



Miscellaneous

Two new interns, Emily Simmons and Emilija Griceviciute, both started in September and will be under my supervision through the end of December working on various projects and supporting several initiatives. Both Emily and Emilija are MPH students at the University of Bridgeport.

NACCHO

On September 26th, I attended the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO's) Monthly All-Local Health Organizations Call, which is a standing meeting meant to build connections across the Local Health Official community and connect local health department leaders with federal decision-makers. Each month local health department leaders will discuss updates on guidance and initiatives from CDC, FDA, and other federal partners and hear timely updates to support your work in the community.

Earlier in the month, with encouragement by the Section Chief of the CT DPH Office of Preparedness and Response, I accepted an invitation to serve as the Connecticut representative on the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Policy Advisory Group (PPAG). The PPAG plays an essential role in shaping NACCHO's policy positions, ensuring they align with the needs and interests of local health departments across the country. By participating in the PPAG, over the next two years I will collaborate with a diverse group of public health leaders to address pressing policy issues, share best practices, and provide recommendations that strengthen the nation's ability to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies. I feel honored to represent our state at the national level.

CT Association of Directors of Health (CADH)

Positions held: Member; Elected to Board of Directors; Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair; Advocacy Committee Member

The CT Association of Directors of Health continues to co-host statewide local health calls with DPH. The CADH Board of Directors meetings are held monthly; this month's meeting was on September 17th. I held a CADH Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on September 27th.

de Beaumont Foundation 40 Under 40 in Public Health

I attended a virtual meeting with the 40 Under 40 cohort on September 24th. The webinar featured Dr. Desiree Strickland, Founder of The Public Health Club, a membership platform providing public health professionals with community and consulting opportunities. The second speaker was 40 Under 40 alumni Dr. Jovanni Spinner of Beacon Public Health who released a guide on public health entrepreneurship.

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism (IDEA) Committee

Paulina continues to chair the IDEA committee. Amy Durand has stepped down from the committee; Lisa Trupp and Vanessa Lopez have joined. The committee reviewed the results of the internal IDEA Assessment and found that NVHD, on average, falls into the "Getting There" category by the metrics of the assessment ("Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree" in response to questions centered around adhering to values of inclusion, diversity, equity and antiracism).

In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, which is observed September 15th to October 15th, the committee decided to create a social media post highlighting notable public health figures of Hispanic origin and share a Spanish-language community



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resource guide on social media. The committee also discussed possibly arranging a Spanish-language flu clinic with Griffin Hospital.

Each month, the IDEA committee features one term or concept from NVHD's IDEA Glossary as the "IDEA of the Month" in order to better acquaint staff with the contents of the glossary; the term is also featured in NVHD's monthly newsletter.

- September's "Idea of the Month" was "Hispanic/Latina/Latino/Latinx". Please see definitions and explanations below:

"Hispanic and Latina/Latino are often used interchangeably in the U.S. to describe the ethnic identity of people with Latin American or Spanish ancestry. The terms Latino/Latina gained popularity in the 1990s in both U.S. government data collection and popular discourse because it was deemed more inclusive of Indigenous and African descendants in the Latin American continent, and it does not center Spanish descent or language fluency. Latinx is a newer term that also describes people who are of or relate to Latin American origin or descent. It is a gender-neutral and nonbinary alternative to Latina/Latino. Of note, many Hispanic, Latina/Latino/Latinx members prefer to identify using other terms including national origin. Preferred terms vary regionally. Best practice is to consult the specific communities involved in discussion to ask their preference."





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Hispanic Heritage Month is observed September 15th to October 15th!

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JOSÉ CELSO BARBOSA ALCALA



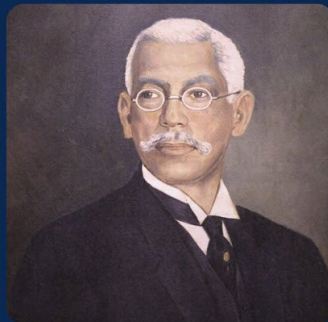
Jose Barbosa was a physician, sociologist, professor, politician and publisher. Barbosa was born in Puerto Rico in 1857 and would go on to achieve several educational milestones, both in his home country and internationally.

