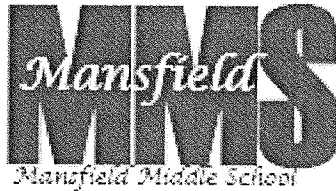
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LARRY W. BARLOW, PRINCIPAL

DANIELLE L. VLIET, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

May 18, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Mansfield Middle School Health Office would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bringing community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Mansfield Middle School Health Office can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Danielle Caro, RN and Katie Roy, RN
Mansfield Middle School Nurses

Scotland School

www.ScotlandElementaryCT.com

Valerie E. Bruneau, Superintendent
Phone: 860-423-0064
Fax: 860-423-0390

Scotland, CT 06264

Ann E. Knowles, Principal
PO Box 97, 68 Brook Road

May 22, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

Scotland Elementary School would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked closely with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in the residents of our town. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and I am excited to partner with them on this new initiative.

Scotland Elementary School can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharon St. Rock, RN
School Nurse



TOWN OF SCOTLAND

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman
Gary Greenberg

Selectmen
Chris Demont
Wendy A. Sears

May 17, 2023

Dear Preventive Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

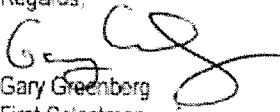
The Town of Scotland would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD has the resources and capability to use this grant in a way that will benefit the Town. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission to look after our residents, and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Town of Scotland can provide support for the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components at meetings and on our website. We can also provide a location for educational sessions at a suitable location in town.

We urge you to approve this application, and look forward to partnering with EHHD to implement the plan.

Regards,


Gary Greenberg
First Selectman
Town of Scotland

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TOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
P.O. Box 827
Tolland, Connecticut 06084

May 30, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

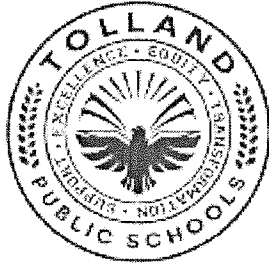
The Tolland Fire Department would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Tolland Fire Department can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at the Tolland Fire Department Training Center, at 191 Merrow Road, Tolland.

Sincerely,

Don Come, RN, EMS-I
Medical Captain



Tolland Public Schools

51 Tolland Green, Tolland,
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Tolland High School
Cynthia Davidson, BSN, RN
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Tolland Middle School
Laura Dolcelli, BSN, RN
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Tolland Intermediate School
Paula Feyerharm, MA, RN
860-870-6891 FAX 860-370-2602

Birch Grove Primary School
Olivia Fischer ADN, RN
860-870-6755 FAX 860-370-2603

May 11, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

Tolland Public Schools would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is ideally positioned to mobilize community stakeholders and individuals to increase control of high blood pressure in our town's residents. The Health District has the ability to bring community partners together to reduce obstacles to health improvement and to break down barriers to cooperation among disparate community populations..

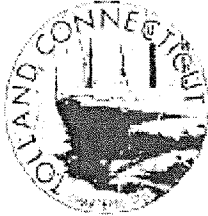
The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

Tolland Public Schools can provide support for this Self-Monitoring BloodPressure initiative by providing a self-monitor station for staff to check their blood pressure at the school and by promoting the various project components and available resources such as the educational sessions and library loan locations.

Thank you,

Paula M. Feyerharm, RN

Paula Feyerharm, MA, RN



TOWN of TOLLAND/ 21 Tolland Green, Tolland Connecticut 06084

Brian J. Foley
Town Manager
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bfoley@tollandct.gov

May 18, 2023


Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Town of Tolland would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD has the resources/staffing/community connections to make an impact in the community through this grant. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Town of Tolland can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at the Town Hall or other municipal building.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Foley
Tolland Town Manager

BJF/lth



Willington Senior Center

20 Senior Way, Willington, CT 06279
860-429-8321 nking@willingtonct.gov
Nancy J. King, Senior Center Coordinator

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Willington Senior Center would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives, and feel that the EHHD is uniquely positioned to engage with different parts of our community to help monitor and decrease high blood pressure in Willington's residents. The EHHD can bring its expertise to our municipal branches to help facilitate cooperation within the different populations in our community. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Willington Senior Center can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions in Willington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy J. King".

Nancy J. King
Senior Center Coordinator

TOWN OF WILLINGTON

Board of Selectmen
40 Old Farms Road
Willington, CT 06279
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(860) 487-3103 Fax
www.willingtonct.gov

May 22, 2023

Dear Preventative Health Block Grant Selection Committee:

The Town of Willington would like to support the application of the Eastern Highlands Health District for the 2023 Preventive Health Strategies at Work in CT Communities grant opportunity.

We have worked with the Health District on other public health initiatives and feel that the EHHD has the resources/staffing/community connections to make an impact in the community through this grant. The EHHD plan, to build on previous experiences and community contacts to address modifiable risk factors and provide resources to increase control of high blood pressure, is aligned with our mission and we look forward to partnering with them on this new initiative.

The Town of Willington can provide support for this Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure initiative by promoting the various project components and available resources and by offering a community location for educational sessions at the Town Hall or other municipal building.

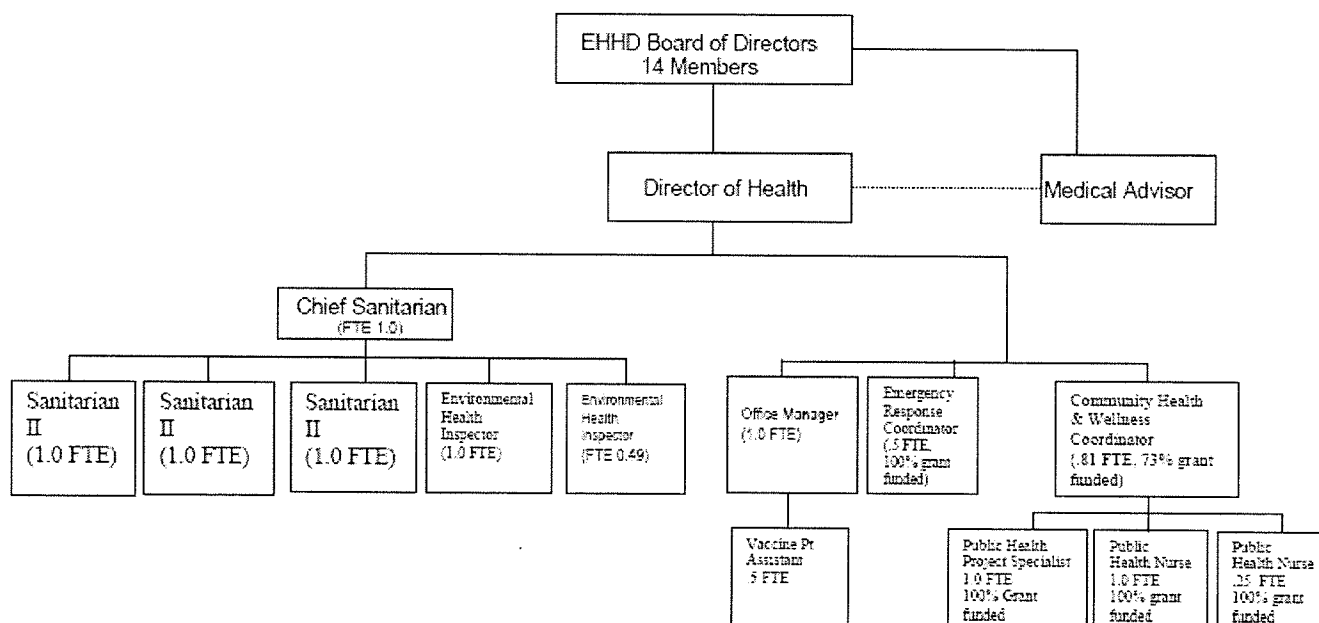
Sincerely,



Erika G. Wiecek
First Selectwoman

Proposed Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Eastern Highlands Health District Organizational Chart

Andover Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors	Ashford Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors	Bolton Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors	Chaplin Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors	Columbia Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors	Coventry Town Council Appoints Two Member to District Board of Directors	Mansfield Town Council Appoints Three Member to District Board of Directors	Scotland Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors	Tolland Town Council Appoints Two Member to District Board of Directors	Willington Board of Selectmen Appoints One Member to District Board of Directors
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d. Organizational Chart

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e. Work Plan Form

Component A: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

Health Topic: Reduce the burden of stroke through prevention

Strategy: Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring with Educational Component**Healthy People 2030 Objective:** HDS-05- Increase control of high blood pressure in adults**Priority Population of focus:** Men and women ages 50 and older in EHHD member towns with multiple risk factors for stroke**Period of Performance:** YEAR 1 **Period 1** October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024**Outcome:** Evidence-based programs and materials developed and presented to qualifying adults in the community via library loan and educational programs leading to an **increase in the control of high blood pressure** for those with multiple risk factors for stroke.

Supporting Activities:	Process Measures:	Baseline Data:	Target	Responsible Person/Party	Timeline (anticipated completion date)
Engage with community partners to identify educational program sites	Outreach conducted: - Town senior centers - Fish and Game Clubs - Town Libraries - Fire Departments - Town Halls	No sites participating at this time.	At least 4 sites are identified for first year implementation of educational sessions	Ande Bloom	October 1, 2023 through May 15, 2024

Develop educational materials based on best practices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence-based program resources are researched 2. Collaboration with local partners is completed to assure materials address known risk factors of importance and assure cultural relevance 	Materials are not developed at this time.	Materials are developed and printed for educational programs	EHHD Staff: Courtney LeBlanc, RN Ande Bloom	October 1, 2023 through February 1, 2024
Recruit participants for educational program at designated community sites	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leverage community partners and local promotional channels 2. Referrals from Primary Care Providers in EHHD member towns 	No participants identified at this time	Scheduled programs have an average of 10 participants	Ande Bloom	On-going as programs are scheduled through September 30, 2024
Engage with school nurses to identify locations for blood pressure monitors on site for staff resource	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schools are contacted to complete an initial inventory of BP monitors available 2. Identification of schools willing to 	Unknown number of sites currently offering or promoting access to blood pressure self - monitoring	Thirteen (13) schools participating in promotion of and access to blood pressure self-monitoring for staff	Ande Bloom	January 15, 2024 through September 30, 2024 (participation on-going and data collected)

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	<p>provide access to BP monitors</p> <p>3. BP monitors and educational materials are provided to identified schools willing to participate in initiative (anticipating some schools have existing monitors but no promotional or educational materials to offer to staff)</p>		<p>Providing access and opportunity for education on prevention of stroke to 1,000 staff members across the EHHD member towns</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>		
Engage with town libraries to identify partners for library loan program	<p>1. Contact is established with Town librarians</p> <p>2. Overview of BP monitor loan program as described in existing literature of this evidence-based program is provided to Town Librarian</p> <p>3. Participating libraries receive blood pressure monitors</p>	No town libraries offer blood pressure loan programs	<p>2 libraries participating</p> <p>15 loans completed</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>	Ande Bloom	May 15, 2024 through September 30, 2024 (participation on-going and data collected)

	<p>and educational materials for loan project</p> <p>4. Community awareness campaign and promotion of blood pressure monitoring loan program is initiated</p> <p>5. Evaluation measures are implemented including library staff surveys and pre/post use from patrons who wish to participate</p>				
<p>Educational Blood Pressure Self-monitoring Program conducted at 4 community locations</p>	<p>1. Blood pressure self-monitoring and stroke risk reduction educational classes are scheduled at 4 local sites at times/days most likely to incur participation</p> <p>2. Promotion of classes and recruitment based on targeted priority</p>	<p>No free educational programs are currently offered in EHHD member towns with home self-monitoring blood pressure units to reduce the risk of stroke in the community</p>	<p>40 with multiple risk factors for stroke attend educational classes</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of</p>	<p>EHHD Staff: Courtney LeBlanc, RN Ande Bloom</p>	<p>February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024</p> <p>September 30, 2024 (participation on-going and data collected)</p>

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	<p>population occurs in the weeks prior to scheduled class</p> <p>3. Educational program lasting 1.5 hours is provided at 4 sites in at least 3 member towns to an average of 10 qualifying participants at each class</p> <p>4. Educational materials addressing modifiable risk factors for stroke and heart disease and blood pressure home monitors with instructions for use are distributed to class participants</p> <p>5. Pre and post tests and quarterly follow-up with participants are conducted to measure impact and outcomes and</p>		high blood pressure		
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Component A: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management

Health Topic: Reduce the burden of stroke through prevention

Strategy: Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring with Educational Component Healthy People 2030 Objective: HDS-05- Increase control of high blood pressure in adults					
Priority Population of focus: Men and women ages 50 and older in EHHD member towns with multiple risk factors for stroke Period of Performance: YEAR 2 Period 1 October 1, 202 – September 30, 202 Outcome: Evidence-based programs and materials developed and presented to qualifying adults in the community via library loan and educational programs leading to an increase in the control of high blood pressure for those with multiple risk factors for stroke.					
Supporting Activities:	Process Measures:	Baseline Data:	Target	Responsible Person/Party	Timeline (anticipated completion date)
Engage with community partners to identify educational program sites	Outreach to: - Town senior centers - Fish and Game Clubs - Town Libraries - Fire Stations - Town Halls	4 participating sites in Year 1	4 additional sites are identified during the second year for implementation of educational sessions at a total of 8 sites	Ande Bloom	October 1, 2024 through May 15, 2025 September 30, 2025 (participation on-going and data collected)

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Evaluate educational materials used in year 1 to refine and prepare for year 2 programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Materials are reviewed 2. Feedback from classes in Year 1 is reviewed 3. Updates are implemented as necessary 	Materials are developed but not reviewed / updated	Materials are updated and printed for educational programs	EHHD Staff: Courtney LeBlanc, RN Ande Bloom	October 1, 2024 through February 1, 2025
Recruit participants for educational program at designated community sites	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leverage community partners and local promotional channels 2. Referrals from Primary Care Providers in EHHD member towns 	No participants identified at this time	Scheduled programs have an average of 10 participants	Ande Bloom	On-going as programs are scheduled through September 30, 2025
Engage with school nurses to identify locations for blood pressure monitors on site for staff resource	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schools are contacted for an inventory of BP monitors 2. Additional schools willing to provide 	13 sites currently offering or promoting access to blood pressure self - monitoring	Two (2) additional schools participating in promotion of and access to blood pressure	Ande Bloom	September 30, 2025 (participation on-going and data collected)

	<p>access to BP monitors are identified</p> <p>3. BP monitors and educational materials are provided to identified schools willing to participate in initiative (anticipating some schools have existing monitors but no promotional or educational materials to offer to staff)</p>		<p>self-monitoring for staff for a total at the end of Year 2 of 15 schools</p> <p>Providing access and opportunity for education on prevention of stroke to 1,100 staff members across the EHHD member towns</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>		
Engage with town libraries to identify partners for library loan program	<p>1. Contact is established with Town librarians not participating in BP monitor loan project</p> <p>2. Overview of BP monitor loan program as described in</p>	Two (2) Town Libraries participating in Year 1	<p>Three (3) libraries participating</p> <p>20 loans completed</p>	Ande Bloom	<p>Recruitment for additional library begins October 1, 2024 establish new program by May 15, 2025</p> <p>September 30, 2025</p>

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	<p>existing literature of this evidence-based program is provided to Town librarians</p> <p>3. Participating libraries receive blood pressure monitors and educational materials for loan project</p> <p>4. Community awareness campaign and promotion of blood pressure monitoring loan program is initiated for new libraries and continued for Year 1 participating libraries</p> <p>5. Evaluation measures are implemented including library staff surveys and pre/post use from patrons who wish to participate</p>		Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure		(participation on-going and data collected)
Educational Blood Pressure Self-monitoring Program	1. Blood pressure self-monitoring and stroke	Four (4) educational programs were	Four (4) additional sites	EHHD Staff:	October 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

conducted at 8 community locations	<p>risk reduction educational classes are scheduled at 8 local sites at times/ days most likely to incur participation</p> <p>2. Promotion of classes and recruitment based on targeted priority population occurs in the weeks prior to scheduled class</p> <p>3. Educational program lasting 1.5 hours is provided at 8 sites in at least 5 member towns to an average of 10 qualifying participants at each class</p> <p>4. Educational materials addressing modifiable risk factors for stroke and heart disease and blood pressure home monitors with instructions for use</p>	<p>offered in EHHD member towns with home self-monitoring blood pressure units to reduce the risk of stroke in the community in Year 1</p>	<p>for educational classes identified</p> <p>Blood Pressure Self-monitoring classes completed with 80 adults with multiple risk factors for stroke in the target population</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>	<p>Courtney LeBlanc, RN</p> <p>Ande Bloom</p>	
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	<p>are distributed to class participants</p> <p>5. Pre and post tests and quarterly follow-up with participants are conducted to measure impact and outcomes</p>				
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Strategy: Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring with Educational Component Healthy People 2030 Objective: HDS-05- Increase control of high blood pressure in adults					
Priority Population of focus: Men and women ages 50 and older in EHHD member towns with multiple risk factors for stroke Period of Performance: YEARS 3-5 Period 1 October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028 Outcome: Evidence-based programs and materials developed and presented to qualifying adults in the community via library loan and educational programs leading to an increase in the control of high blood pressure for those with multiple risk factors for stroke.					
Supporting Activities:	Process Measures:	Baseline Data:	Target	Responsible Person/Party	Timeline (anticipated completion date)
Engage with community partners to identify educational program sites	Outreach to: - Town senior centers - Fish and Game Clubs - Town Libraries - Town Halls - Private sector employers	Eight (8) participating sites in Year 2 Prior year pre-intervention data will be available regarding self-report of blood pressure control.	Implementation of educational sessions at a total of 8 sites annually 80 qualifying adults in priority population participate in education program each year Increase in control of high blood pressure in adults as	Ande Bloom	October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028

