

## Monthly Update April, 2011

All Alliance members will receive monthly updates informing the network of upcoming events and activities. If you have information to share, please contact Alveta Haynes at [ahaynes@bu.edu](mailto:ahaynes@bu.edu) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Updates will be emailed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. **Please forward the Monthly Update to your community partners.**

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### MASSACHUSETTS

A special thank you to the Local Public Health Institute of MA Advisory Committee for agreeing to act as advisors to the Alliance (for Massachusetts).

#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

##### Boston University School of Public Health

Congratulations! On Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Kathleen MacVarish and members of a statewide planning group will receive the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA) **Innovation Award** for development and delivery of a new type of training program: The Massachusetts Public Health Inspector Training Housing Certificate Program (MA PHIT HCP). Visit the Alliance website to read more: [http://sph.bu.edu/otlt/alliance/training\\_classroom.php](http://sph.bu.edu/otlt/alliance/training_classroom.php).

Kathleen directs Community Engagement in the Office of Public Health Practice (PHP). Major PHP programs include: Boston Center for Healthy Homes and Neighborhoods, Local Public Health Institute of MA, MA Public Health Regionalization Project, New England Alliance for Public Health Workforce Development, Partnership for Effective Emergency Response (PEER) and Practice-based Research Network.

This MEHA award was established in 2008 in memory and honour of George Smith RS a long time member and supporter of environmental health in Massachusetts. During his tenure as Sanitarian and Health Officer/Director in various communities in Massachusetts, Mr. Smith thrived on implementing new and progressive ways of getting the "Job Done". During his tenure as Director of Public Health in the Town of Lexington, Mr. Smith developed the first House Hold Hazardous Materials collection day. This program is now a model for most communities throughout the commonwealth. He also developed for Lexington, the first asbestos removal permitting and inspection program as well as some of the state's first tobacco control by-laws. George Smith RS is the first recipient of this award.

Plans are well underway for the next in the MA PHIT series: Food Certificate Program. The pilot 5 day classroom segment will run in June; field training by FDA standardized inspectors will continue through 2011 for six of the trainees. Planning for the third MA PHIT series on Wastewater and Title 5 Enforcement is also underway with a committee forming that will have representatives from MassDEP, MEHA and MHOA.

## CONNECTICUT

Mark your calendar for the upcoming **Public Health Career Ambassador Training Skills and tools for reaching middle, high school and community college students and educators**

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Yale West Campus

Orange, CT 06477

**Register** through TRAINCT at <https://ct.train.org>

Look for course ID# 1026634

**Cost:** No charge for training

We will offer **three CHES credits** for interested participants. The cost is **\$9 (\$3 per credit hour)**. If you want CHES credits, you will need to:

- come with a check made out for \$9 to “SCSU Department of Public Health”
- provide your CHES number (can be written on the “memo” portion of the check)
- complete a program evaluation, and provide either your CHES number or name on the evaluation where requested.

**Questions?** Email: [kathi.traugh@yale.edu](mailto:kathi.traugh@yale.edu) or call 203-785-2868

## MAINE

### 2011 National Health Literacy Summer Institute

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June 5-8 in Freeport, Maine

## ACROSS THE NETWORK

The Heartland Public Health Education & Training Center (HETC) and the Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness (HCPHP) invite you to participate in our online course, "Learning with Lilly: An Introduction to Public Health Nursing". This course can be used to orient new nurses or introduce students to basic public health nursing concepts. This interactive course is designed to be an educational tool and a source for reference material.



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Learning with Lilly.docx



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## RHODE ISLAND

Remember to check out The Rhode Island Public Health Institute's (RIPHI) exciting new mentoring project, which partners faculty-student pairs with community-based organizations, provides a practical experience in public health research and practice to university students and their faculty advisors in a variety of disciplines and academic areas. The RIPHI is expanding its participation in the New England Alliance for Public Health Workforce Development (funded by HRSA). <http://www.ripha.org/ripha/npo.jsp?pg=news&article=532>

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ON THE MOVE



### ***“Live Injury-Free at Home, Work and Play (and Everywhere in Between)”***

The New Hampshire Public Health Association hosted their 2011 Annual Meeting on April 6, 2011. **The Keynote speaker was Dr. Linda Rae Murray, President of the American Public Health.** Dr. Murray has spent her career serving the medically under served and has been a voice for social justice and health care as a basic human right for over forty years. She practices and teaches occupational health and injury prevention in a variety of settings including Chicago’s Cook County Department of Public Health, the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Cook County Hospital and an adjunct Assistant Professor of Occupational & Environmental Health and Health Policy & Administration at the University Of Illinois School Of Public Health. A lifelong advocate and a dynamic speaker, NHPHA is proud to offer an inspirational evening to our members and partners.

The Annual Meeting also features MPH Student Research Poster Presentations, Annual Awards including the Roger Fossum Lifetime Achievement Award, and NHPHA Election results. The New England Alliance for Public Health Workforce Development was pleased to be a sponsor of this informative and well attended event.

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### **New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration Conference**

On April 13, the **New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration** hosted the **“Cancer, Health Reform, and Our Environment: New Opportunities and New Partnerships”** Conference. The conference was open to all public health professionals and health care providers.

The New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration (NH CCC) is part of a national effort to systematically and comprehensively address cancer control in each state through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation. New Hampshire is fortunate to have a group of national, state and local health organizations, community service organizations, cancer survivors, and individuals dedicated to implementing the NH Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2010-2014.

NH CCC members include a broad spectrum of individuals working with, or affected by cancer such as: physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, advocates, policy makers, representatives of the NH Division of Public Health Services and health insurance plans, survivors, and family members. Five workgroups are responsible for implementing the objectives of the Cancer Plan. Workgroups include: Primary Prevention, Prevention and Early Detection, Treatment and Survivorship, Palliation and Emerging Issues. The NH CCC encourages partners to work together to maximize the use of limited resources and avoid duplication of efforts.

The New England Alliance for Public Health Workforce Development was pleased to be a sponsor of this conference with a 200+ audience.

Thank you **Dr. Dan Merrigan**, for bringing both of these exciting conferences to the attention of the NEA Network.