Barbosa attended New York's Fort Edward Collegiate Institute but was denied admission into Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons on the basis of race and ethnicity; instead, he went on to be the first Afro-Puerto Rican student to earn a medical degree from University of Michigan in 1880 and the first Puerto Rican to graduate with a medical degree in the United States.

After returning to Puerto Rico, Barbosa made many contributions to medicine and public health as he focused on serving poor and Black communities, providing free healthcare and implementing an early version of health insurance. In addition to being politically active (founding or joining several political parties advocating for autonomy from Spain, serving on the Executive Cabinet from 1900-1917, and going on to be elected to the Puerto Rican senate), Barbosa also taught natural history, midwifery, anatomy, and obstetrics at the Ateneo Científico y Literario.

Until his death in 1921, Barbosa continued advocating for political and social reform, labor and civil rights, and universal suffrage. Today he is remembered as the father of the Puerto Rican statehood movement and a pioneer in his field.

JOSÉ CELSO BARBOSA ALCALÁ



José Barbosa fue médico, sociólogo, profesor, político y editor. Barbosa nació en Puerto Rico en 1857 y alcanzaría varios hitos educativos, tanto en su país natal como a nivel internacional.

Barbosa asistió al Fort Edward Collegiate Institute de Nueva York, pero se le negó la admisión al Colegio de Médicos y Cirujanos de la Universidad de Columbia por motivos de raza y etnicidad; en cambio, se convirtió en el primer estudiante afro-puertorriqueño en obtener un título médico de la Universidad de Michigan en 1880 y el primer puertorriqueño en graduarse con un título médico en los Estados Unidos.

Después de regresar a Puerto Rico, Barbosa hizo muchas contribuciones a la medicina y la salud pública, ya que se centró en servir a las comunidades pobres y negras, brindando atención médica gratuita a implementando una versión temprana del seguro médico. Además de ser políticamente activo (fundando o uniéndose a varios partidos políticos que abogaban por la autonomía de España, sirviendo en el Gabinete Ejecutivo de 1900 a 1917 y siendo elegido para el Senado de Puerto Rico), Barbosa también enseñó historia natural, obstetricia, anatomía y obstetricia en el Ateneo Científico y Literario.

Hasta su muerte en 1921, Barbosa continuó abogando por la reforma política y social, los derechos laborales y civiles y el sufragio universal. Hoy se le recuerda como el padre del movimiento estadista puertorriqueño y un pionero en su campo.





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BAMBY SALCEDO

Bamby Salcedo is a prominent transgender activist and the president and CEO of TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC), a national organization launched in 2009 to address issues faced by transgender Latinas across the United States.

Salcedo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico in 1969. Throughout her early life she experienced many challenges, eventually overcoming poverty, abuse, substance use, incarceration, street violence, and persecution on the basis of her gender identity.

In an effort to rebuild her life, Salcedo earned a Master's degree in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles, launching her career in social justice. Today, Salcedo's organization TLC provides an array of services in the Los Angeles area, including violence prevention, HIV testing and prevention, reentry, legal aid and economic and workforce development.

Salcedo equally devotes her time to public speaking across a variety of forums. She has appeared as a panelist at multiple White House events and has acted as the opening plenary speaker at several conferences, including The 2018 National Sexual Assault Conference, the 2015 National HIV Prevention Conference, and the United States Conference on AIDS in 2009 and 2012. Through her work with the PanAmerican Health Organization, she helped develop the blueprint on how to provide competent health care services for transgender people as well as health care for LGBTQ+ people and human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean.



BAMBY SALCEDO

Bamby Salcedo es una activista destacada transgénero y presidenta y directora ejecutiva de TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC), una organización nacional lanzada en 2009 para abordar los problemas que enfrentan las latinas transgénero en todo Estados Unidos.

Salcedo nació en Guadalajara, México, en 1969. A lo largo de sus primeros años de vida experimentó muchos desafíos, superando finalmente la pobreza, el abuso, el consumo de sustancias, el encarcelamiento, la violencia callejera y la persecución por motivos de su identidad de género.