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			<p>demonstrated in quarterly outreach</p> <p>Reduction of risk factors for stroke and cardiovascular disease as demonstrated in quarterly outreach</p>		
Recruit participants for educational program at designated community sites	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leverage community partners and local promotional channels 2. Referrals from Primary Care Providers in EHHD member towns 	No participants identified at this time	Scheduled programs have an average of 10 participants	Ande Bloom	On-going as programs are scheduled through September 30, 2028
Evaluate educational materials used in Year 2 to refine and prepare for subsequent programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Materials are reviewed 2. Feedback from classes from prior years is reviewed 3. Updates are implemented as necessary 	Materials have been developed and reviewed annually	Materials are updated and printed for educational programs	Ande Bloom Courtney LeBlanc, RN	October 1, 2025 through February 1, 2028

Engage with school nurses to identify locations for blood pressure monitors on site for staff resource	<p>1. BP monitors and educational materials are provided to identified schools willing to participate in initiative (anticipating some schools have existing monitors but no promotional or educational materials to offer to staff)</p> <p>2. Evaluation of access to BP monitors for self-monitoring at schools completed on a quarterly basis throughout the grant</p>	At least 15 sites currently offering access to blood pressure self-monitoring	<p>Schools continue to participate in promotion of and access to blood pressure self-monitoring for staff through Year 5</p> <p>Providing access and opportunity for education on prevention of stroke to 1,100 staff members across the EHHD member towns</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>	Ande Bloom	September 30, 2028
Engage with town libraries to identify partners for library loan program to expand participation if additional libraries are	1. Contact is established with Town librarians not	Two (2) Town Libraries participating in Year 2	Three (3) libraries participating	Ande Bloom	<p>October 1, 2025</p> <p>September 30, 2028</p>

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interested or for support of on-going BP self-monitoring loans when needed	<p>participating in BP monitor loan project</p> <p>2. Overview of BP monitor loan program as described in existing literature of this evidence-based program is provided to Town librarians</p> <p>3. Participating libraries receive blood pressure monitors and educational materials for loan project</p> <p>4. Community awareness campaign and promotion of blood pressure monitoring loan program is initiated for new libraries and continued for Year 1 participating libraries</p> <p>5. Evaluation measures are implemented including library staff</p>		<p>30 loans completed annually</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>		
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	surveys and pre/post use from patrons who wish to participate				
Educational Blood Pressure Self-monitoring Program conducted at 8 community locations	<p>1. Blood pressure self-monitoring and stroke risk reduction educational classes are scheduled at 8 local sites at times/days most likely to incur participation</p> <p>2. Promotion of classes and recruitment based on targeted priority population occurs in the weeks prior to scheduled class</p> <p>3. Educational program lasting 1.5 hours is provided at 8 sites in at least 5 member towns to an average of 10 qualifying participants at each class</p> <p>4. Educational materials addressing</p>	Eight (8) programs were offered in EHHD member towns with home self-monitoring blood pressure units to reduce the risk of stroke in the community in Year 2	<p>Blood Pressure Self-monitoring classes completed with 80 adults with multiple risk factors for stroke in the target population in each of Years 3-5</p> <p>Participants report increase in control of high blood pressure</p>	<p>EHHD Staff: Courtney LeBlanc, RN</p> <p>Ande Bloom</p>	October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028

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	<p>modifiable risk factors for stroke and heart disease and blood pressure home monitors with instructions for use are distributed to class participants</p> <p>5. Pre and post tests and quarterly follow-up with participants are conducted to measure impact and outcomes</p>				
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F. Declaration of Confidential Information *(Per instructions: Section III.A.8.)*

The Eastern Highlands Health District declares no information in this proposal as confidential.

G. Conflict of Interest - Disclosure Statement *(Per instructions: Section III.A.9.)*

The Eastern Highlands Health District has no current business relationship
(within the last three (3) years) that poses a conflict of interest, as defined by C.G.S. § 1-85.

H. Statement of Assurances *(Provided in the Appendix)*

Eastern Highlands Health District

The undersigned Respondent affirms and declares that:

1) General

- a. This proposal is executed and signed with full knowledge and acceptance of the RFP CONDITIONS stated in the RFP.
- b. The Respondent will deliver services to the Agency the cost proposed in the RFP and within the timeframes therein.
- c. The Respondent will seek prior approval from the Agency before making any changes to the location of services.
- d. Neither the Respondent of any official of the organization nor any subcontractor the Respondent of any official of the subcontractor organization has received any notices of debarment or suspension from contracting with the State of CT or the Federal Government.
- e. Neither the Respondent of any official of the organization nor any subcontractor to the Respondent of any official of the subcontractor's organization has received any notices of debarment or suspension from contracting with other states within the United States.

Legal Name of Organization: Eastern Highlands Health District

Robert Miller, Director of Health

Date

FORMS

a. Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form

Profile of staff providing services. Please provide the information requested below.

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2024 (year 1)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10.5hr/wk 52wks	32.93	17,980	8.82 %	1586
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.5hr/wk 52wk	38.14	992	13.65 %	136
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	.5hr/ wk 52wk	38.10	990	20.3 %	201
Totals				19,962		1,923

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2025 (year 2)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10.5hr wk /52wk	33.91	18,515	8.82 %	1,633
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk /52wk	39.24	510	13.65 %	70
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1hr wk /52wk	39.05	2,030	20.3 %	412
Totals				21,055		2,115

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Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026 (Year 3)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10hr wk /52wks	34.75	18,075	8.82 %	1,594
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk /52wk	40.22	523	13.65 %	72
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1.5hr wk /52wk	40.02	3,122	20.3 %	634
Totals				21,720		23,00

Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027 (Year 4)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10hr wk /52wks	35.62	18,526	8.82 %	1,634
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk /52wks	41.22	536	13.65 %	73
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1.5hr wk/52wk	41.03	3,201	20.3 %	650
Totals				22,263		2357

Position Schedule #2a Staffing Detail Form

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Funding Period: 10/01/2027 – 09/30/2028 (Year 5)

Contract Start/End Dates: 10/1/2023 – 09/30/2028

Position Description and Staff Person Assigned	Site/ Location	Hours wk/ wks per Year	Hourly Rate	Total Salary Charged	Fringe Benefit Rate %	Total Fringe Benefits
1.Position: Project Specialists Name: Ande Bloom	Storrs	10hr wk/52wks	36.51	18,989	8.82 %	1,675
2.Position: Community Health & Wellness Coordinator Name: Cecile Serazo	Storrs	.25hr wk/52wk	42.26	550	13.65 %	75
3.Position: Public Health Nurse Name: Courtney Leblanc	Storrs	1.5hr wk/52wk	42.05	3,280	20.3 %	666
Totals				22,819		2,416

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b. Workforce Analysis

Contractor Name: Eastern Highlands Health District
 Address: 4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield CT 06268
 Time: 6

Total Number of CT employees: 14
 Full Time: 8 Part

Job Categories	Overall Totals (sum of all cols. male & female)	White (not of Hispanic Origin)		Black (not of Hispanic Origin)		Hispanic		Asian or Pacific Islander		American Indian or Alaskan Native		People with Disabilities	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Officials & Managers	1	1											
Professionals	2	6											
Technicians	1			1									
Office & Clerical		1											
Craft Workers (skilled)													
Operatives (semi-skilled)													
Laborers (unskilled)													
Service Workers													
Totals Above	4	8		1									
Totals 1 year Ago	4	8		1									
FORMAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINEES (Enter figures for the same categories as are shown above)													
Apprentices													
Trainees		1											
EMPLOYMENT FIGURES WERE OBTAINED FROM: RLM						Visual Check: Y		Employment Records		Other:			

Complete the following Workforce Analysis for employees on Connecticut worksites who are:

1. Have you successfully implemented an Affirmative Action Plan? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 Date of implementation: _____ If the answer is "No", explain:
 _____ Not applicable

1. a) Do you promise to develop and implement a successful Affirmative Action?
☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ Not Applicable Explanation:

2. Have you successfully developed an apprenticeship program complying with Sec. 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-15 of the Connecticut Department of Labor Regulations, if applicable: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ Not Applicable Explanation:

3. According to EEO-1 data, is the composition of your work force at or near parity when compared with the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area? ☒ YES ☐ NO Explanation:

4. If you plan to subcontract, will you set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises?
☐ YES ☐ NO Explanation: NOT APPLICABLE

Robert Miller, Director of Health

Date

c. Consulting Agreement Affidavit not required for less than \$50,000 in good or services in a fiscal or calendar year. This proposal is for \$30,000 per year total award.

d. Acknowledgement of Contract Compliance



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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CONTRACT COMPLIANCE POLICY STATEMENT

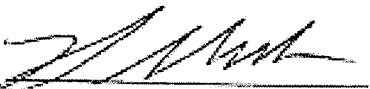
The Department of Public Health (DPH) is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer, in compliance with all state and federal laws and shall comply with the Contract Compliance Regulations and CGS 4a-60 Nondiscrimination and affirmative action provisions in contracts of the state and political subdivisions other than municipalities. Consistent with the Contract Compliance Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Sections 46a-68j-21 through 46a-68j-43, DPH encourages bidders, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers to:

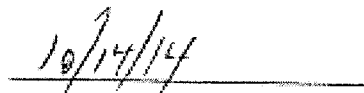
- Develop and follow a plan of affirmative action to achieve or exceed parity of employment with the applicable labor market
- Develop and follow an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive
- Submit employment statistics contained in the "Employment Information Form", indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the race/sex composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area
- Develop and follow a plan to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises per Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations

DPH considers bidders success in these factors in reviewing the bidder's qualifications under the Contract Compliance requirements. Accordingly, any individual or organization that desires to do business with DPH shall not:

- Discriminate or permit discrimination against any protected class person or protected group in the performance of contracts
- Engage in discriminatory practices or permit discriminatory practices in their workplace
- Cooperate with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in all activities
- In all contract solicitations or advertisements state that they are an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer"
- Must sign a Notification to Bidders Form, and complete a workforce analysis questionnaire necessary for the contract award process

DPH notifies bidders, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers of this policy and will not knowingly do business with any contractor, subcontractor or supplier of materials who unlawfully discriminates against members of any class protected under state or federal law. Contractors whose overall employment statistics are not reflective of the general employment area may be required to show good faith efforts to ensure that their personnel policies and practices do not have a discriminatory impact.


Robert L. Miller, M.P.H., R.S.
Director of Health


10/14/14

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e. Notification to Bidders (CHRO)**NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Section 4-114a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the state, Section 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 4-114a et. seq. of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which establish a procedure for the awarding of all contracts covered by Sections 4-114a and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 4-114a-3(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to "aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials." "Minority business enterprise" is defined in Section 4-114a of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: "(1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n." "Minority" groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as "(1) Black Americans...(2) Hispanic Americans...(3) Women...(4) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; or (5) American Indians..." The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 4-114a-1 (10) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder's qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- a) the bidder's success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- b) the bidder's success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Connecticut General Statutes, inclusive;
- c) the bidder's promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- d) the bidder's submission of EEO-1 data indicating the composition of it's work force is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the work force in the relevant labor market area; and
- e) the bidder's promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 4-114a-3 (10) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

INSTRUCTION: Bidder must sign acknowledgment form below and return signed page to Awarding Agency along with bid proposal. Please retain a copy for your files.

The undersigned acknowledged receiving and reading a copy of the "Notification to Bidders" form.

Signature	Date
on behalf of:	
_____	Contract No.: #
_____	Letter of Award: _____



Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert Miller, Director of Health

Date: 6/8/2023

Re: CT Water Company, Water System Advisory Committee - Appointment

Background

The Water System Advisory Committee (WSAC) was formed by the Connecticut Water Company in 2014 as part of the agreement with the Town of Mansfield to facilitate the interconnection of Connecticut Water and the UConn community water system. The committee includes representatives of the Town of Mansfield, UConn, Town of Coventry, and the Town of Tolland, and serves in an advisory role to Connecticut Water as it expands its services area to customers outside of the University of Connecticut in Mansfield and other future public water customers in the community.

The committee's charge is to "provide local input and ensure communication and collaboration relating to the water system, system improvements, local planning, economic development, water and land conservation, and environmental stewardship" according to the Memorandum of Agreement between The Connecticut Water Company and the Town of Mansfield.

Pursuant to the above referenced memorandum of agreement, the Eastern Highlands Health District has one voting representative on the committee with a two year term.

The Directors appointed term has expired.

Recommendation

Re-appointing the Director of Health to the WSAC is respectfully recommended.

If the board concurs then the following motion is in order: *Move, to appoint Director of Health, Robert Miller, to the Water System Advisory Committee for the term ending June 15, 2025, effective immediately.*



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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert L. Miller, MPH, RS, Director of Health

Date: 6/12/2023

Re: Acting Director of Health Services Agreements – Re-authorization

Background

In 2015 the Connecticut DPH notified the EHHD Board urging them to execute agreements with other local health departments to ensure that local public health services are maintained during a Director of Health absence. In response to this the board in April of 2015 passed the following motion, “*Move, to authorize the Director to execute the Acting Director of Health Services Agreement by and between the Eastern Highlands Health Districts and any other Connecticut Local Health Department/District deemed qualified by the Director.*” A number of agreements have since been executed by this office with our neighboring local health departments.

Given the age of the above referenced authorization, and a policy change by the CT DPH regarding these agreements, it is appropriate for the Board to act to re-authorize the execution of these agreements. Specifically, the CT DPH is now requiring execution by **both** the Director of Health and the Board Chair.

Attached for your review is an updated *Acting Director of Health Services Agreement By and Between the Eastern Highlands Health District and the Ledge Light Health District*. Other than the addition of the Board Chair Signature fields, there are no changes to the terms of this agreement.

Recommendation

I am respectfully recommending that the board authorize both the Director of Health, and the Board Chair to execute this agreement and any future updated acting director of health services agreements.

If the board concurs, the following motion is in order: *Move, to authorize both the Director, and the Board of Directors Chairman to execute the Acting Director of Health Services Agreement by and between the Eastern Highlands Health Districts and any other Connecticut Local Health Department/District deemed qualified by the Director.*

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
AGREEMENT**

By and Between the

**Eastern Highlands Health District
And
Ledge Light Health District**

WHEREAS, the Eastern Highlands Health District is a regional governmental entity providing public health services to the Towns of Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington; and,

WHEREAS, the Ledge Light Health District is a government entity providing public health services to the Town(s) of East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, Lyme, New London, North Stonington, Old Lyme, Stonington, and Waterford;

WHEREAS, each party may from time to time require the services of an Acting Director of Health for the purpose of performing day-to-day oversight of agency activities as more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, each party to this agreement desires to establish provisions for the commencement and sharing of Acting Director of Health services to other party during periods of planned Director of Health absences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the parties mutually agree as follows:

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

"Agreement" means the Acting Director of Health Services Agreement.

"Party" means an entity that has officially approved and adopted this agreement.

"Provider" means a party to this agreement that furnishes, and is requested to furnish, Acting Director of Health services to a recipient pursuant to this agreement.

"Recipient" means a party that requests and receives Acting Director of Health services from a provider pursuant to this agreement.

SECTION II. PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING AND GRANTING ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

Acting Director of Health services shall be requested as set forth in this agreement. Either party may request Acting Director of Health services by communicating a request to the other party, indicating the request is made pursuant to this agreement. Each request shall be accompanied with the term information, in writing or by other available means. Neither party is obligated under this agreement to grant and provide Acting Director of Health services

upon request. Granted requests shall be accompanied by confirmation in writing or by other available means.

SECTION III. SCOPE OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

Provide day-to-day oversight to the recipient agency, including but not limited to, supporting recipient agency staff, providing consulting, advisory and administrative directions and recommendations, as may be needed, including but not limited to attending meetings, acting as a duly authorized signatory for needed orders, letters and the like. The Acting Director shall be available as needed by telephone, cell phone and email for purposes of rendering services to the recipient agency staff regarding day-to-day activities and other situations that may arise.

