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**CHA Annual Meeting Awards - Call for Nominations**



We are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the CHA Annual Meeting awards. The presentation of the awards is an important part of the CHA Annual Meeting and a valuable opportunity to showcase Connecticut hospitals, health systems, and staff achievements. Award applications/nominations are linked below.

The 2019 *John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data* recognizes outstanding achievement in patient care quality initiatives. It is sponsored by CHA's education and research affiliate, the Connecticut Healthcare Research and Education Foundation (CHREF). All CHA members are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) for an application.

The 2019 *Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award* is an excellent opportunity for recognition of outstanding achievements in community service. The award is sponsored jointly by CHA and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH). Click [here](#) for an application.

CHA's *Healthcare Heroes Awards* celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. CHA is seeking nominations from both direct patient care and non-clinical areas of CHA member facilities. Ten healthcare heroes, selected by a panel of judges, will be awarded a \$100 cash prize. Click [here](#) for an application.

All entries must be received by Friday, March 22, 2019. Winners will be honored at the CHA Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

**CHA Holds Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update (Christine signed off)**



More than 115 participants attended CHA's annual *The Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update* on January 30.

Mark Crafton, Executive Director of State and External Relations, The Joint Commission, focused on changes implemented by the Commission during the previous year and noted that while no new standards were introduced in 2018, the Commission may look to review and introduce new measures in 2019. During his presentation, Mr. Crafton urged participants to review the culture of safety at their organization to ensure that everyone consistently demonstrates safety behaviors.

Diana Scott, Senior Accreditation Director at Vizient, provided a comprehensive overview of The Joint Commission's new standards and national patient safety goals for 2019, including the latest updates on ligature/suicide prevention, medication compounding, and sterilization/disinfection of medical equipment. Her presentation also reflected on the challenges from 2018 with strategies for compliance. Ms. Scott also reviewed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services focus areas, as well as best practices for a successful survey.

"The bottom line of all the safety goals is to keep your patients safe," Ms. Scott said. "It is everyone's responsibility – not just caregivers, but others providing services to the patient such as environmental services, housekeeping, and transport."

The National Patient Safety Goals were established in 2002 to help accredited organizations address specific areas of concern related to patient safety.



**South Windsor Becomes Third Municipality To Pass Tobacco Ordinance**

On Monday, February 4, the South Windsor Town Council voted 6-1 in favor of a new ordinance raising the legal age to purchase any tobacco

product, including electronic smoking devices and vape pens, from 18 to 21. South Windsor follows the cities of Hartford and Bridgeport in [passing](#) such an ordinance.

Other municipalities are also in various stages of proposing and debating raising the age to purchase tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21. In addition, several legislative proposals have been introduced in the General Assembly for the 2019 Legislative Session. CHA will continue to advocate for stricter tobacco control measures as presented on the local and statewide level.

In addition to CHA, advocacy in support of the ordinance included Trinity Health Of New England, the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association. The ordinance was championed by South Windsor Mayor M. Saud Anwar, MD, a pulmonologist at Eastern Connecticut Health Network.

### **CHA Conference: Improving Sepsis Care in Connecticut**

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 be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please register for the event [here](#).

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 their 12-year-old son from sepsis. The Rory Staunton Foundation has impacted sepsis care both nationally and internationally. The Staunton's will share their 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, a founding member and executive leader of the Surviving Sepsis campaign, a global initiative to improve the care of patients with severe sepsis, will share his expertise and the latest recommendations on the care of patients with sepsis. Dr. Levy is known internationally for his research and commitment to improving sepsis care.

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

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