En un esfuerzo para reconstruir su vida, Salcedo obtuvo una maestría en Estudios Latinoamericanos de la Universidad Estatal de California en Los Ángeles, y comenzó su carrera en el ámbito de la justicia social. Hoy, la organización de Salcedo, TLC, brinda una variedad de servicios en el área de Los Ángeles, que incluyen prevención de la violencia, pruebas y prevención del VIH, reinserción, asistencia legal y desarrollo económico y laboral.

Salcedo también dedica su tiempo a hablar en público en una variedad de foros. Ha participado como panelista en múltiples eventos de la Casa Blanca y ha actuado como oradora plenaria inaugural en varias conferencias, incluyendo la Conferencia Nacional sobre Agresión Sexual de 2018, la Conferencia Nacional de Prevención del VIH de 2015 y la Conferencia de los Estados Unidos sobre el SIDA en 2009 y 2012. A través de su trabajo con la Organización Panamericana de la Salud, ayudó a desarrollar el plan sobre cómo brindar servicios de atención médica competentes para personas transgénero, así como atención médica para personas LGBT y derechos humanos en América Latina y el Caribe.





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ANTONIA COELLO NOVELLO



Antonia Novello is a dedicated public health advocate who made history when she was appointed as the first female and first Hispanic U.S. Surgeon General in 1990. Novello has led several major public health campaigns in her efforts to improve health conditions and access to medical care, especially for women, children, and minority populations.

Novello was born in Puerto Rico in 1944. Suffering from a congenital intestinal illness throughout her childhood and unable to access the healthcare she required, Novello was determined to go into medicine.

Novello graduated from University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in 1970 and went on to specialize in pediatric nephrology (the study of the kidneys); however, after 2 years in private practice, she felt called to public health, going on to earn her MPH from Johns Hopkins University in 1982. In 1986, she became a clinical professor of pediatrics at Georgetown University Hospital, moving to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in 1987, where she focused on pediatric AIDS.

President George H.W. Bush took notice of Novello's work on pediatric AIDS and, in 1990, appointed her the United States' 14th Surgeon General. Novello was early to recognize the need to focus on women with AIDS and to strive to prevent the neonatal transmission of HIV. Novello also promoted early childhood health initiatives such as injury prevention and immunization, and sought to raise awareness about domestic violence in the U.S. In her efforts to improve access to healthcare among minority populations, particularly Latinx Americans, she convened national and regional meetings to address community health needs.

ANTONIA COELLO NOVELLO



Antonia Novello es una dedicada defensora de la salud pública que hizo historia cuando fue designada como la primera mujer y la primera hispana Cirujano General de los Estados Unidos en 1990. Novello ha liderado varias campañas importantes de salud pública en sus esfuerzos por mejorar las condiciones de salud y el acceso a la atención médica, especialmente para mujeres, niños y poblaciones minoritarias.

Novello nació en Puerto Rico en 1944. Sufriendo una enfermedad intestinal congénita durante su infancia y al no poder acceder a la atención médica que necesitaba, Novello estaba decidida a dedicarse a la medicina.

Novello se graduó de la Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad de Puerto Rico en 1970 y se especializó en nefrología pediátrica (el estudio de los riñones); sin embargo, después de 2 años en la práctica privada, se sintió llamada a la salud pública y obtuvo su maestría en salud pública en la Universidad Johns Hopkins en 1982. En 1986, se convirtió en profesora clínica de pediatría en el Hospital Universitario de Georgetown y en 1987 se trasladó al Instituto Nacional de Salud Infantil y Desarrollo Humano, donde se centró en el SIDA pediátrico.

El presidente George H.W. Bush tomó nota del labor de Novello en materia de sida pediátrica y, en 1990, la nombró decimocuarta directora general de sanidad de los Estados Unidos. Novello fue una de las primeras en reconocer la necesidad de centrarse en las mujeres con sida y de esforzarse por prevenir la transmisión neonatal del VIH. Novello también promovió iniciativas de salud en la primera infancia, como la prevención de lesiones y la inmunización, y trató de concienciar sobre la violencia doméstica en los Estados Unidos. En sus esfuerzos por mejorar el acceso a la atención sanitaria entre las poblaciones minoritarias, en particular los latinoamericanos, convocó reuniones nacionales y regionales para abordar las necesidades de salud de la comunidad.