SECTION III. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF PROVIDER'S DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Whenever a Director of Health is providing services pursuant to this agreement, such Director of Health shall retain the same powers, duties, obligations, immunities and privileges they would ordinarily possess if performing their duties within the geographical limits of the provider.

SECTION IV. INDEMNIFICATION

Each party hereby releases, relinquishes, discharges and agrees to indemnify, protect and save harmless the other party, its officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims, suits, actions, demands and liability for any cost, loss damage or injury to property of every name and description (whether it be that of either of the parties hereto or of their persons) and to persons (whether they be third persons or agents or employees of either of the parties hereto), including court costs and legal fees. Each party will not be liable for the other in terms of any loss, damage or injury occasioned by the sole negligence its agents or employees.

Each party shall give to the other prompt written notice of any claim made or suit instituted, which in any way directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, may affect the other party. Each party shall have the right to compromise and defend the same to the extent of its interest therein. Such indemnity as provided above shall not be limited by reasons of the extent of any insurance coverage.

SECTION V. INITIAL DURATION OF AGREEMENT, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION

This agreement shall be binding for not less than one (1) year from its effective date, unless terminated upon at least sixty (60) days written notice by a party as set forth below. Thereafter, this agreement shall continue to be binding upon the parties in subsequent years and shall be considered to renew automatically from year to year, unless terminated by written notification as provided above. A party terminating their participation in this agreement shall submit a copy of their written termination notice. A party's termination of this agreement shall not affect a party's reimbursement obligations or any other liability or obligation incurred under the terms of this agreement. Once a termination is effective, a terminated entity shall no longer be a party to this agreement.

SECTION VI. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Each party shall comply with all pertinent provisions of local, state, and federal laws and regulations applicable to services rendered. Each party agrees to the following provisions required pursuant to Section 4a-60a of the Conn. Gen. Statutes: Non-discrimination regarding sexual orientation (a) (1), (2), (3) and (4). Each party agrees to comply with Executive Order No. 16: Violence in the Workplace Prevention Policy. Each party agrees to comply with Section 1-84(m) of the Conn. Gen. Statutes: Prohibits vendors from knowingly giving gifts to state employees.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE, APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

This agreement shall take effect upon approval and adoption by the entity seeking to become a party to the agreement.

Robert Miller, MPH
Director of Health
Eastern Highlands Health District

Date

Jennifer Muggeo, MPH
Director of Health
Ledge Light Health District

Date

John Elsesser
Chair, EHHD Board of Directors

Date

Danielle Gelinas
Chair, Ledge Light Health
District Board of Directors

Date

Eastern Highlands Health District
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
March 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2022)

	Adopted Budget 2022/23	Amended Budget 2022/23	2023	Percent of Amended Budget	2022
Revenues					
Member Town Contributions	\$ 464,620	\$ 451,502	\$ 341,916	75.7%	\$ 393,994
State Grants	206,500	206,500	206,500	100.0%	208,107
Septic Permits	48,950	48,950	41,760	85.3%	39,420
Well Permits	12,590	12,590	12,000	95.3%	8,750
Soil Testing Service	48,830	48,830	24,810	50.8%	36,990
Food Protection Service	82,500	82,500	65,126	78.9%	66,284
B100a Reviews	18,480	18,480	19,000	102.8%	17,460
Septic Plan Reviews	29,650	29,650	26,915	90.8%	28,815
Other Health Services	4,700	4,700	1,821	38.7%	1,422
Cosm Insp	6,800	6,800	6,575	96.7%	-
Appropriation of Fund Balance	38,577	17,360	-	0.0%	-
Total Revenues	962,197	927,862	746,423	80.4%	801,241
Expenditures					
Salaries & Wages	648,735	648,735	452,120	69.7%	439,492
Grant Deductions	(63,514)	(63,514)	(65,558)	103.2%	(61,585)
Benefits	254,536	220,201	154,842	70.3%	179,161
Miscellaneous Benefits	14,000	14,000	7,422	53.0%	7,171
Insurance	14,800	14,800	14,001	94.6%	10,329
Professional & Technical Services	17,745	17,745	19,338	109.0%	16,748
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	2,500	4,580	183.2%	1,811
Health Reg*Admin Overhead	31,320	31,320	23,490	75.0%	22,568
Other Purchased Services	29,975	29,975	28,869	96.3%	24,551
Other Supplies	5,500	5,500	3,978	72.3%	(6,570)
Equipment - Minor	3,600	3,600	2,122	58.9%	3,730
Total Expenditures	959,197	924,862	645,205	69.8%	637,406
Operating Transfers					
Transfer to CNR Fund	3,000	3,000	125,000	0.0%	-
Total Exp & Oper Trans	962,197	927,862	770,205	83.0%	637,406
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	-	-	(23,782)		163,836
Fund Balance, July 1	675,309	675,309	675,309		610,152
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Mar.31	\$ 675,309	\$ 675,309	\$ 651,527		\$ 773,988

Eastern Highlands Health District
Capital Non-Recurring Fund
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2022)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>207,195</u>	\$ <u>125,780</u>
Total Assets	<u>207,195</u>	<u>125,780</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance	<u>207,195</u>	<u>125,780</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ <u>207,195</u>	\$ <u>125,780</u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
Capital Non-Recurring Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
March 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2022)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues		
General Fund	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating Transfers		
General Fund	<u>125,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Transfers	<u>125,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Rev & Oper Trans	<u>125,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures		
Professional & Technical Services	-	-
Vehicles	47,917	-
Office Equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>47,917</u>	<u>200</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	77,083	(200)
Fund Balance, July 1	<u>130,112</u>	<u>125,980</u>
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Mar.31	\$ <u><u>207,195</u></u>	\$ <u><u>125,780</u></u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
General Fund
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2022)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 651,748	\$ 790,787
Accounts Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>377</u>
Total Assets	<u>651,748</u>	<u>791,164</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>221</u>	<u>17,176</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>221</u>	<u>17,176</u>
Fund Balance	<u>651,527</u>	<u>773,988</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 651,748</u>	<u>\$ 791,164</u>

EHHD Personnel Committee
Special Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

May 24, 2023

Virtual - Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm.

Present: R Aylesworth, J Elsesser, M Walter, R Miller, M Brosseau

R Miller presented information justifying recommendation to offer salary higher than starting point in the range for the leading Sanitarian II candidate.

J Elsesser MOVED, M Walter seconded to authorize the director to offer \$80,000 annual salary to the current leading candidate for the sanitarian II position. Motion PASSED, unanimously.

J Elsesser MOVED, M Walter seconded to authorize the director to increase the salary of currently employed eligible Sanitarian I to, at a minimum, match the final salary award to the newly appointed sanitarian.

Discussion ensued.

By consensus of the committee the Director will provided a separate proposal for the committee's consideration on the matter of agency Sanitarian II salary equity.

The motion on the table is deferred.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller, Secretary



CADH Bill Tracking Report 6-9

CADH - HIGH 5 Bills

SB959 - An Act Concerning Mold In Residential Housing And Commercial Buildings.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/3/2023

Categories: Advisory bodies; Mold; Public health, department of; Reports;

Summary: To establish protections for residents of residential property from mold infestation.

Complete 02/06/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/22/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/03/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/06/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/09/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/15/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/15/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/15/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 75

03/15/2023 FILE NO. 79

05/03/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

05/08/2023 Joint Favorable

05/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO

05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

05/09/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/18/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/18/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/19/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/19/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 568

06/01/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

06/01/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

06/01/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

06/06/2023 PUBLIC ACT

06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

Priority: CADH - High

HB5902 - An Act Requiring Food Allergy Awareness In Restaurants.

Introducers: Rep. Robin E. Comey (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D)

Intro Date: 3/8/2023

Categories: Allergies; Food; Occupational training; Public health, department of; Reports; Restaurants; Signs;

Summary: To develop guidelines for restaurants, customers and health departments on the best practices of managing food allergens.

Complete 01/18/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/06/2023 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/22/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/03/2023 Vote to Draft

03/08/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

03/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/21/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/23/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/29/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/29/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/29/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 201

03/29/2023 FILE NO. 303

05/17/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/17/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/19/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/19/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 533

05/19/2023 FILE NO. 797

06/06/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

Priority: CADH - High

HB6733 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/16/2023

Categories: Abortion; Ambulances; Asbestos; Assisted living services; Clinical laboratories; Commissions; Continuing education; Criminal history records; District departments of health; Education department; Emergency vehicles; Estheticians; Fees; Health care providers; Infant mortality; Interstate compacts; Lead abatement workers and contractors; Licenses; Master social workers; Medical examiners; Medical tests; Medical transportation services; Municipal health directors; Nail technicians; Occupational licenses; Paramedics; Pharmacists; Physicians; Psychology and psychologists; Public health, department of; Social workers; State boards and commissions; State regulations, specific; Water supply;

Summary: To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete 02/17/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/13/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/27/2023 Joint Favorable

03/28/2023 FILED WITH LCO

04/06/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/13/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/13/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/13/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 353

04/13/2023 FILE NO. 582

05/25/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/25/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/30/2023 FILE NO. 839

05/30/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/30/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 570

06/01/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/01/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/01/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

06/05/2023 PUBLIC ACT

06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

06/07/2023 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Priority: CADH - High

Provisions Related To Revenue And Other Items Implementing The State Budget.

Introducers: Rep. Matthew Ritter (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D)

Intro Date: 6/5/2023

Complete 06/05/2023 EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION

History: 06/05/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
06/05/2023 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. C
06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A,B
06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
06/06/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A,B
06/06/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A,B
06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
06/06/2023 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOV.

Priority: CADH - High

HB6942 - An Act Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State And Concerning Grant Programs, State Construction Related Thresholds, School Building Projects, Resources And Support Services For Persons With An Intellectual Or Developmental Disability, Failure To File For Certain Grand List Exemptions, Elections, And Other Items Implementing The State Budget.

Introducers: Rep. Matthew Ritter (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D)

Intro Date: 6/7/2023

Complete 06/07/2023 EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION

History: 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

Priority: CADH - High

NO PRIORITY 43 Bills

SB9 - An Act Concerning Health And Wellness For Connecticut Residents.

Introducers: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. John W. Fonfara (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (); Sen. Jan Hochadel (); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. MD Rahman (); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Intro Date: 3/14/2023

Categories: Advanced practice nurses; Advisory bodies; Behavioral health services; Career education; Civil actions; Connecticut state colleges and universities; Contraceptives; Controlled substances; Drug abuse prevention; Drug abuse treatment; Education department; Emergency medical responders; Emergency medical services, office of; Faculty; Felonies; Fines (penalties); First aid; Grants by the state; Health care facilities; Health care providers; Higher education, office of; Hospitals; Infertility; Interstate compacts; Language; Medicaid; Medical care; Medical malpractice; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Mental health services; Misdemeanors; Noncompete agreements; Nurses; Opioid settlement fund; Personal care assistance; Physical therapists; Physicians; Podiatry; Public health, department of; Reports; Rural areas; Social services, department of; State funds; State regulations, specific; Studies; Task forces; Tests; University of connecticut; Water parks; Workforce development;

Summary: To equalize access to physical, mental and behavioral health care in the state and to strengthen the state's response to the fentanyl and opioid epidemic.

Complete 01/04/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 01/13/2023 Vote to Draft
03/14/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE
03/15/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
03/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/22/23 9:30AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/27/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/28/2023 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/12/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/12/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 303
04/12/2023 FILE NO. 507
05/03/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
05/08/2023 Joint Favorable
05/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO

05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/09/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/25/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/25/2023 AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN, SENATE AMENDMENT SCH.
 05/25/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. C
 05/25/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,C
 05/25/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 05/26/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/26/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 598
 06/02/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. C
 06/02/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 BILL PASSED TEMPORARILY
 06/02/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,C
 06/02/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE
 06/02/2023 DISAGREEING ACTION, TABLED FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,C
 06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SR12 - Resolution Confirming The Nomination Of Nancy Navarretta Of Hamden To Be Reappointed Commissioner Of Mental Health And Addiction Services.

Introducers: Sen. Bob Duff (D)

Intro Date: 1/27/2023

Categories: Appointments - individuals - n; Mental health and addiction services, department of;

Complete 01/18/2023 NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS

History: 01/26/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 1/26/23 10:00AM - EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS

01/27/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

01/27/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 22

02/09/2023 ADOPTED, SENATE

02/09/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR

SR15 - Resolution Confirming The Nomination Of Dr. Manisha Juthani Of Southport To Be Reappointed Commissioner Of Public Health.

Introducers: Sen. Bob Duff (D)

Intro Date: 2/1/2023

Categories: Appointments - individuals - j; Public health, department of;

Complete 01/18/2023 NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS

History: 01/31/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 1/31/23 10:00AM - EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS

02/01/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

02/01/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 25

02/09/2023 ADOPTED, SENATE

SB100 - An Act Establishing An Account In The General Fund To Provide Grants To Towns That Need Pfas Testing And Remediation.

Introducers: Sen. Christine Cohen (D)

Intro Date: 2/6/2023

Categories: Appropriations; Drinking water; Energy and environmental protection, department of; State funds; State grants to municipalities; Water pollution;

Summary: To provide municipalities with needed resources to test for and remediate PFAS contamination on town-owned properties and to assist residential homeowners impacted by such contamination.

Complete 01/12/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 01/23/2023 Vote to Draft

02/06/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

02/07/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

02/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/15/23 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/03/2023 Joint Favorable

03/06/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/14/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/21/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/21/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/21/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 105

03/21/2023 FILE NO. 140
 05/03/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/03/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/08/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/09/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/23/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. B
 05/23/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,B
 05/23/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR
 05/24/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/24/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 576
 06/02/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. B
 06/02/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,B
 06/02/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB642 - An Act Establishing A Working Group To Address Concerns Regarding The Upkeep Of Veterans' Graves.

Introducers: Sen. Paul Cicarella (R)

Intro Date: 2/22/2023

Categories: Apprentices; Cemeteries and cemetery associations; Occupational licenses; Reports; Subsurface sewage disposal systems; United states armed forces; Veterans;

Summary: To expand existing procedures regarding credit for military training and experience, presently applied to certain trades regulated by the Department of Consumer Protection, to subsurface sewage disposal system work regulated by the Department of Public Health.

Complete History: 01/18/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

01/24/2023 Vote to Draft
 02/22/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE
 02/23/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
 02/24/2023 PUBLIC HEARING
 03/07/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/09/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/20/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/27/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/27/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 03/27/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 145
 03/27/2023 FILE NO. 216
 05/09/2023 SENATE PASSED
 05/09/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR
 05/10/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/10/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 508
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED
 06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB905 - An Act Concerning Alcoholic Liquor And Tobacco Bars.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 1/25/2023

Categories: Alcoholic beverages tax; Auctions; Consumer protection department; Liability insurance; Liquor control commission; Liquor permits; Liquor sales; Misdemeanors; Reports; Smoking; State regulations, specific; Studies;

Summary: To: (1) Establish permits for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor at auction, annual outdoor open-air liquor permits and event sales permits; (2) authorize wholesaler permittees to sell kegs containing cocktails and premixed drinks to certain retail permittees for on-premises consumption; (3) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to amend certain regulations in order to provide that certain pipes and lines used to serve alcoholic liquor shall be cleaned at least once every two weeks; (4) eliminate the prohibition against provisional seasonal outdoor open-air liquor permits; (5) authorize spirits manufacturers to sell products they manufacture under farmers' market sales permits; (6) provide that neither the State Fire Marshal nor any local fire marshal may require any liquor permit premises to be inspected more than once during any calendar year; (7) amend the alcoholic beverages tax to provide that liquor, certain alcohol and liquor coolers are taxed at the same rate as beer; and (8) allow for the establishment of new tobacco bars and for existing tobacco bars to expand or change location.

Complete History: 01/26/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

01/27/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 1/31/23 1:30PM - GENERAL LAW
 03/07/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/17/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/23/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/23/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 03/23/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 132
 03/23/2023 FILE NO. 207
 04/26/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
 05/02/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/03/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/03/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/03/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
 05/03/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULES.
 06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
 06/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 06/05/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 636
 06/05/2023 RULES SUSPENDED
 06/05/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB913 - An Act Expanding Workers' Compensation Coverage For Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries For All Employees.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 1/25/2023

Categories: Post-traumatic stress disorders; Workers' compensation;

Summary: To extend workers' compensation coverage for post-traumatic stress injuries to all employees.

