

The NYSPHC Bi-Monthly Bulletin



A NYSDOH FELLOW DIGEST

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What's New!

It's official. Workday is live!

As of July 3, HRI has officially switched to Workday for all of our human resources needs. Below you will find relevant recordings of Workday trainings and resources for employees and managers.



- Employee Self Service – Introductory Webinar
- Manager Self Service – Introductory Webinar
- Time and Absence
- Travel

Reminder! 

If you haven't already done so, be sure to add your info to the NYSPHC DOH Partner Directory to connect with other NYSDOH Fellows, Supervisors and Mentors!

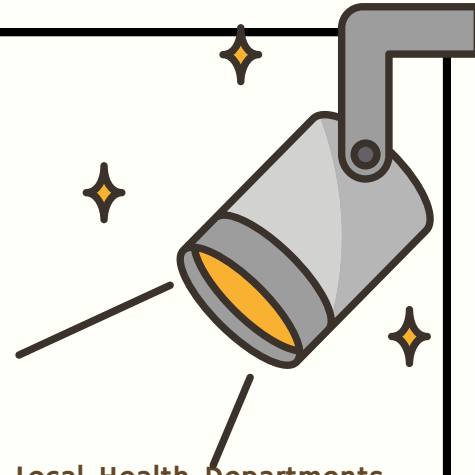
JOIN NOW!

Help us welcome our newest NYSDOH Fellows!

WELCOME

Melissa Carbonara, CEH
Jeannie Haller, CCH
John Correia, OPCHSM
Isa Brackett, CCH
Sarah Snyder, OOTC
Olivia Ash, CCH
Salman Khan, OPH
Ian Kundel, CCH
Patrick Flood, WC
Taylor Manzelli, OPCHSM

NYS DOH FELLOW SPOTLIGHTS



Luke Grandis
Health Program Coordinator,
AIDS Institute,
Office of Drug User Health

I am currently working as a Contract Manager with Local Health Departments (LHDs) who are recipients of the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant. I provide LHDs with technical assistance on harm reduction, drug user health, and evidence-based overdose prevention interventions they can implement in order to mitigate risks associated with drug use and lower the rates of overdose deaths in their counties. The presence of Xylazine, a sedative used in veterinary settings as an animal tranquilizer, is becoming increasingly common in the drug supply in the U.S. (and New York State), and poses many threats to the health of people who use drugs. One of the interventions I feel most proud of helping facilitate is getting Xylazine Test Strips into the hands of New Yorkers who use drugs so that people can test substances before using them and make more informed decisions about their drug use. I am also really excited about a research project I am currently working on which examines the impact(s) of climate change on drug user health and overdose rates.

Following the end of my fellowship, I hope to continue working for the Office of Drug User Health. As a person with lived experience, prioritizing the health outcomes of PWUD (people who use drugs) and working to end overdose is of the utmost importance to me. I feel really proud to be part of such an amazing team of people working to improve the health and lives of PWUD across the state.

I really enjoyed the 3-month online coursework I did as part of my fellowship and am considering the idea of potentially pursuing a Master's in Public Health at some point in the future!

Hello! I'm Samora Mayberry. I'm in the Empire State Plaza Corning Tower working in the Tobacco Enforcement section, which oversees the State's Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) and Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA) program. I appreciate the importance of data to monitor the effectiveness of these programs, and the highlight for me was reading that tobacco control policies are "effectively" reducing tobacco and vaping use. I input the state and county data for the quarterly and annual reports, and my accuracy helped determine this information. After the Fellowship ends, my career goal is to continue working within Public Health. Since I have a diverse background, I will enjoy the next area I go to.

I have talked about visiting Costa Rica after reading about a volunteer program delivering feminine hygiene products. I read so much about their climate, universal insurance, and the beautiful country, and I was intrigued to see the country. Then COVID happened, and I changed my plans. My superpower? I would love to be invisible and walk around talking and singing without people seeing me. I love the dresses from the Roaring Twenties, but I would love to go back to a Harlem Renaissance party to see them dance.