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CARLOS JUAN FINLAY

Carlos Juan Finlay was an epidemiologist who discovered that yellow fever is transmitted from infected to healthy humans by a mosquito. Although he published experimental evidence of this discovery in 1886, his ideas were ignored for 20 years.

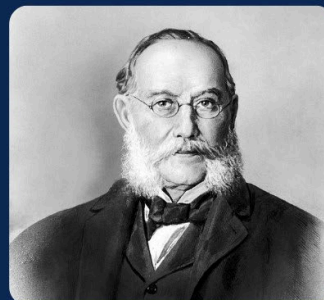


Finlay was born in Cuba in 1833 and graduated from Pennsylvania's Jefferson Medical College in 1855, after which he returned to Cuba, where he practiced medicine in Matanzas and Havana. In 1879 Finlay was appointed by the Cuban government to work with the North American commission studying the causes of yellow fever, and two years later he was chosen to attend the fifth International Sanitary Conference in Washington, D.C. as the Cuban delegate. At the conference, Finlay urged the study of yellow fever vectors, and soon afterward proposed that the carrier was the mosquito *Culex fasciatus*, now known as *Aedes aegypti*. His theory that an intermediary host was responsible for the spread of the disease was treated with ridicule for years.

In 1900, the U.S. Army Yellow Fever Board, headed by the physician Walter Reed, arrived in Cuba, at which point Finlay attempted to persuade Reed of his mosquito-vector theory. Reed decided to investigate the idea, refining Finlay's experimental procedures in the process; following this investigation, Reed was able to prove that mosquitoes do indeed transmit yellow fever, leading to physician William Gorgas' eradication of the disease in Cuba and Panama. Finlay was appointed chief sanitation officer of Cuba, and after his death the Finlay Institute for Investigations in Tropical Medicine was created in his honor by the Cuban government.

CARLOS JUAN FINLAY

Carlos Juan Finlay fue un epidemiólogo que descubrió que la fiebre amarilla se transmite de humanos infectados a humanos sanos a través de un mosquito. Aunque publicó evidencia experimental de este descubrimiento en 1886, sus ideas fueron ignoradas durante 20 años.



Finlay nació en Cuba en 1833 y se graduó en Jefferson Medical College de Pensilvania en 1855, tras lo cual regresó a Cuba, donde ejerció la medicina en Matanzas y Habana. En 1879, Finlay fue designado por el gobierno cubano para trabajar con la comisión norteamericana que estudiaba las causas de la fiebre amarilla.

Dos años después, fue elegido para asistir a la quinta Conferencia Sanitaria Internacional en Washington, D.C., como delegado cubano. En la conferencia, Finlay instó a que se estudiaran los vectores de la fiebre amarilla y, poco después, propuso que el portador era el mosquito *Culex fasciatus*, ahora conocido como *Aedes aegypti*. Su teoría de que un huésped intermediario era responsable de la propagación de la enfermedad fue ridiculizada durante años.

En 1900, la Junta de Fiebre Amarilla del Ejército de los Estados Unidos, encabezada por el médico Walter Reed, llegó a Cuba, momento en el que Finlay intentó persuadir a Reed de su teoría del mosquito como vector. Reed decidió investigar la idea, refinando en el proceso los procedimientos experimentales de Finlay; después de esta investigación, Reed pudo demostrar que los mosquitos efectivamente transmiten la fiebre amarilla, lo que llevó al médico William Gorgas a erradicar la enfermedad en Cuba y Panamá. Finlay fue nombrado director de sanidad de Cuba y, después de su muerte, el gobierno cubano creó en su honor el Instituto Finlay de Investigaciones en Medicina Tropical.





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Quality Improvement

Carissa has taken over as Chair of the QI Committee. A new QI project is in the process of being developed. The new project will be a Reconstruction of the Temporary Event Process. Carissa and I have re-opened our “Quick QI” project of evaluating and improving our billing and payment tracking for flu vaccines.

Workforce Development

Lisa continues to chair the NVHD Workforce Development Committee. Staff continue to work on completing the required two online training courses this quarter. The monthly staff meeting was held on September 5th.

