

# SANITARIANS' NEWS

## WVPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2015



The 91st Annual West Virginia Public Health Association Conference is planned for September 23-25, 2015 at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, WV.

This year's theme is "Current Trends and Challenges: Public Health Leading the Way" Information about the WVPHA Conference and registration can be found at the WVPHA website:

<http://www.wvpublichealthassociation.org/>



### ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA—AT A GLANCE

#### Thursday, September 24, 2015

**8:30-10:00am**

Theresa Smedley, Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer, US FDA  
Day to day operations of the Import Inspection Program of the US FDA

**10:00-10:30am**

Break and Exhibits

**10:30 -11:30am**

Tammy Howard, Ice Product Specialist, United Refrigeration  
Inspecting and Cleaning Ice Machines

**11:30 am -12:30pm**

Luncheon

**12:30-1:00pm**

Business Meeting

**1:00-2:00pm**

Bekki Leigh, Coordinator, WV Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition  
Understanding the Farm to School Program

**2:00-2:30pm**

Break and Exhibits

**2:30-3:00pm**

Christina Mickey, Registered Sanitarian, Braxton County Health Dept.  
Smoke Free Initiative WV Updates

**3:00-4:00pm**

Ben Jacobs, Regional Account Manager, Matcor Catholic Protection Services  
Catholic Well Design and Installa-

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#### Message from the President

As WVAS President, I would like to personally invite each of you to the upcoming 91<sup>st</sup> Annual West Virginia Public Health Conference. The association has prepared an exciting agenda for the environmental breakout session on Thursday.

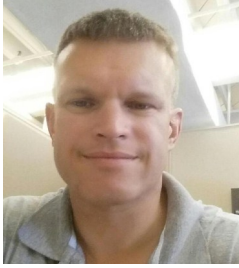
As my term comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to the executive council and all the members of the association for your support and effort this past year. It has been an honor to have such a wonderful group of people to work with in the association. You as environmental health professionals truly make a difference.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Wheeling at this year's conference.

Thank you for all of your service.

*Jarod Dellinger, WVAS President*

## VICE-PRESIDENT



### Keith Allison

Hello all. My name is Keith Allison. I currently work as a Sanitarian at the Berkeley County Health Department. I have been employed for the past 8.5 years. I live in Martinsburg. I graduated from Shepherd College with a degree in Recreation Leisure Studies with a Sport Fitness Specialization. I also work as a gymnastics instructor with 4Star gymnastics in Williamsport, Maryland. I am running for the position of Vice -President and am currently the fundraising chairman for the executive council. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you in advance.



### Brad Cochran R.S.

I am currently the Public Health Sanitation Division Director within the Office of Environmental Health Services (OEHS). I assumed this role in March 2007 after serving as the interim director for five months. I have also held the position of General Sanitation Program Manager and District Sanitarian in the Beckley District. I began my career as a sanitarian with the Marion County Health Department in 1991.

I am a life member of both the West Virginia Association of Sanitarians (WVAS) and the West Virginia Public Health Association (WVPHA). I have previously served as a WVAS Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer and also served as Planning and Operations Chair of WVPHA for several years. I would appreciate your support for the Office Vice-President of WVAS.

Meet  
the



Candidates



### Britney Hervey-Ferris

Britney Hervey Farris is a Registered Sanitarian with Brooke County Health Department. Britney began working at Brooke County Health Department in 2011 as an Office Assistant. Holding a Bachelor of Science Degree from Waynesburg University, Britney completed her Sanitarian Training in Fall of 2011 and was promoted to Sanitarian. In Spring 2012, she passed the national standard NEHA Exam to become a Registered Sanitarian. As an active member of Tri-State Environmental Association, she has learned the importance of networking with other peers and learning from each other's experiences. Britney will be entering her 5<sup>th</sup> year in Public Health, her favorite thing about her job is providing resources and education to community members to keep the public & families safe from environmental hazards. Britney serves as Brooke County Farmers Market coordinator and has built strong relationships with local vendors and farmers to provide the community with safe local food sources.



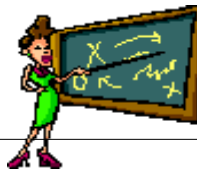
### Mark Hawkins, R.S.

