



Save The Date For CHA's Annual Meeting

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**Connecticut Hospital Association's
101ST ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, June 20, 2019
Aqua Turf Club, Southington, CT

Thursday, January 10, 2019

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2019 Legislative Session Convenes



On Wednesday, January 9, 2019, Edward Miner "Ned" Lamont Jr., was sworn in as Connecticut's 89th Governor. In addition to Governor Lamont, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz and other constitutional officers were sworn in for four-year terms. Members of the Connecticut General Assembly were sworn in for two-year terms. Other constitutional officers sworn into office include: Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State; Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller; Shawn Wooden, State Treasurer; and William Tong, Attorney General.

Mostly ceremonial in nature, Opening Day of the 2019 Legislative Session included the swearing-in of legislators, followed by the adoption of the Joint Rules, under which legislative committees and the legislature as a whole will operate during the next two years.

During brief [remarks](#) at the William A. O'Neill State Armory, Governor Lamont reiterated his goal to "reinvent Connecticut – to think big, act boldly." He stressed the "desire to craft an honestly balanced budget which does not borrow from the future, but invests in the future."

He followed these remarks with an [address](#) to a Joint Session of the General Assembly, in which the new Governor laid out the broad themes and goals of his administration. In the [address](#), the Governor echoed his earlier remarks with a plea to fix the budget "once and for all." Gov. Lamont referenced the past achievements of Connecticut and urged the legislature to "choose creative and bold leadership, a commitment to make the hard and difficult choices necessary to right the wrongs of the past."

The details of Governor Lamont's budget proposal will be made public by mid-February.

Connecticut CEOs Named to National List



Marna Borgstrom, CEO of Yale New Haven Hospital and Yale New Haven Health, and Dawn Rudolph, President and CEO of St. Vincent's Medical Center, were named to Becker's Hospital Review's list: 143 Women Leaders Of Hospitals And Health Systems 2018.

Ms. Borgstrom has worked at Yale New Haven Health, where she earned a postgraduate fellowship, for more than 39 years. She was promoted in 1994 to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Yale New Haven Hospital. In 2005, she became President and CEO of Yale New Haven Hospital and Yale New Haven Health, and through a system reorganization in 2012, assumed her current role as CEO of the hospital and system. Ms. Borgstrom is Secretary of the CHA Board of Trustees, Chairman of the CHA Committee on Government, and is a past Chairman of the CHA Board. Ms. Borgstrom is Chairman of the Boards of the Healthcare Institute and the Coalition to Protect America's Health Care, and is Past Chairman of the Vizient Board. She also serves on several other boards including New Haven Promise and Cryolife.



Ms. Rudolph assumed the President and CEO role at St. Vincent's Medical Center in March 2018. She was previously Chief Experience Officer for St. Thomas Health in Nashville, Tennessee. She is also the former President and CEO of St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, and was CEO of St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, before that. She is a Board member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Influenza Widespread in Connecticut

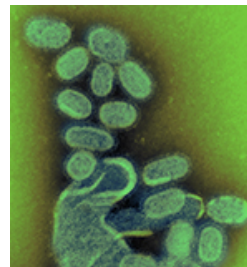
Influenza cases have been rising across the nation and here in Connecticut. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting that flu cases are now widespread across the state.

Statewide Emergency Department visits attributed to the “fever/flu syndrome” are at 10.4 percent, which is well above the level of five percent statewide -- generally considered the minimum threshold when there are elevated influenza-associated ED visits. There have been 6 flu-associated deaths and 377 hospitalizations due to the flu so far this season.

The predominant influenza viruses identified so far this season are Type A, although there is a small percentage of Type B influenza viruses in circulation.

Vaccination is a best practice for patient and healthcare worker safety. In 2011, the CHA Board adopted a statewide policy endorsing mandatory influenza vaccination for hospital personnel as part of CHA hospitals’ commitment to patient safety. The vast majority of acute care CHA member hospitals in Connecticut have implemented a mandatory participation or mandatory vaccination program.

CHA is participating in the fifth-annual United Against the Flu campaign, which uses social media outreach to bring national attention to the need for flu vaccinations. The American Hospital Association is partnering with national healthcare, patient advocacy, and other like-minded organizations for a four-month campaign encouraging the public to get an influenza vaccination.



CHA to Hold Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update



CHA’s annual *The Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update* will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

The full-day program will feature national safety expert Diana Scott, Senior Accreditation Director at Vizient, who will outline The Joint Commission’s new standards and national patient safety goals for 2019, and challenges from 2018 with strategies for compliance

Ms. Scott will also review CMS focus areas, as well as best practices for a successful survey.

CHA is also pleased to have Mark Crafton, Executive Director of State and External Relations, The Joint Commission, join the program. His presentation will include an overview of the changes implemented by the Commission.

Attendees will also receive information on compliance data and on challenging accreditation standards in Connecticut hospitals.

[Event Registration](#)



Education Updates

Lean Principles: Project Charter Preparation and Planning

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Lean principles and methodology are valuable in improving healthcare, but evidence shows that learning about the principles and methodology is simply not enough. To get the desired results, the principles must be applied. This program—a follow-up to CHA’s two-part *Lean Principles: Process Flow and Value Stream Mapping in Healthcare*—provides an overview of the methodology and tools needed for planning process improvement initiatives.

This is a “how to make it happen session,” and will explain (and provide examples of) the elements of an effective project charter, a pre-requisite to any successful improvement initiative. When properly prepared, the charter focuses the team on the business case, problems, objectives, and outcomes, and is a major factor in preventing project scope creep.

Participants are asked to bring with them a process improvement opportunity currently under consideration at their facility, enabling them to create a draft charter as part of their actionable plan toward their process improvement initiative.

Clinical leaders, operational managers, continuous improvement coordinators, and other change agents will benefit from learning this methodology to plan team-oriented improvement initiatives.

HIIN: It Takes a Village: Improving Sepsis Care in Connecticut

Monday, February 25, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Event Registration](#)

CHA will host a full day conference dedicated to the urgent need to improve sepsis care across the continuum of care in Connecticut. The conference will open with Ciaran Staunton, who, along with his wife Orlaith, founded The Rory Staunton Foundation in 2012 after the tragic death of his 12-year-old son from sepsis. The Rory Staunton Foundation has impacted sepsis care both nationally and internationally. Hear the Staunton’s compelling story and message regarding the importance of raising public awareness of sepsis through education and awareness programs to promote faster diagnosis and effective treatment of sepsis.

Keynote speaker Mitchell Levy, MD, is one of the founding members and an executive leader of the Surviving Sepsis campaign, a global initiative to improve the care of patients with severe sepsis. Dr. Levy is known internationally for his research and commitment to improving sepsis care. He will share his expertise and the latest recommendations on the care of patients with sepsis.

The program will also feature local and national speakers who will share their best practice recommendations for sepsis care across the continuum.

The program is being presented as part of the Partnership for Patients HIIN educational series.