Air Quality and Climate Change

I attended an EcoAmerica Climate Ambassador webinar on 9/10 featuring Linda B. Jackson who presented “Five Steps to Effective Climate Communication—Climate Change Health Impacts and Advocacy Strategies” on behalf of ACESWorld.

Grant: EPA Air Quality Monitoring Grant

Status: Awaiting Approved Revised Budget and Sub-Contract from CT DPH; Budget Revision submitted

Phase: Training and Planning Meetings Spring & Summer 2024; Expected Contract in Fall 2024

Naugatuck Valley Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) Program

Grant: Academic Detailing on Opioids Safety (ADOPS)

Status: Contract Executed with CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)

We continue to promote safe medication usage and disposal. Lisa continues to attempt recruitment to Academic Detailing sessions with providers / pharmacists. This grant will conclude at the end of September.

Grant: Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A)

Status: Sub-contract Executed with New Haven Health Department

We have interviewed a pool of great candidates for the two Opioids Prevention Navigator positions. Carissa and Deepa Joseph, Milford Health Department’s Director of Health joined me on the hiring panel. I hope the two offers will be accepted and staff onboarded for mid-October. I have been attending the monthly OD2A partners meeting with the other participating local health departments as well as one-on-one meetings with New Haven Health Department. Since we did not have our Navigators hired yet and I had other commitments, Vanessa attended a two-day Rover training in New Haven, with the other grant recipients, as my proxy. The training was facilitated by the CT Harm Reduction Alliance.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

The PHEP & MRC Coordinator position has been posted. As applications come in, I will have a better idea of when interviews will be scheduled.

I was invited by CT DPH to participate and provide feedback for a new/pilot Public Health Incident Command System training, which was developed by the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University. The training was held virtually on September 4th from 9am-2pm.





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Emergency Responses

We responded to, and are now in the recovery phase, of the devastating flash flood event that occurred on August 18th. An After-Action Report and Improvement Plan will be submitted to the CT DPH and the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Lisa and I provided mosquito dunks, cleaning supplies, safe medication disposal pouches, COVID-19 test kits and health education materials at the Recovery Center operation hosted by the American Red Cross at the Naugatuck YMCA on Thursday, September 5th from 2-7pm.



NVHD has partnered with York Analytical Laboratories to provide discounted private well testing. Kits are available for pick up at the NVHD office during business hours.

I also worked with the Store Manager of the Warby Parker eye wear store in New Haven to get 12 virtual gift cards for residents who were impacted by the flood. The gift cards are valued at \$95 each, with their donation totaling \$1,140. They are being distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Individuals should email me (jkristy@nvhd.org) if they need/want a gift card.

ESF 8: Public Health & Medical Services, Chair

I facilitated the Region 5 ESF 8 meetings on September 6th. I attended the Region 2 REPT Steering Committee meeting on September 20th.

Medical Reserve Corps

DPH Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (DPH OPHPR) continues to hold monthly MRC office hours. I attended the National MRC Program September Town Hall meeting on September 12th. The topics included a NACCHO Brief on the MRC National Summit in Chicago (Barbara attended), FY25 Budget Brief, MRC Reporting and Site Changes, as well as other announcements. While we have CT DPH reporting requirements, we are also mandated to report activities to the Federal program. Compliance with this is also a requirement to be eligible for NACCHO funding.





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CT Healthcare Coalition (HCC)

Public Health Representative & Voting Member; Elected to the Executive Committee

I attended the CT HCC Executive Committee meeting on September 18th. The main objectives of the meeting were to review and approve funding for project applications as well as sponsorships for individuals to attend the national HCC conference in Orlando in December.

I virtually attended the Region 5 Long-Term Care Mutual Aid Plan Annual Full-Scale Exercise on September 27th. The Region 5 Long-Term Care Coordinating Center is Complete Care at Glendale, where some participants were in person. We were able to demo the new online dashboard, ProtectAdvisor, that has replaced the LTC-MAP platform. This web-based platform allows real-time access for hospitals and long-term care facilities to report their statuses and censuses, provides an all-hazards planning data gap analysis (resources available or needed), document library, etc.