Complete 01/26/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 01/27/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 1/31/23 1:30PM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

02/28/2023 Joint Favorable
 03/01/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/10/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/16/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/16/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 03/16/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 87
 03/16/2023 FILE NO. 97
 04/26/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/01/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/02/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/02/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/02/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/02/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/11/2023 SENATE PASSED
 05/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/12/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 522
 06/01/2023 HOUSE PASSED
 06/01/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
 06/05/2023 PUBLIC ACT
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

SB920 - An Act Prohibiting The Sale Of Kratom Products To Individuals Under Twenty-One Years Of Age.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 1/26/2023

Categories: Age; Fines (penalties); Plants;

Summary: To prohibit the sale of kratom products to individuals under twenty-one years of age.

Complete 01/27/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/7/23 11:00AM - CHILDREN

SB928 - An Act Concerning The Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations For Technical Revisions To Statutes Relating To Children.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 1/30/2023

Categories: Technical corrections bills;

Summary: To make technical changes to certain statutes relating to children.

Complete 01/31/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/7/23 11:00AM - CHILDREN
 02/24/2023 Joint Favorable
 02/27/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/01/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/07/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/07/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 03/07/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 51
 03/07/2023 FILE NO. 34
 05/03/2023 SENATE PASSED
 05/03/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR
 05/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/05/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 480
 05/30/2023 HOUSE PASSED
 05/30/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
 06/01/2023 PUBLIC ACT
 06/02/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
 06/02/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR
 06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
 06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR
 06/07/2023 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB965 - An Act Providing Funding For The Removal Of Hazardous Or Dead Trees By Municipalities.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/6/2023

Categories: Appropriations; Local capital improvement fund; Municipal property; Trees;

Summary: To provide additional funding to municipalities for the removal of dead or hazardous trees in public areas and along town roads.

Complete 02/07/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/15/23 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/03/2023 Joint Favorable
 03/06/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/15/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/21/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/21/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 03/21/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 110
 03/21/2023 FILE NO. 145
 05/03/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/03/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/08/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/09/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/30/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/30/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR
 05/30/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 05/31/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/31/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 615
 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB970 - An Act Concerning A Domestic Terrorism Prevention Plan Annex In Local Emergency Operations Plans.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Intro Date: 2/7/2023

Categories: Civil preparedness; Municipalities; Terrorism;

Summary: To require a domestic terrorism prevention plan annex in local emergency operations plans.

Complete 02/08/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/23/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/16/2023 Joint Favorable
 03/16/2023 FILED WITH LCO
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 04/03/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 04/03/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 213

04/03/2023 FILE NO. 377
 04/26/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/01/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/02/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/02/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/02/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/02/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/09/2023 SENATE PASSED
 05/09/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR
 05/10/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/10/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 511
 05/31/2023 HOUSE PASSED
 05/31/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
 06/05/2023 PUBLIC ACT
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR
 06/07/2023 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB986 - An Act Protecting Maternal Health.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Certificates and certification; Certificates and certification; Childbirth; Early childhood, office of; Fees; Governor's bills; Health care facilities; Infant mortality; Licenses; Maternal and child health protection programs; Maternity homes and hospitals; Midwifery; Nurses; Public health, department of; Reports; Studies; Studies;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/13/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/21/2023 FILED WITH LCO
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 04/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 04/04/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 238
 04/04/2023 FILE NO. 425
 04/26/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/01/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/02/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/02/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/02/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/02/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/01/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 06/02/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 06/02/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 622
 06/06/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/06/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB989 - An Act Concerning Nursing Home Air Conditioning, Cost Reporting Transparency, Waiting List Requirements, Involuntary Patient Transfer Notices And Transportation For Resident Social Visits.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Air conditioning; Connecticut health and educational facilities authority; Fines (penalties); Grants by the state; Loans by the state; Long term care ombudsman, office of; Nursing home employees; Nursing home patients; Nursing homes; Public health, department of; Reports; Social services, department of; State regulations, specific; Transportation and the elderly;

Summary: To (1) require air conditioning in each room at a nursing home, (2) require notification of the State Ombudsman when a nursing home plans to involuntarily transfer or discharge a patient, (3) establish a grant program for transportation of nonambulatory nursing home residents to homes of family members, (4) make changes in waiting list requirements for nursing homes, (5) require transparent cost reporting by nursing homes, (6) establish minimum nursing home staffing levels, and (7) impose stricter penalties for violations.

Complete 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 02/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING

03/28/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/28/2023 FILED WITH LCO

04/06/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 04/13/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/13/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 04/13/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 326
 04/13/2023 FILE NO. 554
 05/03/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY
 05/09/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/09/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON JUDICIARY
 05/09/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/25/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/25/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/25/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 05/26/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/26/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 604
 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
 06/07/2023 DISAGREEING ACTION, TABLED FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

SB1002 - An Act Concerning Zoning Enforcement Officer Certification.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Certificates and certification; Zoning enforcement officers;

Summary: To change the date by which zoning enforcement officers must obtain certification to January 1, 2024.

Complete 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/17/23 11:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/29/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/04/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 242

04/04/2023 FILE NO. 429

05/25/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/25/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/25/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR

05/25/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE

05/26/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/26/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 606

06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB1075 - An Act Concerning Hospice And Palliative Care.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2023

Categories: Health insurance; Hospice services; Medicaid; Public health, department of; Social services, department of; Telemedicine;

Summary: To provide dignity to hospice care patients by allowing them to pass away comfortably in their home.

Complete 02/22/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/23/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/27/23 10:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/10/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/13/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/22/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/28/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/28/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/28/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 172

03/28/2023 FILE NO. 247
 05/04/2023 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/08/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/09/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/16/2023 SENATE PASSED
 05/16/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR
 05/18/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/18/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 541
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED
 06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

SB1108 - An Act Concerning Access To Reproductive Health Care By Students At Public Institutions Of Higher Education.

Introducers: Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Intro Date: 2/22/2023

Categories: Board of regents for higher education; College students; Connecticut state colleges and universities; Medical care; Reports; University of connecticut;

Summary: To require public institutions of higher education that have residential campuses to establish a plan for access to reproductive health care services by students.

Complete 02/23/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

History: 02/24/2023 PUBLIC HEARING
 03/07/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/07/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/15/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/21/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/21/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 03/21/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 116
 03/21/2023 FILE NO. 151
 05/25/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/25/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 05/25/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 05/26/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/26/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 607
 06/01/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
 06/06/2023 PUBLIC ACT
 06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
 06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

SB1143 - An Act Concerning Solid Waste Management Throughout The State.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2023

Categories: Energy and environmental protection, department of; Environment, joint committee on; Public hearings; Recycling facilities; Reports; Solid waste; State procurement;

Summary: To require approval of revisions to the state's solid waste management plan and the Comprehensive Material's Management Strategy by the legislature's Environment Committee, prescribe certain signs concerning reverse vending machine outages and require the issuance of an RFI relating to the management of the state's solid waste stream.

Complete 02/28/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/06/2023 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/10/23 11:30AM - ENVIRONMENT
 03/24/2023 Joint Favorable
 03/24/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/27/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 04/05/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 04/12/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 04/12/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 312
 04/12/2023 FILE NO. 516
 06/02/2023 SENATE PASSED
 06/02/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 06/03/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 06/03/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 633
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED

06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5317 - An Act Concerning Online Building Permit Applications.

Introducers: Rep. Tim Ackert (R)

Intro Date: 2/27/2023

Categories: Building permits; Electronic data processing; Electronic government information;

Summary: To allow municipalities to accept online building permit applications.

Complete 01/13/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 01/19/2023 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

02/02/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/9/23 11:00AM - GENERAL LAW

02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/9/23 11:00AM - GENERAL LAW

02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/7/23 11:00AM - GENERAL LAW

02/16/2023 Vote to Draft

02/27/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

02/28/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

03/02/2023 Joint Favorable

03/03/2023 FILED WITH LCO

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03/20/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/20/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/20/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 86

03/20/2023 FILE NO. 107

06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED

06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17

06/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

06/05/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 608

06/06/2023 SENATE PASSED

06/06/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5441 - An Act Concerning Clinical Placements For Nursing Students, Reporting By The Office Of Workforce Strategy, Promotion Of The Development Of The Insurance Industry And Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority Student Loan Subsidy Programs For Various Professions.

Introducers: Rep. Rachel Khanna (D)

Intro Date: 3/13/2023

Categories: Apprentices; Connecticut higher education supplemental loan authority; Education department; Health care providers; Higher education, office of; Income tax credits (state); Labor department; Nurses; Reports; State bonds for education; State funds; Student loans; Task forces; Teacher education; Teachers; Workforce development; Workforce strategy, office of;

Summary: To (1) establish a working group to develop a plan to establish clinical placements at state facilities for nursing students at public institutions of higher education, (2) allow a tax credit for nursing preceptors, (3) require the development of a plan for establishing a registered apprenticeship program for teachers, (4) require the Insurance Commissioner to promote development of the insurance industry, and (5) require the establishment of Student Loan Subsidy Program for high-demand professions.

Complete 01/17/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

History: 02/02/2023 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING

02/14/2023 Vote to Draft

03/13/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

03/14/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

03/14/2023 Joint Favorable

03/14/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/22/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/28/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/28/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 173

03/28/2023 FILE NO. 264

05/23/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/23/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/25/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/25/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 559

05/25/2023 FILE NO. 829

06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5575 - An Act Requiring The Department Of Agriculture To Revise Municipal Animal Shelter Regulations.

Introducers: Rep. Dorinda Borer (D)

Intro Date: 2/6/2023

Categories: Agriculture, department of; Animal shelters; Municipal regulations;

Summary: To adhere to best practices relating to animal shelter operations by requiring municipal regulations to comport with state-mandated regulations for private shelters.

Complete 01/18/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 01/23/2023 Vote to Draft

02/06/2023 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

02/07/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

02/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/15/23 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/10/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/22/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/28/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/28/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 174

03/28/2023 FILE NO. 265

04/12/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

04/17/2023 Joint Favorable

04/17/2023 FILED WITH LCO

04/17/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/17/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

04/17/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/03/2023 HOUSE PASSED

05/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/05/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 444

06/07/2023 SENATE PASSED

06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5917 - An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The Vision Zero Council.

Introducers: Rep. Jaime Foster (D)

Intro Date: 1/24/2023

Categories: Autocycle; Bicycle paths; Bicycles; Bikeways; Driver education; Drunken or drugged driving; Eminent domain; Helmets; High schools; Highway safety; Infractions; Middle schools; Motor vehicle accidents; Motor vehicle fatalities; Motor vehicle fines; Motor vehicle operator licenses; Motor vehicle passengers; Motorcycles; Municipalities; Open alcoholic beverage container; Pedestrians; Personal data; Public health, department of; Reports; Seat belts; State police; Studies; Traffic regulations; Traffic safety cameras; Trails; Transportation department; Transportation planning;

Summary: To implement the recommendations of the Vision Zero Council.

Complete 01/18/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 01/25/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

01/26/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 1/30/23 9:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/10/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/13/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/23/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/29/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/29/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/29/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 202

03/29/2023 FILE NO. 304

04/25/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

05/01/2023 Joint Favorable

05/02/2023 FILED WITH LCO

05/02/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

05/02/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

05/02/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/23/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/23/2023 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B

05/23/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/25/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/25/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 558

05/25/2023 FILE NO. 821

06/06/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6548 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Alcoholic Liquor Regulation.

Introducers: General Law Committee
Intro Date: 1/25/2023

Categories: Auctions; Consumer protection department; Fines (penalties); Liquor manufacturers; Liquor permits; Liquor sales; Unfair or deceptive trade practices;

Summary: To: (1) Authorize (A) alcoholic liquor manufacturers to enter into alternating proprietorship agreements, and (B) certain liquor permittees to enter into contract manufacturing agreements; (2) establish temporary auction permits; (3) provide that a permitted manufacturer of spirits or beer that also holds a farmers' market sales permit may sell, and offer free tastings of, its spirits or beer at a farmers' market operated as a nonprofit enterprise or association; (4) expand the off-site farm winery sales and wine, cider and mead tasting permit to include additional liquor permittees; (5) eliminate the sunset date concerning the period during which certain liquor permittees may sell liquor in sealed containers for off-premises consumption; (6) replace temporary beer and liquor permits with a temporary liquor permit for noncommercial entities; (7) authorize the Department of Consumer Protection to issue farmers' market sales permits to spirits manufacturers; (8) authorize certain liquor manufacturers that hold out-of-state shipper's permits for beer to engage in additional sales and shipping activities under festival permits; (9) provide that no person who assists an applicant, backer or liquor permittee in submitting an application for a liquor permit shall submit, or cause to be submitted, any false statement in connection with such application, or engage in any conduct which delays or impedes the Department of Consumer Protection in processing such application, provide that submitting any such statement or engaging in any such conduct shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice within the meaning of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act and authorize the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to impose civil penalties on any person who submits any such statement or engages in any such conduct; (10) provide that a liquor permittee shall be a director, employee, member, officer, partner or shareholder of its backer; (11) provide that the department may summarily suspend a renewed liquor permit if the liquor permittee fails to timely submit a fire marshal certificate to the department; (12) subject beer manufacturers to beer keg identification, receipt and refund requirements; (13) eliminate special club, charitable organization, nonprofit public television corporation and nonprofit corporation permits; and (14) make minor, technical and conforming changes to the Liquor Control Act.

Complete 01/26/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW
History: 01/27/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 1/31/23 1:30PM - GENERAL LAW
03/02/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
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03/20/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/20/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/20/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 87
03/20/2023 FILE NO. 118
05/10/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/10/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/12/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 497
05/12/2023 FILE NO. 780
06/02/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/02/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/02/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
06/06/2023 PUBLIC ACT
06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

HB6569 - An Act Concerning The Minimum Age To Be Eligible To Marry.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 1/30/2023

Categories: Age; Marriage;

Summary: To require that a person be not less than eighteen years of age to be eligible to marry.

Complete 01/31/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY
History: 02/23/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/27/23 10:00AM - JUDICIARY
03/27/2023 Joint Favorable
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04/13/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/13/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/13/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 348
04/13/2023 FILE NO. 577
05/03/2023 HOUSE PASSED
05/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/05/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 438
06/02/2023 SENATE PASSED
06/02/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
06/06/2023 PUBLIC ACT
06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR
HB6573 - An Act Concerning Access To Diaper Changing Tables In Public Buildings And Places Of Public Accommodation.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 1/30/2023

Categories: Children; Codes and standards committee; Diapers; Parents; Public buildings; Rest rooms; State building code; State building inspector;

Summary: To require the revision of the State Building Code to require baby diaper changing tables in certain new construction or substantial renovation projects.

Complete 01/31/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/7/23 11:00AM - CHILDREN

02/24/2023 Joint Favorable

02/27/2023 FILED WITH LCO

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03/07/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/07/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/07/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 43

03/07/2023 FILE NO. 27

04/12/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

04/19/2023 Joint Favorable

04/19/2023 FILED WITH LCO

04/19/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/19/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

04/19/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/04/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/04/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/08/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 459

05/08/2023 FILE NO. 750

06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6580 - An Act Revising Certain Certification Requirements Related To Smoke And Carbon Monoxide Detectors In Residential Buildings.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Intro Date: 1/31/2023

Categories: Carbon monoxide; Real estate; Smoke detectors;

Summary: To revise requirements of the smoke and carbon monoxide detector affidavit.

Complete 02/01/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 02/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/9/23 12:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

02/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/14/23 12:45PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/16/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/03/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 241

04/03/2023 FILE NO. 354

06/05/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17

06/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

06/05/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 612

06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6643 - An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage For The Provision Of Mental Health Wellness Examinations.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; Health insurance; Medicaid; School health services; Social services, department of; Suicide;

Summary: To authorize Medicaid reimbursement for suicide risk assessments and other mental health evaluations and services conducted at

school-based health centers and public schools, and to eliminate the requirement that a mental health wellness examination be conducted by a primary care provider for purposes of insurance coverage.

Complete

History:

02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN
02/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/16/23 11:00AM - CHILDREN
03/02/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/03/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/07/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/14/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/14/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/14/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 62
03/14/2023 FILE NO. 58
04/12/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
04/17/2023 Joint Favorable
04/17/2023 FILED WITH LCO
04/17/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/17/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES
04/17/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/17/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/17/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/19/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/19/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 524
05/19/2023 FILE NO. 791
06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6648 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study The Online Recording, Indexing And Searching Of Municipal Land Records And Maps.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Commissions; Electronic government information; Land records; Policy and management, office of; Reports; Studies;

Summary: To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to (1) establish a commission for the online recording, indexing and searching of municipal land records and maps, and (2) create and maintain an online database for the recording, indexing and searching of municipal land records and maps.

Complete

History:

02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
02/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/15/23 12:00PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/19/2023 Joint Favorable
03/20/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/29/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/04/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 263
04/04/2023 FILE NO. 400
05/10/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/10/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/12/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 501
05/12/2023 FILE NO. 779
06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6651 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study The Impact Of Unclaimed Or Abandoned Real Property On Municipalities.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Abandoned property; Municipalities; Policy and management, office of; Reports; Studies;

Summary: To require the Office of Policy and Management to establish a working group to study the consequences of unclaimed or abandoned real property on the municipalities in which such property is located.

