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January 27, 2023

#211

Dear Public Health Colleague,

Thank you for joining the LBOH webinar on Tuesday, January 24th.

- Click [here](#) to view the slides from Tuesday's 1/24 webinar.
- Submit your questions and recommended topics to by Wednesday, February 8th, at noon . localregionalpublichealth@mass.gov
- The next webinar is scheduled on February 14, 2023, at 3 pm.

Register for LBOH 2023 Webinars

- Click on the following Zoom link to register for the 2023 webinars:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8PytNXtFSMm8T2woJkGZMQ

Please note the Zoom link is a recurring link. You only need to register one time. Save the invite to your calendar.

Finally, we want to ensure that our webinar is accessible to our audience. If you need accommodations, such as American Sign language (ASL) or Closed Caption, please email Lisa McCarthy-Licorish at lisa.n.mccarthy-licorish@mass.gov.

- Office of Local and Regional Health

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- [Department of Public Health announces first cases of concerning gonorrhea strain](#)

View the latest DPH's press releases [here](#).

[Key Information and Resources Mentioned in Webinars](#)

[DPH Vaccine Clinic Management \(VCM\) Platform](#)

2022 Annual Review & Color Survey Results

For more information about Color survey results and training opportunities, send an email to Arianne Henry at colorhelp@mass.gov.

[Framework for Field Training Hubs](#)

The Special Commission on Local and Regional Health identified gaps in training and workforce development and recommended workforce standards. The existing training infrastructure which has gaps for competency development does include asynchronous self-paced training that allows for the attainment of basic knowledge for local public health work (tier 1) and classroom cohort-based training that allows for in depth knowledge-based competency (tier 2). Field training was identified by the Special Commission and local public health stakeholders as a major gap and critically needed for hands-on competency development. The 10 Field Training Hubs will address the need to provide field competency training, will build on the tier 1 and 2 training courses, the need for standardized training, the need for increased access to training to respond to turnover and aging out of staff, and the need to ensure that the local public health has the skills to meet the Performance Standards. The Field Training Hubs will provide hands on training to the Shared Services Arrangement (PHE grantees) public health workforce on housing, other Community Sanitation regulations, food protection and Title 5/wastewater/waste management. If you have any questions, send them to Erica Piedade at erica.m.piedade@mass.gov.

Other LPH-Related Information

Job Opportunities

DPH-Office of Local and Regional Health

- [Deputy General Counsel](#)
- [Engagement Coordinator](#)
- [Operations & Policy Coordinator](#)
- [Performance Standard Coordinator](#)

DPH-Bureau of Environmental Health, Community Sanitation Program

- [Environmental Analyst III, Housing Specialist Trainer for Community Sanitation](#)
- [Environmental Analyst IV, Senior Housing Specialist Training for Community Sanitation](#)

Quabbin Health District

- [Title 5 Independent Contractor](#)

2023 Summer Local Health Internship Application Announcement

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Division of Epidemiology is pleased to announce the 2023 MDPH Summer Local Health Internship Program. The goal of the program is to provide graduate public health students with the opportunity to supplement their classroom education by gaining an understanding of the critical role of local health departments, and to support local health departments in undertaking and completing public health projects.

If interested in hosting a student intern this summer, complete the online [2023 Summer Local Health Internship Host Application Form](#) by Friday, February 17th.

[Click here](#) for the description of the program and three sample project descriptions from previous years which resulted in successful matches with student interns. Please keep in mind that students typically begin their projects in late May and conclude their work in mid-August.

If you have any questions or require assistance in designing competitive public health projects, please contact Julie Coco at Julie.coco@mass.gov.

MDPH-Division of Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention and Services

Innovations in SDV: Stakeholder Input Meetings (1/31 and 2/3)

Please save the dates of Tuesday, January 31, 2:00 pm, and Friday, February 3, 11:00 am, for interested parties who would like to virtually give DPH input and feedback regarding innovative approaches to reduce and/or prevent sexual and domestic violence, particularly in communities of color. DPH would like to hear from organizations representing diverse communities and approaches to addressing risk and protective factors for sexual, domestic, and dating violence, and/or strategies to impact the social determinants of health. Stakeholders are not limited to current DPH vendors or partner organizations. Please share this announcement broadly.

There will be no registration required. Virtual meeting information will be shared soon. Anyone needing an accommodation to participate in the meeting should let DPH know what is needed as soon as possible.

Please note:

- No registration is required.
- Outlook meeting invitations will not be sent out. Please use the information in this email to create a meeting on your calendar.
- Please share this announcement broadly with community-based organizations and other interested colleagues outside the SDV service provider network, especially those working with communities of color.
- You do not need to attend both sessions. Please participate as you can, including if you need to miss part of the session.
- Anyone needing an accommodation to participate in the meeting should let DPH know what is needed as soon as possible.