ELC Grant: Surveillance & Outbreak Response Team (SORT)

- COVID-19 – Status: Endemic Response
 - *An endemic means a disease is spreading in a community at normal or expected levels*
- Mpox – Status: Response - Surveillance for cases and dissemination of education
- Flu, RSV, and Pertussis – Surveillance for cases and dissemination of education
- H5N1 Bird Flu – Status: Monitoring; low public health risk
 - Please visit the CDC webpage dedicated to H5N1 Bird Flu updates here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-flu-summary.htm>.

The following update is provided by Paulina:

As the respiratory virus season has begun, the ELC team received a large amount of requests for an NVHD-branded Respiratory Virus Guidance poster; Paulina completed the design and the posters will be printed in October, after which they will be distributed to community partners to display.

The 2024 Public Health Art Contest has closed; Beatriz is reviewing submissions and will facilitate staff voting and coordinate the prize giveaways for the winners. The winning artwork will be featured on promotional postcards to be mailed out to Valley residents reminding recipients to get their flu shot.

COVID-19 test kit requests continue to come in from residents and community partners; the ELC team will ramp up the distribution effort to community partners as we move into the holiday season.

Beatriz has attended multiple community outreach events, distributing COVID-19 test kits and educational flyers; in September, she attended events such as food shares, the Naugatuck Senior Health Fair, and story time at Howard Whittemore Library in Naugatuck.





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Table 1. Adult Case Statistics (18+)

	August	September
Total Cases & Contacts Managed	75	67
Attempted Contact: Letters Mailed	43	44

Table 2. Youth and Teen Case Statistics (0-17)

	August	September
Total Cases & Contacts Managed	10	11
Attempted Contact: Letters Mailed	7	9

*Please note that “Total Cases & Contacts Managed” also includes reports of self-tests originating from various sources such as schools, childcare centers, congregate living facilities, etc. and as such do not always come with contact information and/or do not always warrant further follow-up by NVHD staff.





COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
Carissa Caserta, MPH
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Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Jess, Lisa T., Kristie and I continue to work on CHIP initiatives and attend monthly meetings. We have begun discussing the process for the next CHIP which will start next year after the new health assessment is released.

Community Health Assessment: The Valley Index (CHA)

Lisa and I continue to collaborate with the CHA Steering/Planning Committee, which also includes the Executive Director of the Valley Council for Health and Human Services, Griffin Hospital, and the Valley Community Foundation. DataHaven was hired by NVHD, utilizing grant funding, to conduct the Well-Being Survey, which is one piece of data that is included in The Index. We expect to get the raw data in Fall.

Community Health Programs

NVHD finally received the Preventive Health and Human Services Block Grant contract! This will fund all of our programming for August 1, 2024, through 2029 (books, materials, incentives, etc.) and will offset salary for Lisa Trupp and me. All programming has been completed for this year and will restart in January.

A Matter of Balance

A Matter of Balance program ended at the Naugatuck Senior Center on 9/24/24 with 8 participants.

LiveWell with Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP)

We have started to develop a one-hour Diabetes education session that has been asked for by a few organizations such as, the Valley Social Club and Hutt Houting. Lisa T. and Kristie will be offering that one-hour session soon!

LiveWell with Chronic Pain Self-Management Program (CPSMP)

A CPSMP program ended at the Ansonia Senior Center with 7 participants.

Mental Health Programs

Lisa attended a virtual Region 5 Suicide Advisory Board meeting which is now one of the Block Grant deliverables.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

Lisa and Liz (from East Shore District Health Department) hosted a two-night Mental Health First Aid training and 15 people attended and were certified.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead case management continues to grow and is being completed by Lisa daily. There continues to be an increase in lead on-site inspections and epidemiological investigations done by several of our staff.

Immunization Grants & Clinical Services

Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Grant Program

IAP: Elizabeth completed 3 IQIP visits at 3 pediatric offices throughout her territory. She also attended the Annual Influenza Conference with Kristie, Carissa and Vanessa.