Complete

History:

02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
02/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/15/23 12:00PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/08/2023 Joint Favorable
03/09/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/14/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/21/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/21/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/21/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 108
 03/21/2023 FILE NO. 136
 04/25/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/01/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/02/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/02/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/02/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
 05/02/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/30/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/30/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/31/2023 FILE NO. 844
 06/01/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/01/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 573
 06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6664 - An Act Concerning Managing Waste And Creating A Waste Authority.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Administrative services, department of; Beverage containers; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Environmentally preferable products, services or practices; Fees; Fines (penalties); Food; Governor's bills; Materials innovation and recycling authority; Municipalities; Packaging; Plastics; Product stewardship programs; Recycling; Reports; Solid waste; Solid waste assessments; State government; State procurement;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

History: 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

02/22/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/27/23 9:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

03/24/2023 Joint Favorable

03/24/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/27/2023 FILED WITH LCO

04/06/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/13/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/13/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/13/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 351

04/13/2023 FILE NO. 580

04/25/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

05/02/2023 Joint Favorable

05/03/2023 FILED WITH LCO

05/03/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

05/03/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

05/03/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

06/05/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

06/05/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17

06/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

06/05/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 611

06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6670 - An Act Studying The Consolidation Of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/8/2023

Categories: Intergovernmental relations, advisory commission on; Metropolitan planning organizations; Reports; Studies; Transportation planning;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

History: 02/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

02/23/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/27/23 11:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/17/2023 Joint Favorable

03/20/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/29/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/04/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 266
04/04/2023 FILE NO. 403
05/10/2023 HOUSE PASSED
05/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/12/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 498
06/05/2023 SENATE PASSED
06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6672 - An Act Concerning Endometriosis.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/9/2023

Categories: Advanced practice nurses; Biomedicine; Committees; Continuing education; Health care data; Nurses; Public health, department of; Racial discrimination; Reports; School nurses; Sex discrimination; University of connecticut health center; Women;

Summary: To require school nurses to receive training regarding endometriosis and establish an endometriosis data and biorepository program.

Complete 02/10/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/22/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/03/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/06/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/07/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/14/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/14/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/14/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 63
03/14/2023 FILE NO. 59
04/25/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
05/01/2023 Joint Favorable
05/02/2023 FILED WITH LCO
05/02/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
05/02/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
05/02/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/10/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/10/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/12/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 499
05/12/2023 FILE NO. 775
06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6699 - An Act Concerning Cannabis Regulation.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/15/2023

Categories: Consumer protection department; Express companies; Fees; Gubernatorial appointments; Labor unions; Marijuana; Ombudsman; Ordinances; Packaging; Permits; Reports; State regulations, specific; Studies; Task forces; Zoning;

Summary: To: (1) Define "edible cannabis product"; (2) establish off-site event permits for retailers and hybrid retailers of adult-use cannabis; (3) redefine "bona fide labor organization"; (4) transfer certain duties concerning labor peace agreements to the Labor Department; (5) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt certain regulations concerning cannabis labeling and packaging; (6) expand the permitted activities of product packagers; (7) provide that a delivery service that employs twelve or more individuals to deliver cannabis may only use individuals employed on a full-time basis to deliver cannabis; (8) establish an Office of the Cannabis Ombudsman; and (9) establish a task force to study the potential impact of authorizing individuals who are authorized to cultivate cannabis in their residences to sell, at retail, such cannabis at events organized, at least in part, to facilitate such sales.

Complete 02/16/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW
History: 02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/23/23 11:00AM - GENERAL LAW
03/07/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/17/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/23/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/23/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/23/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 150
03/23/2023 FILE NO. 201
05/09/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/09/2023 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
05/09/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/11/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/11/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 485
 05/11/2023 FILE NO. 764
 06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6700 - An Act Concerning Hemp Licensees And The Adult-Use Cannabis Market.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/15/2023

Categories: Consumer protection department; Fees; Hemp; Labeling; Licenses; Marijuana; State funds;

Summary: To: (1) Enable a licensed hemp producer to seek a cultivator or micro-cultivator license from the Department of Consumer Protection and, if the hemp producer receives a cultivator or micro-cultivator license, participate in the state's adult-use cannabis market; and (2) authorize sales of manufacturer hemp products in additional licensed facilities.

Complete 02/16/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/23/23 11:00AM - GENERAL LAW

03/07/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/08/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/17/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/23/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/23/2023 FAV. RPT., Tabled FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 03/23/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 151
 03/23/2023 FILE NO. 202
 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A,B
 06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
 06/07/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/07/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 627
 06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A,B
 06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A,B
 06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6718 - An Act Concerning The Safe Storage And Disposal Of Certain Prescription Drugs, Cannabis And Cannabis Products.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/15/2023

Categories: Appropriations; Consumer protection department; Controlled substances; Drugs; Labeling; Marijuana; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Opioid settlement fund; Pharmacists;

Summary: To require the (1) printing of statements directing consumers to information concerning the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs, cannabis and cannabis products on containers, packaging or receipts for such items, and (2) Department of Consumer Protection to develop and administer a public awareness campaign concerning the safe storage and disposal of such items.

Complete 02/16/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/21/23 11:00AM - CHILDREN

02/22/2023 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/24/23 11:00AM - CHILDREN
 03/02/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/03/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/09/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 03/15/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 03/15/2023 FAV. RPT., Tabled FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 03/15/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 72
 03/15/2023 FILE NO. 75
 05/18/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/18/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/22/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/22/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 544
 05/22/2023 FILE NO. 812
 06/02/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/02/2023 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE
 06/02/2023 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE HOUSE
 06/02/2023 POTENTIAL DISAGREEING ACTION, Tabled CAL. HO.
 06/02/2023 Tabled FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

06/05/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
06/05/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6726 - An Act Concerning The Regulation Of Livestock And Certain Rabbit Processing Facilities.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/16/2023

Categories: Agriculture, department of; Animal diseases; Animal importers; Animals; Brucellosis; Fines (penalties); Food; Livestock; Milk and milk products; Misdemeanors; Notices; State veterinarian; Tuberculosis; Veterinarians;

Summary: To provide enhanced procedures concerning the regulation of livestock by the Department of Agriculture for the prevention and containment of contagious and infectious diseases and to authorize the regulation and inspection of rabbit producing and processing facilities that produce and process rabbits for consumption by household consumers, hotels and restaurants.

Complete 02/17/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 02/22/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/27/23 10:00AM - JUDICIARY
03/10/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/13/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/21/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/28/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/28/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/28/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 183
03/28/2023 FILE NO. 274
04/12/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
04/19/2023 Joint Favorable
04/20/2023 FILED WITH LCO
04/20/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/20/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON JUDICIARY
04/20/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
06/02/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
06/02/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
06/02/2023 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE
06/02/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
06/02/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 596
06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6729 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Mental Health And Addiction Services' Recommendations Regarding The Membership Of Various Advisory Boards And Councils.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/16/2023

Categories: Advisory bodies; Connecticut valley hospital; Drug abuse treatment; Mental health facilities;

Summary: To (1) include persons with lived experience with a behavioral health disorder on (A) advisory boards for state-operated facilities for the treatment of persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, and (B) the Connecticut Valley Hospital Advisory Council, and (2) eliminate the Connecticut Mental Health Center Advisory Board.

Complete 02/17/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 03/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/13/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/20/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/21/2023 FILED WITH LCO
03/30/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/05/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/05/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 292
04/05/2023 FILE NO. 455
05/03/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/05/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/05/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 440
05/05/2023 FILE NO. 724
06/06/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/06/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

Facilities.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/16/2023

Categories: Health care facilities; Public health, department of;

Summary: To (1) expand the circumstances in which a change in ownership of a health care facility or institution requires approval by the Department of Public Health; and (2) establish an application process for the approval of changes in ownership of health care facilities and institutions.

Complete 02/17/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/13/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2023 Joint Favorable

03/21/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/31/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/06/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/06/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/06/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 300

04/06/2023 FILE NO. 474

04/12/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

04/17/2023 Joint Favorable

04/17/2023 FILED WITH LCO

04/17/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/17/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

04/17/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/24/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/24/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/26/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/26/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 563

05/26/2023 FILE NO. 837

06/06/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6820 - An Act Preventing An Adverse Action Against A Health Care Provider Due To An Adverse Action Taken By Another State As A Result Of Such Provider's Involvement In Providing Reproductive Health Care Services.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2023

Categories: Abortion; Contraceptives; Health care providers; Pregnancy; Sex (gender);

Summary: To prevent (1) the Commissioners of Public Health and Consumer Protection, (2) health care institutions, and (3) medical malpractice insurers from taking any adverse action against a health care provider due to an adverse action taken by another state as a result of such provider's provision of reproductive health care services.

Complete 02/28/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/02/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/6/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/10/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/13/2023 FILED WITH LCO

03/21/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/28/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/28/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 191

03/28/2023 FILE NO. 282

05/18/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/18/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/22/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/22/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 541

05/22/2023 FILE NO. 811

06/06/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

06/06/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6835 - An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2023

Categories: Continuing education; Fees; Health care facilities; Hospitals; Mashantucket pequot indian tribe; Massage therapists; Medical personnel; Mohegan indian tribe; Psychology and psychologists; Vital records;

Summary: To make various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete 03/01/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 03/09/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/13/23 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
 03/27/2023 Joint Favorable
 03/28/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 04/04/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 04/12/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 04/12/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 336
 04/12/2023 FILE NO. 541
 06/06/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/06/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
 06/07/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 06/07/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 625
 06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6846 - An Act Concerning The Implementation Of Crisis Response Drills In Public Schools.

Introducers: Education Committee

Intro Date: 3/1/2023

Categories: Boards of education; Emergency services and public protection, department of; Law enforcement; Reports; School safety; School security;

Summary: To reduce the number and revise the manner in which crisis response drills are conducted in public schools in the state.

Complete 03/02/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION
History: 03/03/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/8/23 12:00PM - EDUCATION
 03/17/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/20/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/29/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 04/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 04/04/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 279
 04/04/2023 FILE NO. 416
 05/09/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/09/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/11/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/11/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 483
 05/11/2023 FILE NO. 762
 06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
 06/07/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/07/2023 IN CONCURRENCE

HB6892 - An Act Concerning Municipal Blight Ordinances And The Fine For Littering.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/8/2023

Categories: Blighted property; Fines (penalties); Littering and dumping; Municipal powers; Population;

Summary: To (1) remove the municipal population threshold for certain parties to petition the Superior Court for the appointment of a receiver for a blighted and abandoned property, (2) allow municipalities to enact blight ordinances concerning both residential and commercial real property, (3) increase the permissible fines for blight ordinance violations, (4) increase the fine for littering to five hundred dollars, (5) reduce notice requirements to lienors when a municipality remediates certain code violations, and (6) remove certain blight violations from the infractions list.

Complete 03/09/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/10/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/15/23 11:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
 03/20/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/20/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 03/29/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 04/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 04/04/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 282

04/04/2023 FILE NO. 419
 05/03/2023 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
 05/09/2023 Joint Favorable
 05/09/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 05/09/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/09/2023 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON JUDICIARY
 05/09/2023 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/16/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/16/2023 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
 05/16/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/18/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/18/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 514
 05/18/2023 FILE NO. 789
 06/01/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
 06/01/2023 IN CONCURRENCE
 06/05/2023 PUBLIC ACT
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
 06/06/2023 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR
 06/07/2023 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

HB6898 - An Act Concerning Expenditure Of Funds From The Juul Labs Settlement.

Introducers: Appropriations Committee

Intro Date: 3/14/2023

Categories: Attorney general; Reports; Structured settlements;

Summary: To require the Attorney General to report on the expenditure of funds from the Juul Labs settlement.

Complete 03/15/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 03/16/2023 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/24/23 11:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/20/2023 Joint Favorable
 04/21/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 04/28/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 05/04/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 05/04/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 05/04/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 471
 05/04/2023 FILE NO. 713
 05/18/2023 HOUSE PASSED
 05/22/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/22/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 548
 06/06/2023 SENATE PASSED
 06/06/2023 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB6914 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Funds In The Opioid And Tobacco Settlement Funds And Funds Received By The State As Part Of Any Settlement Agreement With A Manufacturer Of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System And Vapor Products.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/14/2023

Categories: Municipalities; Opioid settlement fund; Reports; Tobacco and health trust fund; Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To make various revisions to the statutes concerning the use of funds in the opioid and tobacco settlement funds and funds received by the state as part of any settlement agreement with a manufacturer of electronic nicotine delivery system and vapor products.

Complete 03/15/2023 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/17/2023 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/22/23 9:30AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/27/2023 Joint Favorable Substitute
 03/28/2023 FILED WITH LCO
 04/04/2023 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
 04/12/2023 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
 04/12/2023 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
 04/12/2023 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 341
 04/12/2023 FILE NO. 546
 05/17/2023 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/17/2023 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
 05/19/2023 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
 05/19/2023 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 529
 05/19/2023 FILE NO. 796
 06/05/2023 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A



News Release 7

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 7, 2023

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Connecticut Department of Public Health recommends residents be cautious about exercise and outdoor activities due to the poor air quality

HARTFORD, Conn.— With the unhealthy air quality from elevated levels of smoke from the wildfires in Canada, the Connecticut Department of Public Health is recommending that people with asthma or heart and lung conditions avoid outdoor exercise today.

“The health effects for some people may include chest tightness, shortness of breath, wheezing, coughing, eye irritation, chest pain, dizziness or lightheadedness, and other symptoms,” said DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD. “We recommend that you avoid any outdoor exercise today if you have an underlying health condition. Be sure to have your medications readily available and seek medical attention if these issues worsen.”

Commissioner Juthani added that closing windows and doors will help keep smoke out of the home. Children, the elderly, and those with asthma or heart and lung conditions are most at risk for experiencing symptoms from elevated air pollution that is expected today. Even healthy adults who spend prolonged periods outdoors working or exercising should minimize their outdoor exertion because poor air quality can impact even those not considered vulnerable.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protections monitors the state’s air quality and posts air quality forecasts each day on the Air Quality Index (AQI). CT DPH encourages schools, day care providers, summer camps and elder care/senior centers to subscribe to the [Air Quality Index \(ct.gov\)](https://airqualityindex.ct.gov). Subscribing is fast and easy and will provide you with important information each day about Connecticut’s air quality throughout the spring and summer.

Robert L. Miller

From: Robert L. Miller
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:41 AM
To: 'Emergency Management Contacts'; 'Superintendent 2023'
Cc: EHHD-Staff
Subject: EHHD NOTICE & DEMHS IS TRACKING AN AREA OF VERY DENSE SMOKE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO CONNECTICUT THIS AFTERNOON AND CONTINUE INTO THURSDAY MORNING.
Attachments: 6-7-2023+1015+External+Smoke+Update.pdf; air-quality-guide-for-particle-pollution_0.pdf

Greetings EHHD Community Partners – As many of you are aware, Connecticut is experiencing unusually diminished air quality due to wild fires in Canada. Based on the information below and attached from CT DEMHS these conditions are expected to continue through today, and may intensify in the afternoon today. Below are links to the CT DEEP and the EPA websites, which provide more detailed information on air quality measures in the region.

CT DEEP - <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Air/Forecasting/AQI/Air-Quality-Index>

EPA – <https://airnow.gov>

Also attached is the EPA guide to Air Quality Index (AQI) guidance precautions for individuals, and Key Facts to Know About Particulate Pollution.

The current AQI for our area is 156. This is categorized as “Unhealthy” or “Red” level. Here is the EPA guidance for an AQI at an unhealthy level:

Have flexibility in your schedule?

If the forecast is Red (unhealthy), there may still be times during the day when air quality is OK for outdoor activities. Check *current air quality* to see if now is a good time for you to be active outdoors.

Can't change your schedule?

People with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and teens: Reduce your exposure by avoiding strenuous outdoor activities or keeping outdoor activities short. Consider moving physical activities indoors.

Everyone else: Reduce your exposure by choosing less strenuous activities or shortening the amount of time you are active outdoors.

This office will push out any additional information as it becomes available.

Please feel free to pass this information on to your communities.

Yours in Health,
Rob

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Good morning Region #4, ESF#8 Members,
FYI
Joe Danao

-----Original Message-----

From: demhs.alerts@ct.gov <noreply@everbridge.net>

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DEMHS IS TRACKING AN AREA OF VERY DENSE SMOKE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO CONNECTICUT THIS AFTERNOON AND CONTINUE INTO THURSDAY MORNING.

10:15 JUNE 7, 2023 UPDATE

As of 10:15 smoke from the Canadian wildfires continues to be present here in Connecticut. Air quality conditions are currently deemed "unhealthy" with AQI values of 150-170PM2.5.

