



New Hampshire
Health Officers Association

Spring Conference
Wednesday June 5, 2024: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, 172 N Main Street, Concord, NH
www.nhhealthofficers.org

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast with Vendors**

9:00 – 9:20 a.m. **Welcome – NH Health Officer Association Update**

Wayne Whitford, President, NH Health Officers Association

Rene Beaudoin, City of Nashua Environmental Health Department

9:20 – 10:10 a.m. **Mosquito-Borne Disease Surveillance in NH**

New Hampshire has three known locally transmitted mosquito-borne diseases: Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV), West Nile virus (WNV), and Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV). This session will provide a review of the status, ecology, and epidemiology of mosquito-borne diseases in New Hampshire, including novel and ongoing surveillance activities. This session will further focus on interactions between NH DHHS and local jurisdictions (i.e., what to expect after a positive is identified in your community?)

Marco Notarangelo, Vectorborne Disease Surveillance Coordinator and the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control

Becky Lovell, Microbiologist with the DHHS Public Health Lab

10:10 – 10:30 a.m. **Coffee and Visit Vendors**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Reporting Abuse and Neglect**

Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services Adult Protective Services staff, Julie Lane-Sommers, will be describing Adult Protection Law in NH and how the protective investigation process works. During the presentation, attendees will learn how to make a protective report and what can be expected as a result of a report.

Julie Lane-Sommers, Shawn Driskell, Maria Thyng, Adult Protection Program

11:30 – 12:00 **Update from NH's Health Officer Liaison Program**

Sophia Johnson, MPH

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch & Visit Vendors**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **NH Public Water Systems and Their Requirements**

The presentation will start by explaining what a public water system is and the Drinking Water Groundwater Bureau's role in enforcing safe drinking water in NH and where do the testing standards come from. The public water systems are held to federal drinking water standards that include both primary and secondary standards. We will explain the differences between the two, what some of the common contaminants are, and how they are handled when present in a water system. Further detail about the types of public water systems in NH and their responsibilities. We will discuss how both public water systems and health officers can obtain valuable information about data results and other system information by utilizing online tools. And finally, what are the roles of a health office with respect to the public water systems. How they are involved and to what degree.

Jason Smith – DW Operator Certification Manager

Bess Morrison – DW Monitoring Supervisor

2:15 – 3:00 p.m. **Performing a Foster Care Home Health Inspection**

This session will review the role of the health officer in approving foster care placement homes. During this presentation learn about the DCYF Foster Care Program and the process for how homes can become foster placements. In addition, we will review the Foster Care Home Health Inspection Form and walk health officers through how they can respond to the various inspection items.

Jodi Turant, DCYF Home Study Unit Supervisor

Sophia Johnson, Health Officer Program Manager

3:00p.m. **Adjourn ~ Thank You**

Biographies:

Rebecca Lovell

Rebecca is the supervisor for the Arboviral/Emergency Response Unit at the NH Public Health Laboratories (NH PHL). She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science from the University of New Hampshire. She has over 20 years of microbiology experience in both the private and public sector. Becky joined the NH PHL in 2008 as a microbiologist in Clinical Microbiology before moving into the Arboviral/Emergency Response Unit in 2015. She is currently pursuing her MBA from Southern New Hampshire University.

Marco Notarangelo

Marco is a vector ecologist, epidemiologist, and public health educator dedicated to helping New Hampshire residents and visitors understand and prevent vector-borne diseases. He has worked with arthropods, including mosquitoes and ticks, for over a decade and holds a Master's degree in biology. He is currently the Vectorborne Disease Surveillance Coordinator for NH DHHS, helping direct surveillance efforts for vector-borne diseases in humans and animals, including arthropods.

Julie Lane-Sommers

Julie is the Assistant Administrator for NH Adult Protective Services, within the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services. She has worked for the State of New Hampshire for 18 years. She worked as an Adult Protective Service Worker conducting investigations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults for many years with BEAS. Julie spent almost 5 years managing grant programs for federally funded housing support programs, homeless outreach workers and NH's homeless shelters. In her former career, Julie was a Domestic Violence Specialist with the YWCA Crisis Service in Manchester, working directly with survivors of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. Julie has a Master of Arts in Public Policy.