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CDC Immunization Grant:

September Outreach Events Summary

Howard Whittmore Public Library NVHD Storytime & Art	Beatriz and Vanessa hosted a table at the library in hopes of collecting flu-art from the children.
Shelton Public Schools Back to School	Vanessa arranged for Beatriz to attend the Derby Public Library children's department. Beatriz provided immunization information to families while they attended story time.
The Abundant Life Ministries, LLC. CT Foodshare	Vanessa and Beatriz attended the Abundant Life Ministries, LLC biweekly food pantry giveaway, they provided the community with NVHDs upcoming Flu clinic schedule, and important information for keeping safe during the upcoming respiratory virus season.
Griffin Passenger Safety Clinic National Car Seat Safety Awareness Month	<p>Vanessa attended the monthly car seat check hosted by Griffin. Every month is special, but this month was a bit different because it is nationally recognized as car seat safety awareness month. News 8 was in attendance to highlight the importance of Griffin's car seat giveaway/check and Community Partnership.</p> 
American Lung Association Influenza Conference	Vanessa, Carissa, Kristie, and Elizabeth attended the annual conference that is held each year in the fall with a focus on adult vaccinations. The conference is aimed at health professionals, health educators and mass immunizers, the conference focuses on key findings from the previous flu season, vaccination recommendations, trending infectious disease topics and more.
Salvation Army Food Pantry Giveaway	Vanessa attended the Salvation Army's weekly food pantry giveaway, she provided NVHDs upcoming Flu clinic schedule, and important information for keeping safe during the upcoming respiratory virus season.





Translation:

The month of September was busy due to the need for vaccine catch-up for children on their back-to-school immunizations, Vanessa assisted Kristie with translating from Spanish to English and vice versa. Vanessa also translated for various other staff.

Clinical Services

In September, Kristie provided 41 vaccines to children and 1 college student in the Valley.

Flu clinics have begun! Our first clinic was at the Senator Kelley Health Fair at the Shelton Senior Center on 9/28/24. We provided 20 flu vaccines at the fair. A list of scheduled clinics is below.

Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) & Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI-AR)

DPH continues to host a monthly meeting with the CT DPH HAI-AR staff and local health departments/districts building capacity in Infection Prevention & Control (IPC). DPH continues to host monthly meetings related to prevention and control. The June topic was on the National Safety Health Network and July was focused on Tuberculosis. Lynn Sosa, CT Director of Infectious Disease, discussed the new Tuberculosis guidance that we will be following from now on. There have been some changes based on discharge from the hospital and specimen collection.

Tuberculosis (TB)

Kristie continues to monitor two residents with Tuberculosis.

Miscellaneous

CPHA

Lisa attended a CT Public Health Association Health Education Committee meeting where she planned a lunch and learn that will be led by NVHD staff regarding respiratory viruses in the Fall on 10/18/24. The CPHA annual meeting will be held this year on 11/18/24 and many of Community Health staff will be in attendance.

Annual Influenza Conference

Kristie, Elizabeth, Vanessa and I attended the Annual Influenza Conference hosted by the American Lung Association and CT Adult Immunization Coalition. This conference has several speakers related to updated vaccinations, overviews of any new viruses, and educational information.

Fall Fairs and Festivals

Lisa and Bea attended the Annual Naugatuck Senior Health and Wellness Fair and Senator Kelley’s Health Fair at the Shelton Senior Center, and provided educational materials and giveaways, such as, masks, COVID tests and more. One of our new interns Emilija also attended the fair at the Shelton Senior Center.