We are monitoring an area of very dense smoke positioned throughout Upstate New York and northern Pennsylvania as shown in the satellite imagery to the right. This area of dense smoke is modeled to move into Connecticut over the next few hours with higher smoke density expected than what was observed yesterday.

AQI values will likely stay between 150-200PM2.5 however within the highest concentrations of smoke the AQI level could possibly increase to "very unhealthy" with is an AQI value over 200PM2.5

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has issued an Air Quality Action Day for fine particulates from through midnight tonight. An Air Quality Action Day means that fine particulate concentrations within the region may approach or exceed unhealthy standards.

The highest concentrations of smoke is expected to stay in Connecticut through the evening and into the early morning hours of Thursday. Lower concentrations of smoke will linger through much of Thursday.

DESPP / DEMHS will continue to monitor conditions and provide any updates as warranted

Sincerely,
Josh Cingranelli

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Air Quality Guide for Particle Pollution

Harmful particle pollution is one of our nation's most common air pollutants. Use the chart below to help reduce your exposure and protect your health. Visit AirNow.gov for your local air quality forecast (www.airnow.gov).

Air Quality Index	Who Needs to be Concerned?	What Should I Do?
Good (0-50)		It's a great day to be active outside.
Moderate (51-100)	Some people who may be unusually sensitive to particle pollution.	<p>Unusually sensitive people: Consider making outdoor activities shorter and less intense. Watch for symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath. These are signs to take it easier.</p> <p>Everyone else: It's a good day to be active outside.</p>
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101-150)	Sensitive groups include people with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and teenagers, minority populations, and outdoor workers.	<p>Sensitive groups: Make outdoor activities shorter and less intense. It's OK to be active outdoors, but take more breaks. Watch for symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath.</p> <p>People with asthma: Follow your asthma action plan and keep quick relief medicine handy.</p> <p>People with heart disease: Symptoms such as palpitations, shortness of breath, or unusual fatigue may indicate a serious problem. If you have any of these, contact your health care provider.</p>
Unhealthy (151-200)	Everyone	<p>Sensitive groups: Avoid long or intense outdoor activities. Consider rescheduling or moving activities indoors.*</p> <p>Everyone else: Reduce long or intense activities. Take more breaks during outdoor activities.</p>
Very Unhealthy (201-300)	Everyone	<p>Sensitive groups: Avoid all physical activity outdoors. Reschedule to a time when air quality is better or move activities indoors.*</p> <p>Everyone else: Avoid long or intense activities. Consider rescheduling or moving activities indoors.*</p>
Hazardous (301-500)	Everyone	<p>Everyone: Avoid all physical activity outdoors.</p> <p>Sensitive groups: Remain indoors and keep activity levels low. Follow tips for keeping particle levels low indoors.*</p>

***Note:** If you don't have an air conditioner, staying inside with the windows closed may be dangerous in extremely hot weather. If you are hot, go someplace with air conditioning or check with your local government to find out if cooling centers are available in your community.

Key Facts to Know About Particle Pollution:

- Particle pollution can cause serious health problems, including asthma attacks, heart attacks, strokes and early death.
- Particle pollution can be a problem at any time of the year, depending on where you live.
- You can reduce your exposure to ozone pollution and still get exercise! Use [AirNow's \(www.airnow.gov\)](https://www.airnow.gov) current Air Quality Index (AQI) information and forecasts to plan your outdoor activities.

What is particle pollution?

Particle pollution comes from many different sources. Fine particles (2.5 micrometers in diameter and smaller) come from power plants, industrial processes, vehicle tailpipes, woodstoves, and wildfires. Coarse particles (between 2.5 and 10 micrometers) come from crushing and grinding operations, road dust, and some agricultural operations.

Why is particle pollution a problem?

Particle pollution causes a number of serious health problems, including coughing, wheezing, reduced lung function, asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes. It also is linked to early death in people with heart or lung disease.

Do I need to be concerned?

It's always smart to pay attention to your air quality, but it's especially true for people who may be at greater risk. They include:

- People with heart disease.
- People with lung disease, including asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).
- Older adults.
- Children and teenagers because their lungs are still developing, and they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults.
- Pregnant people.
- Minority populations.
- Outdoor workers.

How can I protect myself?

Use AQI forecasts, available on [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov) to plan outdoor activities. On days when the AQI is forecast to be unhealthy, check AirNow for your current air quality and take simple steps to reduce your exposure, including:

- Choose a less intense activity.
- Shorten your outdoor activities.
- Reschedule activities.
- Exercise away from busy roads.

When particle levels are high outdoors, they can be high indoors too.

Keep particles lower indoors:

- Reduce your use of fireplaces and wood stoves. And don't use candles or smoke indoors.
- Use HEPA air filters (<https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq>) in your HVAC system.
- Buy or make your own portable air cleaner designed to reduce particles indoors.

Can I help reduce particle pollution?

Yes! Here are a few tips.

- Drive less: bike or walk, carpool, use public transportation.
- Use energy efficiently; choose ENERGY STAR certified products.
- For cleaner heat, upgrade to a heat pump, electric heat, or ductless heat pumps.
- Keep car, boat and other engines tuned.
- If you use wood for heat, burn it efficiently. Check [EPA's Burn Wise Program](https://www.epa.gov/burnwise) for tips (www.epa.gov/burnwise).
- Don't burn leaves, garbage, plastic or rubber.



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SMOKE MOVING INTO CONNECTICUT

07 JUN 2023 13:21Z NOAA GOES-EAST – GEOCOLOR COMPOSITE - NE

**AREA OF VERY DENSE SMOKE
IN CONNECTICUT THIS AFTERNOON AND
THE NEXT MORNING.**

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Canadian wildfires continues to be present
atmospheric conditions are currently deemed
unfavorable for 150-170PM_{2.5}.

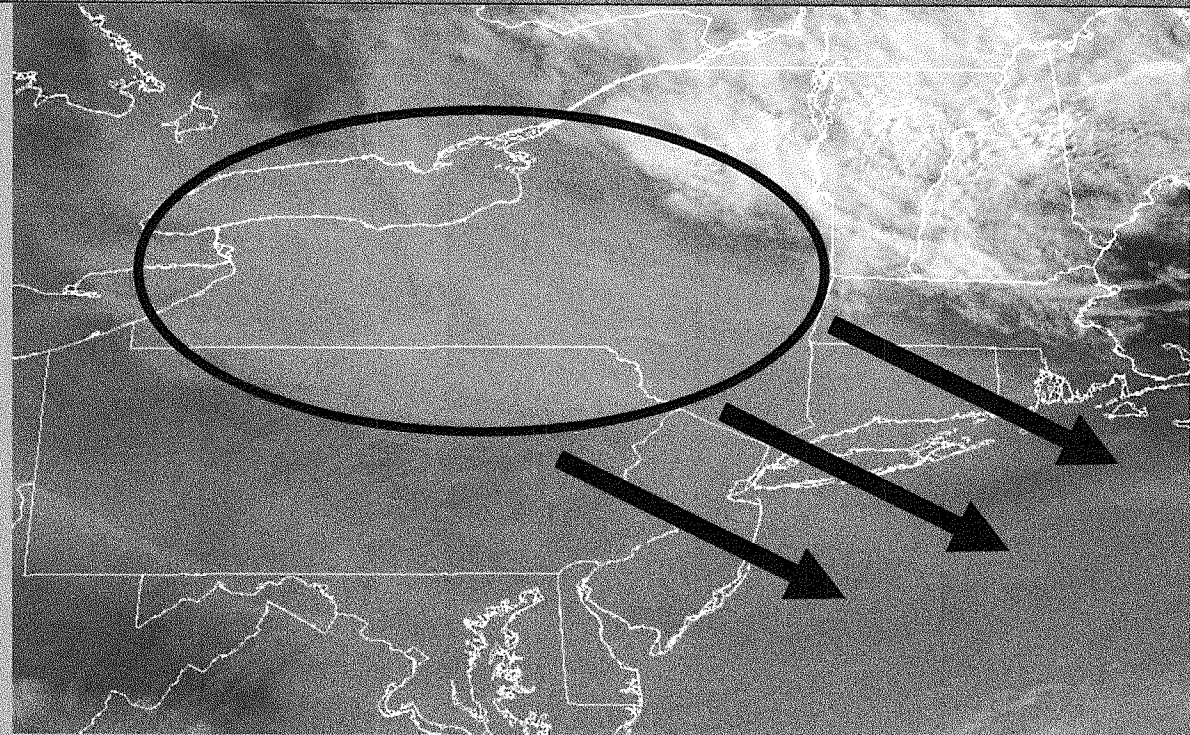
A very dense smoke positioned throughout
northern Pennsylvania as shown in the satellite
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Connecticut over the next 24 hours with higher smoke density expected
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throughout the early morning hours of Thursday.
The smoke will linger through much of Thursday.

The Department will continue to monitor conditions and provide any



AIR QUALITY INDEX FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

TOWN	FINE PARTICLES (PM _{2.5})	AQI SEVERITY LEVEL
BRIDGEPORT	163	UNHEALTHY FOR ALL
CORNWALL	161	UNHEALTHY FOR ALL
DANBURY	159	UNHEALTHY FOR ALL
EAST HARTFORD	154	UNHEALTHY FOR ALL
GROTON	155	UNHEALTHY FOR ALL
NEW HAVEN	156	UNHEALTHY FOR ALL

Robert L. Miller

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Cc: Cecile C. Serazo; Mia A. Mitoma; Courtney LeBlanc; Ande Bloom
Subject: EHHD Air Quality Information for Schools & Daycares
Attachments: School guidance.pdf

Hello Everyone – Attached is guidance issued by CT DPH specific for schools regarding outdoor air quality.

The relevant website that corresponds to this guidance can be found at: www.airnow.gov

Yours in health,
Rob

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Air Quality and Outdoor Activity Guidance for Schools

Regular physical activity — at least 60 minutes each day — promotes health and fitness. The table below shows when and how to modify outdoor physical activity based on the Air Quality Index. This guidance can help protect the health of all children, including teenagers, who are more sensitive than adults to air pollution. Check the air quality daily at www.airnow.gov.

Air Quality Index	Outdoor Activity Guidance
 GOOD	Great day to be active outside!
 MODERATE	Good day to be active outside! Students who are unusually sensitive to air pollution could have symptoms.*
 UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	It's OK to be active outside, especially for short activities such as recess and physical education (PE). For longer activities such as athletic practice, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.* Students with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep their quick-relief medicine handy.
 UNHEALTHY	For all outdoor activities , take more breaks and do less intense activities. Consider moving longer or more intense activities indoors or rescheduling them to another day or time. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.* Students with asthma should follow their asthma action plans and keep their quick-relief medicine handy.
 VERY UNHEALTHY	Move all activities indoors or reschedule them to another day.

*** Watch for Symptoms**

Air pollution can make asthma symptoms worse and trigger attacks. Symptoms of asthma include coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, and chest tightness. Even students who do not have asthma could experience these symptoms.

If symptoms occur:

The student might need to take a break, do a less intense activity, stop all activity, go indoors, or use quick-relief medicine as prescribed. If symptoms don't improve, get medical help.

Robert L. Miller

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Cc:
Subject: FW: 5PM DEMHS AQI Alert
Attachments: 6-7-2023+1700+External+Smoke+Update.pdf; air-quality-guide-for-particle-pollution_0.pdf

Hello Everyone – Below is updated information from DEMHS regarding air quality. You will note from the attached map that the EHHD area is currently experiencing “unhealthy” conditions, with some improvement forecasted for tomorrow morning.

I have also once again attached is the Air Quality Index guidance document for your edification.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Your in health,
Rob

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Please see the message below, and attachment regarding continuing dense smoke in CT (particularly for southern CT).

DEMHS IS CONTINUING TO MONITOR DENSE SMOKE FROM THE CANADIAN WILDFIRES. AIR QUALITY LEVELS HAVE REACHED THE 'HAZARDOUS' LEVEL IN PARTS OF CONNECTICUT.

17:00 JUNE 7, 2023 UPDATE

As of 17:00 very dense smoke from the Canadian wildfires continues to be present here in Connecticut. The densest smoke is positioned through portions of southwestern Connecticut as seen

on the map to the right. Air quality conditions have deteriorated drastically with 'hazardous' air quality values being reported in Bridgeport and the immediate surrounding area which is the highest level of the scale. The AQI level in Bridgeport is currently 313ug/m³ which is the highest recorded value in Connecticut since EPA records started in 1999. The previous highest recorded value was 166ug/m³ just yesterday.

New Haven, Fairfield and southern Litchfield counties are currently experiencing 'very unhealthy' AQI values while Hartford, Tolland, northern Litchfield, Middlesex, New London, and Windham counties are experiencing unhealthy conditions.

AQI values are projected to remain between unhealthy and hazardous through the overnight hours with some relief expected to work in Thursday morning and falling values through the day on Thursday.

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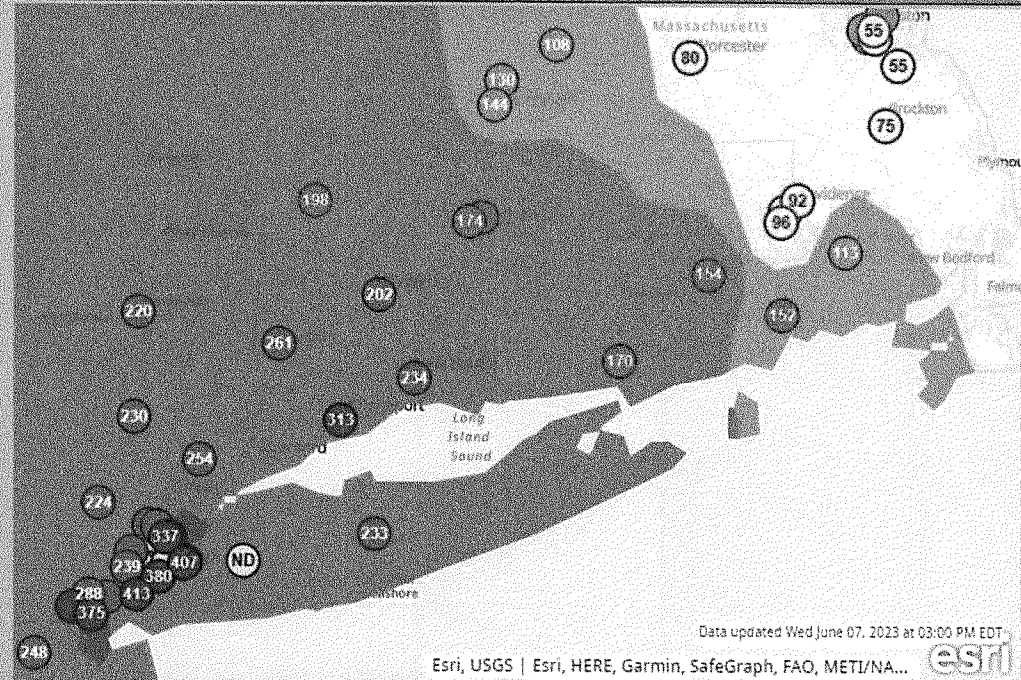
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CURRENT AQI VALUES AS OF 16:30, JUNE 7, 2023



CURRENT AIR QUALITY INDEX AS OF 16:30

TOWN	FINE PARTICLES (PM _{2.5})	AQI SEVERITY LEVEL
BRIDGEPORT	313	HAZARDOUS
CORNWALL	198	UNHEALTHY
DANBURY	261	VERY UNHEALTHY
EAST HARTFORD	174	UNHEALTHY
GROTON	170	UNHEALTHY
NEW HAVEN	234	VERY UNHEALTHY
WATERBURY	202	VERY UNHEALTHY

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OPHPR-2023-010

TO: Directors of Health (3-deep listing)

DATE: June 8, 2023

FROM: Francesca Provenzano, MPH, RS
Chief, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

SUBJECT: N-95s Available

Over the past few days, Connecticut has experienced some of the worst air quality on record. Guidance has been issued by the Department of Public Health regarding precautions individuals should take. While we continue to closely monitor the situation, it is anticipated that poor air quality may continue into next week and that municipalities may be receiving inquiries from residents on the need for masks.

The Department of Public Health would like to offer N95s to communities in Connecticut for distribution to at-risk populations, or those subject to increased exposure (e.g., individuals who work outdoors). To order N-95s, please use the following link: <https://veoci.com/v/p/195647/workflow/z7hyjyg8nh89>

Tips for ordering:

- When you select *Industry Type* on the dropdown list (municipality), N-95s will appear;
- Orders and requests are by the number of cases. When you hover over the question mark next to the N-95 box, you will see how many N-95s are in a single case.
- Please complete all contact information. We can't reach you or communicate with you, otherwise.
- ****PLEASE INDICATE YOUR REGION (R1, R2, R3, R4, or R5)**** in the *Notes/Comments* field at the very bottom of the form.**
- If you are interested in picking up the order, please also make note of that in the *Notes/Comments* field, and the warehouse will contact you when the delivery is ready for pickup.

