Save The Date For CHA's Annual Meeting

Special Election Held - Democrats Retain Bridgeport-Based Seat

On Tuesday, May 7, voters in Bridgeport’s 130th House District went to the polls to vote in a Special Election for a seat in the Connecticut House of Representatives after the sudden death of Rep. Ezequiel Santiago (D-Bridgeport). With unofficial totals filed, Democrat Antonio Felipe beat Republican Joshua Parrow and Democrats including former State Representative Hector Diaz, former State Representative Christina Ayala, and Kate Rivera.

Representative-elect Felipe will be sworn into office once the vote tally is certified by the Secretary of the State Denise Merrill.

With the election of Representative-elect Felipe, the Democrats will hold a 91-60 majority in the House. The 130th House District includes the South and West Ends, as well as the downtown area of Bridgeport.

Connecticut Children's Launches New Brand Campaign With Updated Logo

On May 1, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center rebranded with a new name – Connecticut Children’s – and revamped its logo and tag line – Never Stop Growing!

Since 1996, Connecticut Children’s locations and services have expanded beyond the walls of its main campus at 282 Washington Street, Hartford. Its focus is no longer just on those children needing clinical care, but on lifting the health and well-being of all children across the state. Connecticut Children’s services, research, and expertise now extend beyond clinical care to population health, social determinants of health, and community-based programs. This helps ensure that patients receive better care and achieve superior outcomes, and addresses health and well-being for children in the state and region. The new brand, inclusive of Connecticut Children’s name and logo, is now reflective of that growth.

“At Connecticut Children’s, we strive to ensure the physical, emotional, and social well-being of all children, even before they walk through our doors,” said Deb Pappas, Vice President and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer. “This campaign illustrates our dedication to our patients and families we serve. We will never stop growing, innovating, or improving children’s health.”

Connecticut Children’s new brand campaign commercial can be seen by clicking here.

CHA to Host Housing Quality: A Strategy to Reduce Asthma Disparities

On Monday, May 20, 2019, CHA will host Housing Quality: A Strategy to Reduce Asthma Disparities. The program, offered through a collaboration between CHA and the Connecticut State Department of Public Health’s Asthma Program, will be held at CHA from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The keynote address will be provided by Megan Sandel, MD, MPH, an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Boston University School of Medicine and a nationally recognized expert on housing and child health. Dr. Sandel, a former Director of Pediatric Healthcare for the Homeless at Boston Medical Center and a Co-Principal Investigator with Children’s HealthWatch, will lead a discussion on how housing is a new vital sign for health and a lever to improve asthma health outcomes.

The program will also feature presenters from Connecticut who are engaged in multiple initiatives and systems change focused on improving the environment of those dealing with asthma.
The conference takes place during Asthma Awareness Month, during which organizations dedicated to asthma control and education work together to increase knowledge about a disease that impacts millions of Americans.

Third Annual Connecticut Healthcare Association Collaborative Event at the Capitol

CHA and its partners in the Connecticut Healthcare Association Collaborative will sponsor a legislative reception on Thursday, May 30, 2019, to affirm their united support for a strong Medicaid program. The event will recognize and focus on the significant lifeline that the Medicaid program offers to the citizens of Connecticut.

The reception will take place in Room 310 of the State Capitol from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The event is one of a series of forums designed to inform legislative and state policy makers on issues impacting the state’s healthcare provider community. The members of the Connecticut Healthcare Association Collaborative include CHA, the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities, LeadingAge Connecticut, the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home, and the Connecticut State Medical Society.

All are welcome, no registration is required.

Education Update

Change Management: Leading in Turbulent Times
Friday, May 10, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
View Brochure | Event Registration

The scope and pace of change in healthcare is unrelenting. Turbulent times is synonymous with VUCA, an acronym that describes an environment that is Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous. Healthcare fits the description perfectly, and as the landscape continues to evolve, learning the strategies and principles of VUCA Leadership will enhance focus and agility. This workshop will blend didactic and experiential material, giving leaders practical tools to engage their employees in shaping organizational culture and achieving outcomes that drive operational excellence.

ICU High Reliability Training: Worker Safety
Friday, May 17, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
View Brochure | Event Registration

Part two of a three-part series focuses on worker safety and examines how high reliability practices and principles can keep ICU workplaces safe. Attendees will learn about high reliability tools, behaviors, and practices that are specific to worker safety in ICUs.

HRO Apparent Cause Analysis
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Event Registration

This course will focus on how to conduct an Apparent Cause Analysis (ACA). ACA methodology is used to evaluate and better understand the causes of precursor events at the microsystem level. Analyzing events using this tool will help direct the front-line leader to the appropriate improvement activities. This course is for front-line leaders—nursing and physician—and quality managers. After attending this program, the participant can serve as a local expert and provide coaching on ACAs to others in their setting.

HRO Safety Coach Training
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Event Registration

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Event Registration

Safety Coaches are peer mentors, designed to recognize and acknowledge good high reliability behavior and to remind people about opportunities to improve behavior that does not stay true to high reliability concepts. This training is being held on May 28, and is repeated on May 29.

HRO Common Cause Analysis
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Event Registration

This course will teach attendees how to analyze data from ACAs and RCAs using a standardized approach. This will allow leaders to recognize trends and establish themes occurring across their organization. Common cause analysis aggregates themes, and directs and prioritizes improvement activities.

HRO Leadership Method Training
Thursday, May 30, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Event Registration

Leadership Method Training is for organizations that are new to high reliability or for new management employees in organizations that are already on the high reliability journey. Both hospital and ambulatory organization leadership practices will be addressed. The leadership session, structured for leaders at the manager level and above, is designed to teach hospital or ambulatory leaders the concepts of high reliability science and behaviors.