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Flu Clinic Schedule

9/23/2024	9am-12pm	Senator Kelly Fair - Shelton Senior Center
10/2/2024	9-11am	Caspari Paper Company
10/2/2024	2:30-5pm	Naugatuck Board of Ed, Naugatuck High
10/3/2024	2-4pm	Derby High School, 75 Chatfield St, Derby, CT 06418
10/3/2024	9-12:30pm	Beacon Falls Schools, Woodland High & Laurel Ledge, 57 N. Main St., Beacon Falls
10/4/2024	9-11am	Naugatuck Senior Center, 300 Meadow St, Naugatuck, CT 06770
10/7/2024	11-1pm	UConn Waterbury Campus
10/7/2024	4-6pm	Ansonia PreK - Prendergast, 59 Finney St., Ansonia
10/8/2024	9-11am	Hutt Housing Naugatuck
10/8/2024	3-5pm	Seymour High School, 2 Botsford Rd, Seymour,
10/9/2024	9:30-11:30am	Shelton Senior Center, 81 Wheeler St., Shelton
10/9/2024	2-4pm	Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill St Shelton
10/10/2024	2-5pm	Ansonia High School, 20 Pulaski Hwy, Ansonia
10/11/2024	9:30-11:30am	Ansonia Senior Center, 65 Main St., Ansonia
10/15/2024	10am-1pm	Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street, Seymour
10/16/2024	9-11am	Beacon Falls Senior Center
10/16/2024	4-6:30pm	Irving & St. Mary St. Michael Schools, Derby
10/22/2024	11-1pm	UConn Waterbury Campus
10/22/2024	3-5:30pm	Shelton High School - Cafeteria, 120 Meadow St., Shelton
10/23/2024	3-5pm	Bradley School, 155 David Humphrey Rd, Derby
10/24/2024	3-5pm	Naugatuck Early Childhood Preschool, 28 Central Ave, Naugatuck
10/29/2024	12:30-2:30pm	Derby Senior Center
10/29/2024	4-6pm	Julia Day Nursery School, Ansonia
10/30/2024	8:30-10:30am	Turner Construction, Shelton
10/30/2024	1-3pm	Seymour Housing - Callahan House/Nora Birch
11/12/2024	9:30-11:30am	Shelton Senior Center, 81 Wheeler St., Shelton
11/13/2024		Christ Church Food Pantry Ansonia





ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
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Assistant Director
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Food Service Establishments

Sanitarians continue to conduct seasonal inspections for itinerant vendors (food truck/trailers), concession stands at sporting events and temporary events.

We also continue to conduct routine inspections, plan views, and inspections for food service establishments that are new or changing ownership.

A total of **56** (48 last year) temporary event inspections were conducted.

Glenda Buenaventura, per diem food inspector, continued to assist in conducting food service inspection after hours and on the weekend up to 20 hours a week, as needed.

Body Care

The deadline for the renewal of all existing Body Care permits was September 30th. Reminder phone call was sent out via The Voice Reach System on September 24th. As of this today (October 1, 2024) **20** (30 last year) applications are still pending. Beginning October 1st, a late fee of \$20/day will be assessed for all applications that miss the expiration. If applications and fees are not received by October 8th the business will be ordered to close immediately.

The inspectors are conducting annual inspections of the salons as the applications are received and processed. Staff continues to conduct plan views and inspections for body care establishments that are new or changing ownership.

Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (SSDS)

Staff continue to conduct SSDS inspections, B-100 visits, soil testing, B-100 plan reviews, new SSDS plans reviews, and issue permits to construct/discharge.

Laurel continues to train staff in the SSDS program.

Housing Complaints

Environmental staff continues to investigate housing code violations and complaints.

Public Pools

36 outdoor / seasonal public swimming pool inspections and follow-up inspections were completed.

Lead

An on-site inspection is conducted by NVHD staff when a child under the age of 6 has a blood level ≥ 5 ug/dL but < 10 ug/dL (effective 1/1/2024).

A comprehensive inspection is conducted by NVHD staff when a child under the age of 6 has a blood lead level ≥ 10 ug/dL.



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Miscellaneous

On September 19th, Amanda Michaud attended the 3rd Annual Joint Meeting Sponsored by the CT Building Officials Association, the CT fire Marshals Association, and the CT Association of Housing Code Enforcement Officials, Inc. at Saint Clements Castle in Portland. The full day agenda focused on three main topics: Safety, Connection and Deescalation, Responding to Severe Hoarding Cases, and Administrative Search Warrants.

Emergency Reponses

	Date/Time	Location	Description of Event
1.	9/6	50 Lorann Drive, Naugatuck	Hoarding situation
2.	9/8	Big Y, Naugatuck	Electrical fire in Deli
3.	9/27	Nardelli's, Naugatuck	Mold

Temporary Events After-Hours

1.	9/8	St. Michael's Village Green Fair, Naugatuck
2.	9/20	Harvest Moon Festival, Naugatuck
3.	9/22	Pumpkin Festival, Seymour
4.	9/28	Harvest Festival, Ansonia
5.	9/28	Naugatuck Fall Festival, Naugatuck