Mark was born and raised in Marshall County, West Virginia where he continues to reside with his wife and three daughters. He graduated from Bishop Donahue High School in 1995 and continued his education at West Virginia University. After receiving his degree, he pursued a position in the Environmental Health field at the Wetzel-Tyler Health Department. For more than half of his fifteen year career as a Registered Sanitarian, Mark has been solely responsible for overseeing all environmental matters in both Tyler and Wetzel counties. In addition to his profession, Mark's other interests include coaching softball and being an avid enthusiast of the West Virginia Mountaineers.

## 2 YEAR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

# SANITARIAN TRAINING CLASS

## AUGUST 3 - NOVEMBER 20, 2015



**Week One**

August 3-7, Charleston, WV  
*Introduction to Public Health, Public Health Law, Microbiology, Intro. to Epidemiology, Bad Bugs, Marshall Public Health, Office of Laboratory Services Lab Tour*

**Week Two**

August 17-21, Morgantown, WV  
*Recreational Water Facilities, Home Loan Evaluations, Complaints, HealthSpace Overview, Cross Connections, Clean Indoor Regulations*

**Week Three** *\*Please note the change in location*

August 31–September 4 Cedar Lakes Environmental Training Center, Ripley, WV  
*On-Site Sewage Program*

**Week Four**

September 14-18, Morgantown, WV  
*On-Site Sewage Program, Rodent Control, Infectious Medical Waste, Solid Waste, Air Pollution, WVU Public Health*

**Week Five**

September 28–October 3, Charleston, WV  
*Manufactured Home Communities, Environmental Engineering, Public Water, Water Wells, Waterborne Diseases, Rabies, Conflict Management, WV Rapid Response Team Overview, Field Trip—Office of Laboratory Services*

**Week Six**

October 19-23, Morgantown, WV  
*Insects, General Sanitation Program, Child Care Program, Food Program*



**Week Seven**

November 2-6, Charleston, WV  
*Food Program*

**Week Eight**

November 16-20, Charleston, WV  
*Tattoo & Body Piercing, Milk Program, RTIA Programs—Radiation, Asbestos, Readiness Planning, Threat Preparedness, Bottled Water Program, Comprehensive Final*

**Food Safety and Defense Task Force**  
 Submitted by Wayne Powell

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force meeting was held July 28/29 at Stonewall Resort. The meeting began with a legislative update, Brad Cochran informed the task force of the legislative issues affecting the food program which included the authorization of statewide food handler's card, the uniform farmer's market vender permit and the selling of growlers in the microbrewery industry. Followed by a discussion led by Martin Guidia, FDA Regional Response Coordinator, of a multi-state Salmonella outbreak that involved WV and how, through mutual trace-back investigation involving local, state and federal departments the possible source was narrowed down. The meeting ended for the day with a presentation from Stonewall Resort officials of the food offerings and the catering of special events that occur throughout the year.

After a night on their own the task force meeting continued with a roundtable discussion of acidified foods as to how each division is involved. Beginning with the industry having to get approval and registration, the required records needed, and what are some common violations that inspectors find when doing an inspection. This brought up several points of interest for future training or instructions. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

District In-Service Meetings - Check the Public Health Sanitation website:  
[www.wvdhhr.org/phs](http://www.wvdhhr.org/phs)

WVAS Mid-Year Sanitarian Training Conference  
 May 2016.



## Farewell to a friend and colleague

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to William C. (Bill) Harvey III.

He retired from the Boone County Health Department after 31 years as head sanitarian. He served on the West Virginia Board of Sanitarians for many years. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time outdoors, but most of all he loved to ride his Harley motorcycle. He was a first-degree Black Belt and taught several self-defense classes for women.

I had the privilege to work closely with Bill during my tenure as a District Sanitarian in the St. Albans District. Bill had a keen sense of people and was able to accomplish much while working in Boone County. He was great fun and a very caring person. I personally appreciate the friendship that we shared.