Because we anticipate the need for utilizing regional drop sites, we have a tight timeline for ordering. To ensure timely delivery of N-95s, the deadline for orders is **Friday, June 9th at noon**. Details will follow.

For additional questions, please email PHAD.dph@ct.gov. Our staff monitor the email account regularly. Thank you!

c: Lisa Michelle Morrissey, MPH, Deputy Commissioner
M. Mozzer, Planning Specialist
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Hello Emergency Managers & other Town Officials – This office was recently notified of the availability of no cost N95's for your communities. Based on the attached memorandum from the CT DPH there does not appear to be a limit on the number you can order. That said, please refer to the attached memorandum for instructions on how to order.

Important note: the deadline for orders is Friday, June 9, 2023, at noon.

Yours in health,

Rob

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7:30 PM JUNE 5, 2023 UPDATE

Near ground level smoke is expected to arrive in Connecticut late Monday night (tonight) and continue into Tuesday afternoon. The smoke is a result of wildfires burning in the Quebec and Ontario provinces of Canada.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has issued an Air Quality Action Day for fine particulates from midnight tonight to midnight tomorrow night (00:00-23:59). An Air Quality Action Day means that fine particulate concentrations within the region may approach or exceed unhealthy standards.

In addition to air quality concerns there will also be intermittent reduced visibility throughout the night and continuing into Tuesday afternoon. The air may also have the smell of smoke throughout the day on Tuesday.

The smoke is modeled to exit the state Tuesday night and should be completely gone by Wednesday morning. The air may have a smell of smoke to it for much of Tuesday.

DESPP / DEMHS will continue to monitor conditions and provide any updates as warranted.

Sincerely,
Josh Cingranelli

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— STATE COMPTROLLER —
SEAN SCANLON

Comptroller Sean Scanlon Rural Health Care Summit
Monday, May 15, 2023
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
UConn's Innovation Partnership Building, 169 Discovery Drive, Storrs, CT

AGENDA

- I. 11:00am – 11:10am Welcoming Remarks**
 1. Radenka Maric – UConn President
 2. Comptroller Sean Scanlon
- II. 11:10am – 11:15am Introduction of participants**
 1. 15 seconds introduction
- III. 11:15am – 11:50am Discussion begins**
 - a. Issue Topic: Health Equity
 - b. Issue Topic: Accessibility (Transportation, access to variety of locations & Internet access)
 - c. Issue Topic: Affordability
- IV. 11:50am – 12:00pm Break**
- V. 12:00pm – 12:45pm Discussion Continues**
 - a. Issue Topic: Lack of Specialist and Consolidation
 - b. Issue Topic: Work Force Training/Staff Shortages & Retention
 - c. Issue Topic: Addiction Services and Mental Health Challenges
- VI. 12:50pm Closing Remarks**

GROUP QUESTION: How are rural areas in Connecticut defined/viewed and why is the delivery and access to care unique to these regions when compared to urban or more suburban towns?

Issue Areas to discuss:

1. **Health Equity**
 - Q1: What are challenges facing health equity in this region of Connecticut and who is most impacted? Why is there such a divide in the access to quality care?
 - Q2: What has been done and what can be done to close the gap in access to quality care and ensure the burdens on healthcare are more equitably distributed?
 - Q3: What role does each stakeholder—legislators, advocates and healthcare providers—play in addressing inequities in rural healthcare accessibility and affordability?
2. **Accessibility (transportation, access to variety of locations & internet access)**
 - Q1: We sometimes find that - even when people have access to high-quality health coverage - they don't have the ability to utilize that coverage, whether it's due to lack of available transportation or lack of access to digital technology in their homes. How do we address this?
 - Q2: The pandemic showed us that we can see a doctor virtually and safely from the comfort of our own home. As we see the healthcare landscape and specifically telemedicine alter the delivery of care, how can these tools help to provide access to quality care? What are some of the cons of this type of delivery?
 - Q3: The old saying is “if you build it, they will come,” but if residents in rural areas cannot physically get to their doctor or nearby hospital (and vice versa), or have no access to digital technology, the sustainability of these care centers are impacted. What can we do increase transportation, provide greater connectivity via transit or fiber optics?
3. **Affordability**
 - Q1: Are there cost drivers unique to rural areas that are dramatically increasing the cost of accessing or delivering care?
 - Q2: For healthcare professionals, are you finding that the cost of care in this area is impacting the health of patients—such as putting off routine visits or delaying needed surgeries? For residents, are you finding yourselves pushing those procedures further down the road, perhaps due to fear of being burdened by medical debt?
 - Q3: What can we do to bring down the cost of care in rural areas? What has been done to successfully lower costs and what just hasn't been effective?
4. **Lack of specialists/consolidation**
 - Q1: Is it expensive or not financially feasible to operate specialty care or even a PCP in rural regions? Are smaller practices being acquired by larger health groups and if so, what has the impact of this been?

- Q2: a more mobile model—such as traveling nurses—help to address the lack of specialty care? What can we do to spur more practices—large or small—to set up an operation in rural areas?
5. **Workforce training/staff shortages & retention**
- Q1. What are you seeing when it comes to training staff, hiring staff and keeping staff in Rural CT?
 - Q2: What are the effects of staff shortages on healthcare delivery? What can be done to address it?
 - Q3: Hospitals—not matter where they are located—are facing post-pandemic burn out and shortages due to financial challenges. Connecticut has invested in workforce training and streamlined some red tape around the certification to practice but clearly more must be done. What are some innovative ideas that some rural hospitals have done elsewhere or what can be done to spread resources more equitably?
6. **Addiction services & mental health challenges**
- Q1: Small towns and rural areas are hit hardest by the opioid crisis, region 3 according to DMHAS has the highest rates of drug and alcohol use and mental health challenges compared to other parts of the state, are there enough resources to combat these statistics especially when rural and small towns that make up this region are known to be the hardest hit for epidemic such as the opioid crisis?
 - Q2: How do substance abuse treatment services vary between rural and urban areas? What impact did COVID have on mental health and substance abuse treatment? What are the risk factors for substance abuse in rural communities?

NEWS BRIEFING

CDC ties sick workers to 40% of restaurant food poisoning cases



A rescue team inspects the wreckage of a bus Tuesday after it skidded off a bridge in Indian-controlled Kashmir, killing at least 10 and injuring 55, according to police. The bus was carrying Hindu pilgrims to a shrine in the Himalayan region. India has one of the highest road death rates in the world, with hundreds of thousands of people killed and injured annually. Channi Anand/AP

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Food workers who showed up while sick or contagious were linked to about 40% of restaurant food poisoning outbreaks with a known cause between 2017 and 2019, federal health officials said Tuesday.

Norovirus and salmonella, germs that can cause severe illness, were the most common cause of 800 outbreaks, which encompassed 875 restaurants and were reported by 25 state and local health departments.

Investigators with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called for better enforcement of “comprehensive food safety policies,” which emphasize basic measures like hand washing and keeping sick workers off the job.

Although 85% of restaurants said they had policies restricting staff from working while sick, only about 16% of the policies were detailed enough to require workers to notify managers and to stay home if they had any of the five key symptoms — including vomiting, diarrhea and sore throat with fever.

About 44% of managers told the CDC their restaurants provided paid sick leave to workers. That’s a problem, according to Mitzi Baum, the chief executive of STOP Foodborne Illness, a nonprofit advocacy group.

She said it means workers are forced to choose between earning money or showing up sick — or there’s social pressure not to leave fellow employees short-staffed.

About 48 million people a year in the U.S. are sickened by foodborne illness, including 128,000 who are hospitalized and 3,000 who die, according to the CDC.

Capitol rioter sentence: A Pennsylvania restaurant owner who screamed death threats directed at then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi while storming the U.S. Capitol was sentenced Tuesday to more than two years in prison.

Pauline Bauer was near Pelosi’s office suite on Jan. 6, 2021, when she yelled at police officers to bring out the California Democrat so the mob of Donald Trump supporters could hang her.

In January, U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden convicted Bauer of riot-related charges after hearing trial testimony without a jury.

The judge sentenced her to two years and three months of imprisonment, giving her credit for the several months she already has served in jail, court records show.

More than a year before the trial, McFadden ordered Bauer to be jailed for several months for violating conditions of her release. She had claimed the court has no authority over her and told the judge that she doesn't want "any lawyering from the bench."

Biden remembrance: President Joe Biden marked Tuesday's eighth anniversary of one of the saddest days of his life, the death of his son Beau, by attending a memorial Mass and visiting his gravesite.

Biden, his wife, Jill, and other family members prayed for Beau Biden during the Mass in St. Joseph on the Brandywine, the Roman Catholic church where the president worships during weekends at his home near Wilmington, Delaware.

Afterward, the family visited Beau Biden's gravesite in the church cemetery. The president later traveled to Veterans Memorial Park in New Castle for his annual tradition of paying his respects and laying flowers.

Beau Biden was 46 when he died of brain cancer in 2015. His father was vice president at the time.

Christie campaign looms: Allies of former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie have launched a new super PAC to support his expected candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

Christie has painted himself as the only potential candidate willing to directly take on former President Donald Trump, who is currently leading the GOP field by wide margins.

The former governor and federal prosecutor was a longtime friend and adviser to Trump but broke with the former president over his refusal to accept the results of the 2020 election, and has emerged as a leading Trump critic in the years since.

Christie, who is expected to enter the race "imminently," according to one person familiar with his thinking who, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss his plans, will likely face an uphill battle to the nomination if he goes through with a run.

He is currently polling at the bottom of the large candidate pack, and there appears to be little appetite in the party for an anti-Trump candidate, even as many Republican voters say they are open to an alternative.

Iowa building collapse: Five residents of a six-story apartment building that partially collapsed in Davenport, Iowa remained unaccounted for Tuesday, and

authorities feared at least two of them might be stuck inside rubble that was too dangerous to search.

The three other missing residents are not believed to have been in the building when it started collapsing Sunday afternoon, said state Rep. Monica Kurth.

After the partial collapse, the city had announced plans to begin demolishing the unstable remains of the 116-year-old brick-and-steel structure as early as Tuesday morning, but they delayed that after a woman was found Monday evening.

Officials now say immediate demolition was never intended, but they did want to quickly stage the site for the tear-down. The woman's rescue prompted officials to see if they could safely enter and ensure others weren't inside, but that is extremely difficult when the building could collapse at any time, they said.

NATO troops to Kosovo: NATO will send 700 more troops to northern Kosovo to help quell violent protests after clashes with ethnic Serbs there left 30 international soldiers wounded, the alliance announced Tuesday.

The latest violence in the region has stirred fear of a renewal of the 1998- 99 conflict in Kosovo that claimed more than 10,000 lives and left more than 1 million people homeless.

The clashes grew out of a confrontation that unfolded last week after ethnic Albanian officials elected in votes overwhelmingly boycotted by Serbs entered municipal buildings to take office.

More violence followed on Monday when Serbs clashed with police and NATO peacekeepers.

Manson follower ruling: A California appeals court said Tuesday that Leslie Van Houten, who participated in two killings at the direction of cult leader Charles Manson in 1969, should be let out of prison on parole.

The appellate court's ruling reverses an earlier decision by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who rejected parole for Van Houten in 2020.

She has been recommended for parole five times since 2016.

Van Houten, now in her 70s, is serving a life sentence for helping Manson and other followers kill Leno LaBianca, a grocer in Los Angeles, and his wife, Rosemary. Van Houten was 19 at the time.

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Greetings Everyone – Below is a message from Governor Lamont announcing the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration in Connecticut and the country, with an explanation of related service changes at the state level.

For our part here at the Eastern Highlands Health District we too will be modifying pandemic response services. Most notably we will be *ceasing our weekly COVID-19 Reports* that you have been receiving over the past two and half years. We will be taking this time to rethink our surveillance reporting program. Please look for a new report format and content sometime this summer.

Our COVID-19 vaccination program is continuing. Our weekly schedule of vaccination clinics will remain in place as long as the supply of federally purchased vaccine is available. Any updates to the clinic schedule can be found here: <http://ehhd.org/covid19vaccination>

The infection control technical support we provide schools, daycares, and employers will remain in place. We look forward to continuing our support of our school communities with any issues regarding communicable disease control and prevention.

Our public health education program will continue as an essential service provided by this agency with updated COVID-19 materials and information integrated into the existing program.

Free COVID-19 self-test kits will continue to be available at our main office at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, as long as supplies last.

With the end of the public health emergency I want to take this opportunity to thank our community partners for their support of our agency's efforts to protect the health of our residents during this public health crisis. It was truly an "all hands on deck", full community effort. Thank you.

Yours in health,
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GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

Governor Lamont Announces Connecticut's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration Will End on May 11, Explains Impact on Related Services and Programs

Posted on May 10, 2023

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont today announced that the public health emergency declaration he initially signed on March 10, 2020, in response to the global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic will terminate effective May 11, 2023 – the same date that President Joe Biden has directed the related federal public health emergency declaration to expire.

Governor Lamont's declaration has enabled Connecticut's executive branch to utilize certain emergency powers to address the crisis and provide more flexibility in a number of health-related areas, while also ensuring that federal resources in response to the pandemic could be delivered to the state. With the expiration of this declaration, the remaining policies enacted under it will also expire, and COVID-19 will be managed by state public health officials on an ongoing basis similar to other respiratory illnesses.

"Ending the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration does not mean that the virus has been eradicated," **Governor Lamont said**. "This declaration provided us with the tools needed to develop an immediate, urgent, and frontline response to the initial outbreak, and put in place the structure necessary to ensure the people of our state have the protections needed to respond to it. We have made much progress from where we were three years ago, and the workers in Connecticut's public health community have gone above and beyond at building a testing infrastructure, a vaccination program, a sophisticated disease reporting network, and a means to distribute therapeutics, PPE, and more than 1.5 million self-testing kits. I continue to urge Connecticut residents to take actions to protect themselves from the spread of COVID-19 and all respiratory viruses – stay home when you're sick, get vaccinated and boosted to limit your risk of contracting viruses, and listen to the advice of medical experts on ways to stay healthy."

"Although the public health emergency declaration is ending, residents still should get vaccinated, get the updated vaccine, use at-home tests, stay home when they're sick, and based on your own medical conditions, consider wearing a high-quality mask when respiratory viruses are circulating at high levels in their community. These are all ways we can continue to protect ourselves and manage this virus," **Connecticut Department of Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD, said**. "We hope that COVID-19 will follow the trajectory of other seasonal illnesses, but we

certainly expect to once again ramp up our efforts during respiratory disease season, which typically runs from October through April.”

Connecticut residents can expect the end of the federal and state declarations to have an impact on the following services and programs:

Testing for COVID-19

- Connecticut's remaining state-supported COVID-19 test sites, which are operating at four community health centers, will end on June 30, 2023.
- The costs of PCR tests for COVID-19 will begin transitioning to traditional health care coverage, similar to the way it is handled for other respiratory illnesses, and covered fully or in part by an individual's private insurance plan; publicly funded programs such as Medicare and Medicaid; or directly by consumers.
- The costs of at-home, self-test kits for COVID-19 will also transition to traditional health care coverage, in which it is covered fully or in part by a private or public insurance plan, or directly by consumers. For a limited time, the federal government continues to offer the ability of U.S. households to request a shipment of free self-test kits – which can be obtained by filling out a form at covid.gov/tests – however that program is dependent on available supply and is likely to end soon.

Vaccinations for COVID-19

- The costs of receiving COVID-19 vaccines and boosters will begin transitioning to traditional health care coverage, similar to the way these are handled for other types of illnesses, and covered fully or in part by an individual's private or public insurance plan, or directly by consumers. However, it is anticipated that most private and public insurance plans will continue covering all costs of COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters without a co-pay or cost-share for consumers.
- The federal government plans on distributing all of the remaining COVID-19 vaccines and boosters it currently has in its inventory to vaccine providers (such as retail pharmacies and health care providers), which are then provided to individuals at no cost, until that inventory is depleted or expires.
- The Connecticut Department of Public Health will end its mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic program on June 30, 2023. Any organization that is interested in hosting a clinic before the program ends must submit a request to the department by June 19, 2023, at ct.gov/coronavirus.
- The Connecticut Department of Public Health will end its homebound COVID-19 vaccination program on June 30, 2023. After this date, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters will be provided to individuals who are homebound similar to the way the seasonal influenza vaccine and other preventative health care services are offered. Individuals who are homebound should contact their health care provider to receive these services.

Therapeutics for COVID-19

- The costs of receiving treatments for COVID-19 such as Paxlovid and Lagevrio will begin transitioning to traditional health care coverage, similar to the costs one may incur for other drugs and treatments, and covered fully or in part by an individual's private or public insurance plan, or directly by consumers.