Registration:

- Topic: Stakeholder Meeting - Division of Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention and Services
- Times: January 31 – 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm; February 3 – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86905931966?pwd=MlZJanJJS1pFY2FqQ1lrZ1dPak9Zdz09>

Municipal Board of Health Tobacco and Public Health Policy Programs

Re-opening Municipal Board of Health Tobacco and Public Health Policy Programs
RFR 190128 [[BD-23-1031-ADMIN-ADM07-83217](#)]

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Bureau of Community Health and Prevention's Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention program (MTCP) is issuing this Request for Response (RFR) to invite responses from qualified vendors to implement municipal tobacco and public health programming. Programs and strategies will support

MTCP goals and priorities of reducing the prevalence of tobacco use, preventing youth initiation of tobacco use, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and eliminating tobacco-related inequities. This work supports MDPH's mission to prevent illness, injury, and premature death; assure access to high quality public health services; and promote wellness and health equity for all people in the Commonwealth.

All questions must be sent to mary.brush@mass.gov by February 27, 2023 by 3:00 PM EST. All questions received and their responses will be posted to Commbuys and can be accessed using the link above.

Applications must be submitted through Commbuys and are due by 3:00 PM EST on March 13, 2023. The Commbuys system time stamps each submission and the COMMBUYS system clock is considered the official time record. All applicants should allow adequate time for application submission. DPH is not responsible for delays encountered by bidders or their agents or for a bidder's local hardware (e.g., computer or network-related) failures associated with application assembly or submission.

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Benefit

[The Federal Emergency Management Administration \(FEMA\) COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program](#) may be able to offer financial assistance to your constituents who have already paid for funeral expenditures linked to COVID-19.

National Association of City and County Health Officials

Scholarship Opportunity for Local Health Department Staff to Become Certified in Infection Control - Applications Open

NACCHO, in partnership with CDC, is excited to offer a scholarship opportunity for local health department staff in obtaining certification in infection control (CIC) or a-IPC (Associate – Infection Prevention and Control) entry-level certification. NACCHO anticipates participation in this opportunity will increase the capacity of local health departments in infection prevention and control. Scholarship recipients will be reimbursed up to \$2,500 for exam fees and study materials (including books, membership fees, and/or training courses). Staff must register for the exam, and all reimbursable expenses must be incurred by June 30, 2023 (the exam itself can be taken after this date but needs to be within 90 days of CBIC confirmation of eligibility). Scholarship recipients will be expected to provide feedback on the certification process and demonstrate the impact of certification to NACCHO to inform future project activities supporting local health departments in infection prevention and control. More information about the exams, including eligibility requirements and guidelines for taking the exams, can be found on the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.'s (CBIC®) website.

The deadline for submitting applications for scholarships is Friday, January 27 . On a rolling basis through Tuesday, February 2, NACCHO will select and notify LHDs for this scholarship. NACCHO encourages LHDs to review the full application before completing

(available [here](#)). For more information or questions, view the updated FAQ document on the [announcement page](#), or email NACCHO at infectiousdiseases@naccho.org.

Training Opportunities

New England Public Health Training Center

1. An Equity Guided Approach to Public Health for Leaders at All Levels

This course will teach you the definitions, value-driven actions and further learning needed to develop your leadership approach to health equity. You'll think about applying the actions and skills in your scope of influence. Over time, developing your equity guided approach will allow you to incorporate health equity principles into public health strategies and programs, and increase engagement and partnership. After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Define health equity and key terms related to health equity
- Identify four value-driven leadership actions for health equity
- Analyze the value-driven actions in your scope of influence
- Explore further learning to strengthen leadership, including some strategic skills

This program is designated for Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) and/or Master Certified Health Education Specialists (MCHES) to receive up to 1 total Category I continuing education contact hour.

[Click HERE to register!](#)

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2. Making the Economic Case for Public Health Program

Measuring the economic costs and benefits of a public health program translates its impact into objective monetary terms and helps make the case for investments that support positive health outcomes. Economic evaluations are unique in their ability to assess the cost-effectiveness of a program by weighing costs and benefits. This presentation will discuss the feasibility of doing an economic evaluation and will present the findings from two programs as examples.

Click on the following link for more information:

<https://www.nephtc.org/enrol/index.php?id=312>

Behavioral Health & Racial Equity Initiative (BeHere)

BeHere is an initiative of Health Resources in Action (HRiA). The training opportunities are designed to build your skills and knowledge as a provider, ally, and champion of racial equity in behavioral health.