*Thanks for the memories my friend.*

Submitted by Linda Whaley



## Quiz Time— Recreational Water Illness

1. **True or False** — Recreational water illnesses (RWIs) are caused by germs spread by swallowing, breathing in mists or aerosols of, or having contact with contaminated water in swimming pools, hot tubs, water parks, water play areas, interactive fountains, lakes, rivers, or oceans.
2. **True or False**—The most common RWI is a skin irritation.
3. **True or False**—The correct pH and disinfectant levels, chlorine will kill most germs that cause RWIs in less than an hour.
4. **True or False**—"Hot tub rash" can also be spread in pools that do not have proper disinfectant levels and in natural bodies of water such as oceans, lakes, or rivers.
5. **True or False**— Over one-half of all gastrointestinal water illness in 2009-2010 were caused by E. Coli.0157:H7.



# Cedar Lakes On-Site Training Center



The Onsite Sewage Training Center continues to take shape. Originating with commitments of space and resources from Cedar Lakes Conference Center and the WV Department of Education's Environmental Training Center (ETC), the Onsite Training Center has grown under the watch of the ETC's longtime Director, Rich Weigand. Working with PHSD and WVDEP staff, and aided by a small grant from the DEP, Mr. Weigand has assembled an impressive assortment of technologies that continue to be improved. Many thanks are due also to Bryan Easter and the Cedar Lakes maintenance staff for much hard work and assistance, as well as to the Cedar Lakes management for accommodation of the site at their facility. Numerous manufacturers of onsite technologies have been generous with donations of proprietary treatment units, as well.

The sanitarians who attended the Mid-Year Conference in May got to see the new Onsite Center first hand. There was a demonstration of the LPP system being dosed with a siphon, rather than the more-common pump dosing. There is also an operating HAU with subsurface discharge located at the Main Office, which was installed so that it can be viewed as a working model. There are two other brands of HAUs installed as working units, two HAU's as static displays, a peat module (including the critters that you sometimes find living in a peat module), a septic/pump tank combo, a working siphon, a constructed wetland, and coming soon, a drip irrigation system, and recirculating sand filter (RSF) demonstration.

Part of the onsite sewage training for sanitarian class is now held at Cedar Lakes to take advantage of all this center has to offer. OEHS is now offering the Class II Septic Installers Course at Cedar Lakes and also the HAU (class H) service providers training is held at Cedar Lakes.

Submitted by Rick Hertges





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### Quiz Time Answers

1. True
2. False. The most common RWI is diarrhea.
3. True
4. True
5. False 55% were caused by *Cryptosporidium*



## WVAS Executive Council

### Elected Officers

**President:** Jarod Dellinger

**Vice-President:** Jimmy Casdorff

### Members at Large

**2-Year:** Rich Lucas

**1-Year:** Jon Welch

### Appointed Members

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Linda Whaley      **Newsletter:** Judy Vallandingham

### Ex-Officio Member

**Public Health Sanitation Director:** Brad Cochran

## Public Health Impact Task Force asked to redefine mission for WV public health

By Mandi Cardosi, Government Reporter, State Journal

State public health leaders met in South Charleston to talk public health improvements on April 29. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health assembled a Public Health Impact Task Force (PHITF) to redefine the mission of public health in West Virginia. The first meeting included Dr. Rahul Gupta, state public health officer and commissioner, state lawmakers and health offices from all over the state.

DHHR Cabinet Secretary Karen Bowling addressed the task force to start off the meeting.

"We know there are public health issues that need to be addressed," she said. "Many people are underserved (they) don't know what resources are out there."

Gupta spoke about changing the health system in the state.

"We know what we've done in the past has not worked," he said, "How do we move forward?"

Gupta said working with health officials is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to making public health improvements.

"We have to work with the big picture in order to get the impact here," he said. "The challenges have changed."

Danny Scalise, administrator with the Fayette County Health Department, said the issues he hopes to address are issues that are statewide.

"I think the goal is for us to come for a state perspective," he said. "I'd like to see a public health system that will address the needs of all 1.8 million West Virginians."

Scalise said right now there is a lot of service to the Charleston and Huntington areas, with less opportunities for the rural parts of the state.

"I think funding is becoming an issue, the state budget is going down, we're funded by a lot of government dollars," he said of the county health department. "It's better to address it now."

Jeremiah Samples, DHHR deputy secretary for public health, said it's important to utilize the resources the state has.

"Serving individuals (is about) maximizing resources we have for them as opposed to treating specific conditions that's really the result of something much deeper," he said.

Officials said nine meetings will be scheduled, likely every three weeks. Public comments will be taken at the end of the meetings, and minutes and other materials will be posted online.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 13.