Support for long-term care facilities in response to COVID-19

- The Connecticut Department of Public Health will continue to support long-term care facilities in helping to identify any COVID-19 outbreaks. The department is committed to offering education and training for outbreak control to protect the state's most vulnerable individuals.

Program waivers for the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

- WIC program waivers will end 90 days after the declarations are terminated, which is August 9, 2023. The Connecticut Department of Public Health will soon announce more information on this topic.

Data reports on COVID-19

- The Connecticut Department of Public Health will transition its data reporting on COVID-19 testing, hospitalizations, deaths, and vaccination rates to the same reporting period it uses under its seasonal respiratory surveillance reporting program, which usually begins each year in early October and ends in late May or early June.
- This means that the department will issue its final COVID-19 data report for the 2022-2023 respiratory viral disease season on June 1, 2023. The 2023-2024 reporting period will begin on October 5, 2023, and end in late May or early June of 2024.
- This new COVID-19 data report will include data that are relevant to current COVID-19 disease activity and trends and integrate COVID-19 with viral respiratory surveillance reporting, including influenza.

Ongoing communications related to COVID-19 will continue to be published on the Connecticut Department of Public Health's website at ct.gov/dph. Additionally, the most up-to-date federal guidance on COVID-19 is available on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website at cdc.gov/coronavirus.

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Subject: FW: CMIR Survey

Greetings Everyone – I am passing the below item on to all EHHD partners.

Regards,

Robert L. Miller, MPA, RS

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Subject: CMIR Survey

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Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation submitted a proposal to acquire Prospect CT, Inc., which owns Waterbury Hospital, Manchester Memorial Hospital, and Rockville General Hospital. To understand how it will affect the community's healthcare, the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is reaching out to you for input. We want to know your honest opinion about this possible merger.

Please take a moment to fill out this quick 5-minute survey and share your thoughts on how this potential merger may affect healthcare services in your community.

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Re: Changes to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings

Dear Colleagues:

May 11, 2023, marks the end of the federal public health emergency declaration for COVID-19. Changes are needed to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings to ensure continuity of surveillance data and to align with federal reporting requirements.

As Commissioner of DPH, I hereby amend these lists as follows: COVID-19-associated deaths are added to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and negative SARS-CoV-2 results are removed from the List Reportable of Laboratory Findings. Positive SARS-CoV-2 NAAT and antigen test results will continue to be reportable from locations testing under a CLIA certificate or certificate of waiver. This action is taken pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-2a and Section 19a-215 and Section 19a-36-A7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

During the pandemic, COVID-19-associated deaths were reportable to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency. With the expiration of the federal public health emergency, OCME will transition COVID-19 death surveillance to DPH. COVID-19-associated deaths shall be a Category 2 condition and must be reported electronically or by fax within 12 hours. DPH will share the report with the local health department for the town where the case patient resides and will follow up with the provider as needed to collect additional information.

Thank you for your continued partnership in addressing the public health of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner



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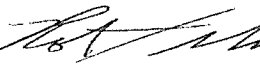


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Memo

To: EHHD Farmers Market Masters and Food Vendors

From: Robert Miller, MPH, RS, Director of Health 

CC: EHHD Sanitarians

Date: May 3, 2023

Re: Changes to Farmers Market Food Vendor Licensing Requirements

State Adoption of the FDA Food Code

On February 17, 2023 the State of Connecticut adopted new food safety regulations. The new regulations replace the old Ct Public Health Code with the FDA Food Code Regulations (Section 19a-36h). As a result of these changes in the State of Connecticut food safety regulations there is a **new food vendor category that is now required to obtain a Farmers Market Food Vendors License prior to providing food products at a Farmers Market**. This new food vendor general category includes vendors that provide:

- Food or beverage that must be temperature controlled for safety during storage or display because they are potentially hazardous (requires refrigeration or freezing). While not a complete list, a few examples of past vendors that did not require a license, but now do under this new regulation include a butcher selling raw meat or seafood, a vendor that sells commercially pre-packaged ice cream, a vendor that sells cheeses, or a vendor that sells cream or custard filled baked goods.

As always, vendors that conduct food preparation at the market, or offer ready to eat samples must continue to obtain a food license to serve food at the market.

Additional information regarding the FDA Food Code changes can be found on our website at <http://www.ehhd.org/fdacodes>

Itinerant Food Vendor Licensing Reciprocity

In addition to changes to the food safety regulations outlined above, the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) recently executed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that establishes food licensing reciprocity for licensed Itinerant Food Vendors**, i.e. food trucks, and trailers. The execution of this MOU by the EHHD means food trucks that are already licensed by another **participating** local health department are not required to apply for, or pay for a food license with the EHHD. They are still, however, required to notify us ahead of their participation at the Farmers Market. Such notification can be made via our online permitting platform at <https://easternhighlandshealthdistrict.viewpointcloud.com/>. Furthermore, such vendors are still subject to a health inspection by the EHHD as part of the scheduled event. *This initiative only applies to self-contained mobile food trucks and trailers that obtain an annual operating license from another participating local health department.*

More information on this license reciprocity initiative can be found on the CT DPH website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Food-Protection-Program/Itinerant-Food-Vendors>

We encourage market masters to pass on this information to all food vendors.

All questions regarding these changes to the Farmers Market Food Vendor Licensing Requirements can be directed to ehhd@ehhd.org or 860-429-3325.



Journal Inquirer, Manchester, Conn.

Crews clean up septic mess in Tolland



Jamila Young, Journal Inquirer, Manchester, Conn.

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Apr. 21—TOLLAND — Overflow and a broken septic valve kept crews busy Wednesday and Thursday, cleaning up a mess at 62 Merrow Road.

Tolland Town Manager Brian Foley said on Wednesday that the Eastern Highlands Health District had ordered Ken Denning, the owner of the property, which includes the Electric Blue strip club, to pump out an overflowing septic tank.

Public Works Director Scott Lappen said he noticed a tank overflow on Wednesday, and that's when the health department got involved.

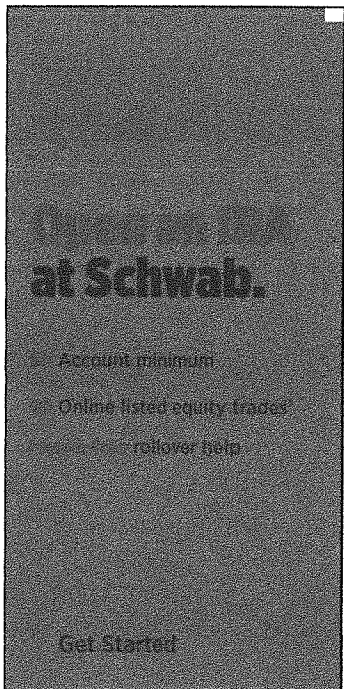
Lappen said a contractor hired by the property owner was told that a valve shouldn't be opened without excavating it first, but on Wednesday, the contractor tried to open the valve and broke it.

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Lappen said the debris from the pipe should have been cleaned first and that led to the overflow — the first of two.

On Wednesday night, the pipe was cut and a cap was put over the end to stop the leak as a temporary fix.

"A valve is a safeguard so he could start his plumbing from the valve, but once he broke the valve, we were here until 10 p.m. last night," Lappen said Thursday.



Chief Building Officer James Paquin said the Subway restaurant near the property was shut down temporarily Wednesday and Thursday until the parking lot was cleaned.

"I've been in public works for 35 years. I've seen many operations. None quite like this," Lappen said.

Jamila covers Coventry and Tolland for the Journal Inquirer.

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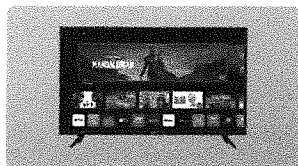
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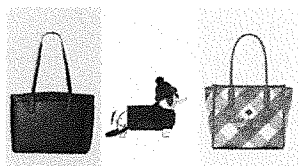
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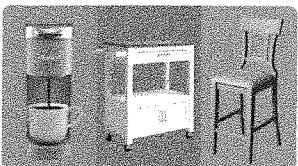
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Subject: Eastern Highlands Health District Membership

Dear First Selectman Swan – I want to follow up our conversation a few months ago regarding the prospect of the Town of Woodstock joining the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD). I brought the matter to the attention of our Board of Directors. After a thoughtful discussion it is the consensus of the Board that now is not an optimal time for our agency to consider growth. A number of challenges are set before our agency, and local health departments in Connecticut. Expanding our operations at this time would create further undue complications.

This office and the Board of Directors do greatly appreciate your exploration of this matter, and consideration of the EHHD. I know I speak for the entire Board in wishing the best for you and the Town of Woodstock.

Sincerely and respectfully,
 Rob

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Robert L. Miller

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Subject: RE: Eastern Highlands Health District Membership

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Rob:

Have to say I am not surprised, I can only speak for Canterbury but I think that the consensus is that we need to work to fix NDDH so that I better serves our needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Lippke, First Selectman

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From: Robert L. Miller <MillerRL@ehhd.org>
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Subject: Eastern Highlands Health District Membership

Dear First Selectman Lippke – I want to follow up our conversation a few months ago regarding the prospect of the Town of Canterbury joining the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD). I brought the matter to the attention of our Board of Directors. After a thoughtful discussion it is the consensus of the Board that now is not an optimal time for our agency to consider growth. A number of challenges are set before our agency, and local health departments in Connecticut. Expanding our operations at this time would create further undue complications.

This office and the Board of Directors do greatly appreciate your exploration of this matter, and consideration of the EHHD. I know I speak for the entire Board in wishing the best for you and the Town of Canterbury.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
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Area restaurants flagged by inspectors

Rodent feces, roach carcasses, unsanitary habits among issues

BY PAM MCLOUGHLIN HARTFORD COURANT

Roach carcasses, flies, rodent droppings and cooks with unsanitary habits such as taste-testing sauce on a hand and scratching a scalp without handwashing were just a few of the problems found at Bloomfield restaurants by health inspectors for the West Hartford/Bloomfield Health District.

The Courant obtained the public records through a Freedom of Information request that was fulfilled quickly and with a charge.

The records show at least eight restaurants/eateries in Bloomfield failed the inspection, but corrected the most serious violations by a re-inspection two weeks later or by a second re-inspection about a month later.

Kim Krauss, director of the health district said the surprise inspections carry a “snapshot in time” and “we know people make mistakes.”

The purpose of the inspections, she said, is to keep the public and workers safe, as well as to educate restaurant owners on safe practices.

Krauss said that since the COVID-19 pandemic the employee turnover in restaurants has been high, so owners have to keep training.

Krauss said there’s an important collaborative and educational component to inspections, as inspectors work through problems with owners for as long as it takes.

That’s an opportunity for restaurants to ask questions,” she said. “Our goal is to protect the public’s health,” as well as that of employees.

None of the restaurants on the Bloomfield fail list were closed permanently, although some may have closed for a few days to correct problems, Krauss said.

Records show Bloomfield restaurants/eateries that failed inspection from August 2022 to February 2023 include:

Isaac’s Bagel Cafe, 16 Mountain Ave., failed inspection on Oct. 17, 2022 with a score of 67 and two four-point violations, including hot and cold holding temperatures.

The inspector detailed violations and noticeable elements in notes, including: flies throughout the kitchen; rodent droppings in a dry storage and back kitchen area; unclean walls throughout the kitchen; missing air thermometers; tomatoes not washed before being sliced; coffee in coffee filters stored uncovered across from an ice machine; food stored on the floor of the walk-in cooler; fly control devices hung throughout the kitchen in food areas; melons stored on rack with cleaners and bleach across from a meat slicer; mold growth on the interior of the ice machine.

They were re-inspected again on Nov. 8, 2022 and failed with a 79, but passed on December 8, 2022 with a 97.

No one at the eatery could be reached for comment.

Sweet Delight Jamaican Cuisine, 715 Park Ave., failed inspection Dec. 6, 2022 with a score of 42. They had five four-point violations, including two for incorrect temperatures of food and one in a category that requires food to be “wholesome/ non-adulterated/safe.”

The inspector’s notes were extensive and included: a “cook used hand to lick sauce off of a hand to taste test;” “cook washed hands without soap after using his hand to lick sauce off of while taste testing;” rotten red peppers in the four-door reach-in cooler; a large pot of rice being held on the kitchen counter, which was ultimately voluntarily discarded; a pot of cod fish stored on a prep table; food uncovered in the reach-in cooler; bananas and ox tails stored on the floor of the kitchen. The inspector also noted several areas of uncleanliness.

Sweet Delight Jamaican Cuisine was re-inspected on Dec. 28 and failed with a 46. It included similar violations with a few added such as Evidence of roaches, including roach carcasses found in kitchen;” “white chicken and ox tails being store at room temp on the kitchen floor; non-food related items stored in food prep area, including perfume and medications.

The eatery passed inspection the next time, but the record was not available.

A man who answered the phone at the restaurant, but would not identify himself said of the violations, “It’s already addressed. We’re back on track.”

Yah’s Garden, 22 Mountain Road, failed the inspection Sept. 16, 2022, with a 43 and six four-point violations, including for toxic items that must properly stored, labeled and used, and food temperatures. The inspector included numerous typed notes of detail, including that a cook dropped raw shrimp on the floor, picked the shrimp up off the floor and threw it back into the pile of shrimp to be cooked. The shrimp was later voluntarily discarded from the pile.

Also noted by the inspector was that the cook working shrimp did not wash his hands before he started working with food orders. The cook was also cleaning shrimp with bare hand contact, the notes state.

Other problems cited in the inspector’s notes include: thermometer issues; raw eggs stored above mushrooms in walk-in cooler; raw meat stored above sauces in walk in cooler; boxes of chicken stored on the floor of the walk-in cooler; sauces stored on floor under prep

table; several unclean areas such as tops of prep tables; interior of rice cooker, interior of freezer; beef and fish thawing at room temperature in a three-bay sink flies in area of mop sink and grease trap.

Wah’s Garden was re-inspected Oct. 3, 2022 and failed with an 86, including three four-point violations. Then it passed with a 96 on another re-inspection Oct. 17, 2022.

A person answering the phone at the restaurant declined comment.

Carbone’s Kitchen, 6 Wintonbury Mall, failed inspection Dec. 22, 2022 with a score of 52, including four four-point violations that included incorrect temperatures and food cans not in good condition.

The inspector noted: severe black mold build up on walls in wash area; missing and broken thermometers; pastrami stored uncovered in the cooler across from dessert in cold holding unit; bare hand contact with food by cook preparing seafood; bare hand contact by cook putting cooked pasta into strainer to reheat; bare hand contact by server putting bread in the oven; back blade of deli slicer unclean; inside cabinets under deli slicer unclean. Carbone’s was re-inspected on Jan. 31, 2023 and passed with a 85.

The owner could not be reached for comment.

Chosen 1 Cajun Seafood, 772 Park Ave., failed inspection Dec. 28, 2022 with a 68, including two four-point violations, one of them for toxic items being improperly stored, labeled or used.

The inspector’s notes report a food worker rinsed hands in a prep sink with no soap and also over chicken thawing in water.

A food worker also did not wash hands “after scratching scalp and was going to attempt to prepare food,” the inspector wrote.

The inspector’s notes for Chosen 1 Seafood also state: No training documents for food workers; food containers on the floor of the walk in and dry storage area; wet, unclean cloths throughout the kitchen; no sanitizing buckets set up; toxic chemical stores next to lemon juice; mouthwash stored in ware washing area; dish soap stored in the floor next to onions and rice; unclean floor under equipment throughout kitchen.

The eatery was re-inspected on Jan.19, 2023 and passed with a 90, but at that time the inspector added a few things to the list including: the presence of fruit flies in bar area; flour, seasonings exposed, uncovered.

The owner could not be reached for comment.

Thai Palace, 18 Wintonbury Mall, failed inspection on Dec. 21, 2022 with one four-point violation for hand wash facility issues.

There were few notes by the inspector, which included: No individual training records for employees; interior of reach-in cooler units unclean; raw chicken and pork stored over containers of sauces in walk-in

They subsequently passed re-inspection, but the record wasn’t readily available.

Thai palace owner Jackie Sisavath said she and her husband are new owners and without the knowledge of how things should be done, took the guidance of the previous owners. Everything is now up to date, she said.

Jaatiya Indian Restaurant, 8 Mountain Ave. failed inspection Dec. 8, 2022 with a 69, including two four-point violations one of them related to food temperature. There was no list of notes in the inspection received by the Courant.

They were re-inspected on Dec 28, 2022 and passed with a 92.

The manager could not be reached for comment.

Lino’s Pizza and Ranch House, 497 Cottage Grove Road failed inspection on August 8, 2022 with a score of 90 and one four-point violation that was temperature related. There were just a few inspector’s notes and one states, “small rodent feces under shelves in back room.” The restaurant was re-inspected on Sept. 6, 2022 and passed with a 96 and no mention of rodent droppings.

The owner could not be reached for comment.