Samora Mayberry
Public Health Specialist I
Center for Environmental Health

NYSDOH Mentor Spotlight

Rachel Cicigline,

Public Health Specialist, Bureau of Water Supply Protection, CEH

I am a Public Health Specialist in the Bureau of Water Supply Protection, which is part of the Center for Environmental Health. I have many roles in the Part 4 – Protection Against Legionella regulation program including program development, communication efforts, and rulemaking. Specifically, I oversee public support for the New York State cooling tower registry in accordance with the Subpart 4-1 Cooling Tower regulation. I also review water management plans (WMPs) submitted by Article 28 (of the New York State Public Health Law) healthcare facilities that present with cases of Legionnaire's Disease and evaluate the facility's plan sufficiency in accordance with the Subpart 4-2 – Healthcare Facilities regulation.

Mentoring this cohort has been a great experience. Everyone has such a different background, but they all have a common goal related to public health outreach and learning how to network. We have had three speakers so far from all walks of public health join us during our meetings to talk about their path into their current careers. These individuals come from the public, private, and entrepreneurial side of public health and are great resources for everyone.

A word of advice for fellows:

Be inquisitive and ask lots of questions. Public health has so many facets, and you never know what will grab your attention and where it might take you. Enjoy the ride!



Biggest guilty pleasure?:

"Anything paranormal. The spookier, the better! A good supernatural podcast or ghost hunting show will have me hooked for hours."

— HAPPY — Retirement



Congratulations to our colleague, Chris Maylahn on his retirement after 43 years of service to the New York State Department of Health!



Chris has been a champion of the NYSPHC Fellowship Program and has also served as a mentor to our DOH Fellows and NYSDOH staff alike. Thank you for your service, Chris, and good luck on your journey into retirement!

Fellow Farewells

Best of luck to our fellows who have left the program!

Kelly Galloway

Mahnoor Nasir

Jefferson Garcia

Mahima Huq

Kenneth Okonkwo

Patrick O'Connor

Fellow - Assistant Research Scientist - CEH

"I began my fellowship in January 2023 in the Bureau of Water Supply Protection in Water Systems Control and Analysis as an Assistant Research Scientist working mainly with the Legionella investigation team, but also providing support to projects related to private well sampling and education, as well supporting efforts related to harmful algal bloom research. This has been an incredible program that really allowed me to blossom, and I am very proud and grateful to now be a full-time employee working in the same unit as my fellowship. This is a role I had dreamed of and worked very hard for and without the NYSPHC and everyone who supports it, I would have never been able to accomplish this. THANK YOU!"

Thank you to everyone who attended our July NYSDOH In-Person Networking Event at Lionheart on the Green in Albany!

We look forward to connecting with you at our next event!



Upcoming Events

NYSPHC Orientation

Fri, September 1, 2023 | 10:00AM-11:30AM

[Register Here](#)



NYSDOH September Consortium

Fri, September 29, 2023 | 10:00AM-12:00PM

[Register Here](#)

Understanding Disparities: When Data is the Problem
(NYSPHC Educational Series Session)

Wed, October 11, 2023 | 12:00PM-1:00PM

Registration Coming Soon



Save the Date

NYS PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS ANNUAL SUMMIT 2023

Building Partnerships that Strengthen Public Health

Systems, Infrastructure, Capacity, & Equity



Tuesday, December 12
9:15am-5:00pm

Wednesday, December 13
9:00am-3:00pm

Albany Capital Center

AUDIENCE

NYSPHC Fellows, Mentors, Supervisors, and Regional Consortium members

COST: FREE

Further details and registration information to follow, including a call for abstracts and videos



NYSPHC Events Calendar

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Don't forget to check the NYSPHC Events Calendar for more events!

Get Involved!