Upcoming Trainings

1. [Virtual Training: Opioid Overdose Rescue \(part 1 of 2\)](#)
February 7th @ 9:30- 11:30 pm ET
2. [Virtual Training: Opioid Overdose Rescue \(part 1 of 2\)](#)
February 14th @ 9:30- 11:45 pm ET

Click [here](#) for more information and to view their Training Calendar! The trainings are free and available to the public, so please share this calendar along to colleagues or friends who may be interested.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

1. Disability Etiquette Competence and Inclusion Training

Date & Time: Feb. 6 | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

Join ASTHO and the World Institute on Disability (WID) for a new training on disability etiquette, cultural competency, and inclusion. Facilitators Dawn Skaggs of WID, and Dee Grimm, CEO of Tenebo Enterprises, will cover basic disability awareness and etiquette for including and assisting people with disabilities in public health programs on a day-to-day basis and during public health emergencies. [Register here.](#)

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2. Vaccine Equity Combating COVID-19 Misinformation

Date & Time: Feb. 13 | 1 – 2 p.m. ET

The COVID-19 pandemic was unprecedented not only in its impact on the public's health and wellbeing, but also in its impact on the spread of misinformation and disinformation. Debunking misinformation is critical for establishing and increasing vaccine trust, confidence, and equity. Representatives from Culture ONE World and CMRignite will highlight best practices for identifying and correcting misinformation and discuss ways to assist groups most at risk of being exposed and influenced by misinformation in this upcoming webinar. [Reserve your seat here.](#)

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3. Public Health Emergency Management Planning Toolkit with WID

Date & Time: Feb. 21 | 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Join ASTHO and the World Institute on Disability (WID) for a training on their Public Health Emergency Planning Toolkit. Facilitators Dawn Skaggs of WID, and Dee Grimm, CEO of Tenebo Enterprises, co-developed the toolkit and will walk participants through the purpose of the toolkit, its use, and its application to emergency planning that ensures public health emergency planning process and plans are universally inclusive and eliminate systemic barriers whenever possible. [Register now.](#)

Upcoming Webinars

Equity Challenges of Housing Code Enforcement

Policymaking for Housing Justice: Unpacking the Equity Challenges of Housing Code Enforcement

Housing code enforcement officers inspect rental units to make sure that they are habitable and safe. In enforcing laws and policies that protect the public's health, housing officials often rely on punitive measures to deter violations. How can officials ensure that housing code enforcement actions do not harm communities that experience inequities and systemic discrimination?

- When: Tuesday, January 31
- Time: 11am PT / 2pm ET

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar and for more information.

MDP Community Sanitation Program

Moving Forward with a Revised Housing Code

Dates & Locations:

- 1/30, Monday – Quincy, Granite Links
- 2/1, Wednesday – Taunton, Clarion Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn)
- 2/7, Tuesday – Devens Common Center
- 2/8, Wednesday – Pittsfield, Golf Club

CEUs available: 5.5 Contact hours for RS/REHS & CHO

[Click here](#) to register. Registration fee will be covered if you are employed by a city/town that participates in the Public Health Excellence for Shared Service Grant Program (PHE). It will be paid by the Regional Field Training Hub (RFTH) funds. MHOA will invoice the RFTHs directly. You will need to indicate the city/town that you work in when you register. PHE grantees will not be billed for this training.

Registration fee is \$65 for anyone outside of the PHE grant program.

Program is supported by the Coalition for Local Public Health & the MDPH Office of Local and Regional Health

Reclaiming Native Psychological Brilliance 2023 Registration Information

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. would like to invite you and your staff to attend

the Reclaiming Native Psychological Brilliance: Wise Practices, a Tribal Behavioral Health ECHO, session titled Native Trauma and Healing: Releasing the Trauma Our Bodies Hold on February 28, 2023. Native Psychological Brilliance refers to the intelligence, strengths, balance, innate resources, and resilience of Native people. This no-cost telehealth series will be held throughout 2023 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:00 am Pacific/12:00 pm Mountain/1:00 pm Central/2:00 pm Eastern. Each session will be one hour in length that will provide an opportunity for participants to:

- Increase knowledge of innate intelligence and resilience of Native people which can assist in trauma recovery
- Increase understanding of how trauma can change brain functioning, contributing to hyper alert status and emotional dysregulation
- Learn ways to expand trauma response beyond conventional treatment of PTSD symptom reduction and psychotropic drug prescription
- Gain knowledge of how Native traditions (dance, movement, etc.) can assist with trauma recovery, self-regulation, cultural-self empowerment, and whole-person treatment

Who should attend? Tribal Nation health directors, clinic staff, counselors, social workers, physicians, nurses, Tribal Epidemiology Center staff, and anyone supporting Tribal Nation citizens through the health/behavioral health sector are welcome to join.

[Register](#) in advance for the session. You ONLY have to register ONCE for the series.

[Click here](#) to view the full calendar. Past recordings and presentations are also listed.

[Career Opportunities](#)

MassCareers Job Opportunities

[Find Your Future Commonwealth Jobs](#) across industries including health and human services, transportation, IT, finance, housing and economic development, energy and environmental, public safety and security, and education.

[Academic Public Health Corps - Opportunities](#)

- [Jobs in Local Health](#)
- [Join The Corps \(for student interns\)](#)

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