



ACHCA
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Connecticut Chapter

Chapter Communicator

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The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.

JOHN MAXWELL

1. Welcome to our **newest Connecticut Chapter Member:**

David Mercugliano

If you know David and see him at a College or other event, please make sure to go up to him and say, **“Welcome to the College!” (with enthusiasm!!!)**.

We wish to note our National Business Affiliate Members who are Connecticut Chapter Members and who support the College:

Celtic Consulting LLC (EMERALD SPONSOR)
PharmScript LLC

Thank you all!

2. Nominations for Chapter Officers and Directors closed at the end of business on April 17, 2020. Inasmuch as there were no contested positions, we are pleased to announce your new Officers and two (2) new Directors for the term 2020 – 2022:

President – Jessica A. DeRing
Vice President – Kathryn Pearse
Secretary – Erica Roman

Treasurer – Patrick Neagle
Immediate Past President – Elizabeth J. Schmeizl, FACHCA

Director – Lara Alatisé (2019-2021)
Director – Matthew Bavolack (2020-2022)
Director – Tina Richardson (2020-2022)
Director – Marnie Talamona (2019-2021)

We shall have the official vote and installation at our next called meeting of the Connecticut Chapter.

Congratulations all and much success!

3. Please find following a message from Readiness Associates:

During these hectic days battling the pandemic nationally, we want to ask you to assure your regional members that help is on the way.

Bill McGinley, ACHCA president and CEO, made the following announcement last year: "We believe that our new partnership with Readiness Associates will add value for our members in the vital area of emergency and hazard planning. This will provide valuable assistance with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) compliance."

Since then, Readiness Associates (RA) has delivered the following member benefits related to CMS:

1. Subject Matter Expert status regarding the new CMS regulations that were announced just last month.
2. NAB Accreditation for RA's first webinar related to CMS standards and risk minimization for healthcare organizations.
3. A CMS regulations [White Paper](#) that focuses on major risk management requirements: Messaging, Cyber, Business Continuity, etc.
4. We offered our ReadyAssessment tool for healthcare organizations to see how prepared you are for disaster events.

ReadyAssessment: How prepared is your healthcare facility for an emergency?
[Take the assessment now.](#)

We urge you to forward this email to all of your regional members and non-members so that they may take this ReadyAssessment. Once we have the assessment results, we can help all of you to navigate some turbulent waters, optimize your protection, and help to identify funding.

We received permission from ACHCA HQ to send this important information to you, and we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Regards, Ralph

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The Connecticut Chapter gratefully acknowledges their Corporate Sponsors who have joined us for 2020 – 2021; we are expecting more to join us later.

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Bronze – Acute Care Gases; MobilexUSA / US Laboratories; OptumCare CT; Pharmscript; Workers' Compensation Trust

Thank you all! Links to their website at www.ctachca.org/corporatesponsors.htm.

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