Are you looking for ways to give back in your free time? Be sure to check out our new *Volunteer Corner* where we will showcase various opportunities within the geographic areas of NYSDOH Regional Offices

Capital Region

Habitat for Humanity of the Capital District

United Way of GCR
SICM Food Pantry
(multiple shifts)

Central NY

Meals On Wheels of Syracuse New York Inc

Erie Canal Museum - Gardening Volunteer

YWCA of Syracuse & Onondaga County

Western Region

Food Link (Rochester)

Compeer of Greater Buffalo

Erie County Volunteer Firefighter/EMS/Rescue

MARO

Long Island Blood Services/ NY Blood Center

Long Island Coalition for the Homeless - Veterans Community Garden





September NYSDOH Consortium Meeting Topic: *Effective Communication*

Friday, September 29, 2023 | 10:00AM-12:00PM




**Jennifer Manganello,
PhD, MPH**

"I am a Professor at the University at Albany School of Public Health. I am a health communication scholar who uses theories, concepts, and methods from the fields of public health and communication. My research focuses on health literacy as well as the effects of media on attitudes, behaviors, and policies that put people at risk for negative health outcomes. Much of my work focuses on children, adolescents, young adults and parents, and I often seek to include groups impacted by health disparities. More recently, I have emphasized how health literacy and health communication can help support youth with disabilities and their families.

My main area of expertise is health communication. My work in this area has primarily focused on the effects of media and/or technology use on health attitudes, knowledge, and behavior, health information seeking among youth and parents, and identifying best practices for the dissemination of health information to the general public, including through news and social media. It has also involved a focus on health literacy. I also examine the use of digital technology for health information and health interventions, also known as eHealth.

I have published my work in journals such as the Journal of Health Communication, Pediatrics, Public Health Management and Practice, Journal of Children and Media, and Public Health Nutrition. Before starting at UAlbany, I was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania. I earned my Ph.D. from the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health."

[Click Here to Register](#) 

Call for Videos!



On December 12-13, 2023, the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program will host its second annual Fellowship Summit in Albany, NY.

The Fellowship Summit will be guided by an overarching theme and supporting tagline:

Theme: *Building Partnerships that Strengthen Public Health*

Tagline: *Systems, Infrastructure, Capacity, and Equity*

The events will include staple activities such as keynote speeches, presentations, poster sessions, panels, and workshop sessions.

This year we are excited to bring back our **NYSPHC Fellowship Video Project**. It is our hope that the NYSPHC Fellowship video project will continue to provide a creative opportunity for Fellows to highlight the work that they are doing with the State and Local Health Departments, and host organizations. The videos will serve to visually highlight individual Fellows, State and Local Health Department Programs, and agencies they are working with, which paint a picture of the future of the public health workforce in New York State.

As a person involved with the NYSPHC Fellowship Program, you will have a long-lasting impact on the public health workforce. We invite you to participate in the NYSPHC Fellowship Video Project! We encourage you to participate in any or all opportunities available, including abstracts that may have already been submitted.

We truly hope you will be part of this exciting opportunity!

To create an account and get details on how to submit your video, please follow this link:

<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=UAALKQTN>

All submissions are due by **9/15/2023**. The [NYSPHC Training and Resources](#) website contains information about Summit, including video guidelines and much more! Go to the Fellow Resources Tab.

We look forward to receiving all your creative submissions!

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New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program



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At the Table with Ali!



Summer Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble Bars

Try this sweet and refreshing treat for a summertime dessert or even a quick breakfast!



REMINDERS & HELPFUL LINKS

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Public Health Essentials (PHE) Updates



Cornell University.

**May Cohort:
Ends on 9/12/23**

**August Cohort:
Begins on 8/30/23**

**July Cohort:
Ends on 11/07/23**

**September Cohort:
Begins on 9/27/23**

If you need any technical assistance with Cornell's website, please make sure to email helpdesk@cornell.edu

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