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## Hospitals Testify On Immunizations and FY 21 Budget Adjustment



On Wednesday, February 19, CHA, hospitals, and health systems provided testimony to the Public Health Committee in support of legislation ([HB 5044](#), An Act Concerning Immunizations) that would eliminate the non-medical exemption for vaccination of school-aged children.

Hospitals and health systems providing testimony included Connecticut Children's, Day Kimball Healthcare, Hartford HealthCare, Saint Mary's Hospital, Yale New Haven Health, and Yale New Haven Hospital.

Currently, five states — California, Maine, Mississippi, New York, and West Virginia — do not permit nonmedical exemptions, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Children attending both public and private school in Connecticut are required to comply with a state prescribed immunization schedule.

The overall vaccination rate in Connecticut remains high; 95.9 percent of kindergartners were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella according to statistics released by the state Department of Public Health in August.

The number of parents seeking religious exemptions rose by 25 percent between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

Also on Wednesday, the Appropriations Committee held a public hearing and CHA provided testimony in support of [HB 5005](#), An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2021. The legislation proposes to make adjustments to the FY 2021 state budget. The budget proposed by Governor Ned Lamont honors the legal settlement negotiated between hospitals and the Administration, subsequently approved by the General Assembly in December 2019.

Hospital testimony posted on the General Assembly's website at the time of publication included Connecticut Children's, Day Kimball Healthcare, Stamford Hospital, Trinity Health Of New England, and Yale New Haven Health.

## Lester Schindel Named Interim CEO of Waterbury Hospital

Lester Schindel has been named interim CEO of Waterbury Hospital, following the promotion of Peter Adamo as CEO of Crozer-Keystone Health System; Prospect Medical's four-hospital health system based in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Schindel previously served as interim CEO at Waterbury Hospital in 2017 soon after Prospect acquired the hospital. In collaboration with its Waterbury Hospital executives, Prospect will conduct a national search for a permanent CEO at Waterbury.

During his tenure, Mr. Adamo oversaw Prospect's \$27 million capital investment in Waterbury Hospital for extensive facility upgrades and state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology.

Mr. Schindler was previously CEO and President of Steward Holy Family in Methuen, Massachusetts, and Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, Massachusetts, a 402-bed, two-campus hospital north of Boston. Before that, he was COO of Metrowest Medical Center and COO of Leonard Morse Hospital, in Natick, Massachusetts.



## CHA to Host 18th Annual Patient Safety Summit

CHA will host its 18th annual *Patient Safety Summit*, which will focus on resilience and high reliability. The full-day program will be held at CHA on Friday, April 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please register [here](#).

The Summit will begin with a presentation by Tanya Lord, a Patient Advocate whose son died after a tonsillectomy.

Michael A. Rosen, MA, PhD, Assistant Professor at the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, will present the keynote.

The Summit will also include presentations on Emergence Theory, a new approach to patient safety, and the role resilience plays in both patient safety and worker safety.

## Education Updates

### Peer Supporter Refresher Training

Monday, February 24, 2020  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Event Registration](#)

Peer Supporter Refresher Training is for staff who have attended a Peer Supporter Training course at CHA or for those currently serving as a Peer Supporter for their organization.

### Peer Supporter Training

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Gerald Lewis, PhD, will provide training for peer supporters and those who will train peer supporters in their organizations. Dr. Lewis has worked with national and international government agencies, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and private businesses on a wide range of work, behavioral health, and organizational issues. His focus is facilitating organizational recovery and resiliency with the emphasis on "people-recovery."

### **MACRMI Simulation Training**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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The Massachusetts Alliance for Communication and Resolution following Medical Injury (MACRMI) will conduct simulation training for disclosure and apology as part of CHA's Communication and Resolution Program Collaborative.

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

### **The Basics of Budgeting**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Skills in planning and budgeting are essential if managers are to achieve the institution's mission and contribute to "bottom-line" results, particularly in an environment of chronic federal and state underfunding. This member-requested management development program, part one of a two-part series, provides managers with an introduction to budgeting concepts, including calculating the volume budget and a revenue budget, tools to develop staffing plans and salary and supply budgets, and information on how best to handle capital and equipment requests.

Bill Ward, a popular and dynamic lecturer on financial management in healthcare, will present this program.

### **Improving Hospital Operating Efficiency**

Friday, March 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Improving Hospital Operating Efficiency will demonstrate how improvements in efficiency can enhance both clinical outcomes and business results. Participants will learn what efficiency is and is not, along with a three-part approach focused on balanced productivity, proactive cost management, and aggressive management of throughput.

Bill Ward, a popular and dynamic lecturer on financial management in healthcare, will present this program.

### **Professionals and Social Media Webinar**

Monday, March 23, 2020

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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In pursuit of professionalism and high reliability, what role does social media play? Team members understand the potential benefits and risks associated with social media use in the medical workplace and conduct themselves professionally. Addressing the challenges associated with social media use requires the right people, process, and systems to promote early identification and interventions to promote best practices. The webinar will focus on developing reliable and successful approaches to address clinical team members who model disrespect toward patients, families, and fellow medical team members including unprofessional use of social media.

### **Staff to Management: Starting the Transition**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Making the transition from staff person to supervisor/manager is a significant step. Transitioning from individual contributor to being effective in a leadership role is far more challenging and complicated than ever before and requires the ability to use the tools of diplomacy, negotiation, persuasion, and alliance building. Managing the organizational demands for high productivity and quality, combined with financial prudence and regulatory compliance, are only part of the equation. Program participants will discover that those tasks must be balanced with an excellent grasp of human relations skills in working closely and collaboratively with others.

### **Change Management: Leading in Turbulent Times**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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This workshop will blend didactic and experiential material to provide leaders with greater insight, self-awareness, and practical tools they need to help their organizations succeed in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous (VUCA) environment.

Organizations are facing inevitable, unrelenting, complex change. The question is—are organizations creating the kind of leaders who have the courage, vision, and adaptability to thrive in the midst of this pervasive change, rather than be overwhelmed by it.