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President's Message

Sarah Burkholder, MPH, REHS
Holmes County General Health District

Summer is always a busy time of year for environmental health, and this summer was no exception.

I kicked off the summer by providing testimony at the Statehouse as an interested party on several items in HB 33. We anxiously awaited the final version and what would ultimately arrive on the Governor's desk. Thanks to the hard work of our Board and Hicks Partners, we were successful in returning all proposed changes of concern back to current law.

Next, as we prepared to celebrate the July 4th holiday, our partners at ODH provided notice that OEHA was awarded the Workforce Development Grant for \$203,643. This award will allow us to address OEHA priority workforce and professional development activities as outlined by that committee: procuring and utilizing technology for field training experiences, online courses, and marketing the environmental health profession as well as OEHA; leadership classes; and modernizing the Field Guide to include conversion to an App. The Membership and Professional Development Committee has begun surveying all Environmental Health Directors in efforts to tailor the leadership class for the needs of our membership. These grant dollars are crucial to our organization for the timely employment of innovative, modernized strategies for recruitment, retention, and professional development of our environmental health workforce. Thank you to our Treasurer, Eric Zgodzinski for writing the grant and to ODH for this opportunity.

At the end of July, Past-President Steve



Ruckman and I had the privilege of attending the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Conference in New Orleans. Despite the extreme heat, the conference was fantastic. Sessions were available for any topic related to environmental health such as climate, vector, workforce development, leadership, food safety, conflict de-escalation, preparedness, and many, many more. As I've mentioned before, Ohio is one of NEHA's most active affiliates and I was thrilled to see a huge turnout from Ohio's Local Health Departments. I was especially excited to attend the Barriers and Opportunities to Lead Remediation Efforts presentation by our own Jeff Gibbs (Secretary) and Jennie McAdams, both [from] Franklin County Public Health. They provided a valuable learning opportunity to an audience of environmental health practitioners from all over the United States and beyond. A highlight of the conference was when Steve Ruckman accepted NEHA's Award of Merit on behalf of the Public Affairs Committee. This award recognizes all of the Past-Presidents that worked tirelessly over the last decade to see the food survey legislation to the finish line (HB 507). To everyone who participated in this landmark event, you are appreciated and have been nationally recognized.

As Summer comes to a close, it is time to look ahead to our upcoming District Conferences. I've had the opportunity to preview all of the agendas and they all look amazing! The District Directors and their committees have dedicated many long hours of hard work to provide their members with two-days of networking, interesting topics, engaging speakers, and CEU's. Our District Conferences are a great way to meet, network,

and share experiences with colleagues from your region. I'm looking forward to attending all of the conferences and getting the chance to talk with all of you.

Now that I'm nearly approaching the halfway point in my Presidency, I can state with certainty that my favorite part about this whole adventure has been the opportunity to see all of the great work that everyone is doing for the practice of environmental health. All across Ohio, there is no shortage of inspirational examples of partnerships,

community engagement, innovation, and mentorship. What is especially encouraging is our membership numbers. At the time of writing this article, we are at 438 and expect to be over 500 at the time of District Conferences. Our organization thrives when our membership grows. I am very grateful for all of you!

If you have any questions or if you want to know how you can get more involved with the Association, please feel free to reach out to me at (330) 674-5035 or sburkholder@holmeshealth.org.



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Featured District Director's Message: Southeast

**Sarah L. Badenhop, REHS
Columbus Public Health**

Hello! I'm honored to be serving as the Southeast District Director and I'm excited to tell you a little about myself and our upcoming Fall Conference.

I earned my B.S. in Environmental Health from Bowling Green State University in 2008.

After graduating, I was hired as a Sanitarian-in-Training for the Amarillo Health Department in Amarillo, Texas. I stayed for one year and while I'm glad for the adventure and the people were great, I was homesick so I found my way back to Ohio with Columbus Public Health. I've been with CPH for 13 years and have worked in various programs wearing many hats. I enjoy my role as the Body Art Program coordinator so much that I volunteered to be the OEHA Body Art Committee Chair. Recently, I've changed to a new Program Coordinator role that has a focus on training new hires. I'm excited for the opportunity to engage new colleagues and be part of their learning experience.

Throughout my career, I've had many unique experiences, find myself always learning new things, and I've had to challenge myself personally and professionally. Being involved in OEHA has now become one of my career highlights. I've always enjoyed the Annual Conference and the Southeast Conference, but wasn't involved in the organization directly. Being elected Southeast District Director was unexpected but I have become grateful for the opportunity. I've been able to meet colleagues who have become



friends and mentors, seen firsthand the hard work and dedication of our OEHA Board, and put together a fun and educational conference alongside the Planning Committee.



I'm excited about the SE Conference agenda with a wide variety of topics and something new for everyone. We've found some top-notch presenters and I'm grateful for our sponsors. Not only are the OEHA conferences a great way to learn about environmental health and earn CEUs, it's also a great opportunity to meet fellow colleagues from our Southeast corner of Ohio!

The Southeast Fall Educational Conference will be held on September 20 – 21 in Athens, Ohio at the Ohio University Inn. The venue has been generous to us over the years and we have found the location provides the perfect accommodations while being within walking distance to downtown Athens; you can find great restaurants, shops, and also explore the beautiful and historic Ohio University. You can find the agenda and registration form on our Southeast District page on the OEHA website.

I'm happy to answer any questions about the conference or getting involved in our Planning Committee. We hope to see many of you at the Conference in September!



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Interpersonal Communication... What's holding you back?

Stephan Ruckman, REHS MPH Past
President and Public Affairs Chair

Abstract

This article will take a cursory look at some of the background information we can use as environmental public health professionals with regard to interpersonal communication. In this examination we will look at temperament theories, body language, and other facets that impact how we all relate to our peers, industry partners, and the general public. By understanding these principles we may be able to communicate more effectively, build stronger work relationships, and establish respect in and out of our professional environment.

Temperament Theory

There are many iterations of temperament theory. One of the most well-known is focused on four essential temperament types: sanguine, choleric, melancholic, and phlegmatic. In many cases you will find that we all have a blend of these temperaments, but most likely one or two are dominant. A description of each temperament is as follows:

Sanquine

This type of temperament is often described as being full of energy. Many may call them extreme extroverts. They truly have not met many strangers and will go out of their way to meet new people and try and help those people feel comfortable. This type of personality easily makes friends, is good in sales, and tends to be the life of a party. They have an eternal inner child, huge heart and are contagiously enthusiastic.

Strengths:

- ***Generally Cheerful***
- ***Optimistic***

- ***Trusting***
- ***Creative***
- ***Loving***
- ***Sincerely wants to help others***

Weaknesses:

- ***Too much energy for some***
- ***Can be seen as cocky although they are not***
- ***Impulsive***
- ***Doesn't do well when not surrounded by people***
- ***Can't say no***

Choleric

Often described as a "Type A" personality. Choleric temperaments are very aggressive and control oriented. This aggressive nature can be both passive and direct, but they are driven and have a passion to get things done. They are often seen as leaders because of their desire to make sure that things run effectively and efficiently. They are very quick to make decisions and are always ready to take control of a situation.

Strengths:

- ***Practical***
- ***Determined***
- ***Works well under pressure***
- ***Independent***
- ***Very Confident***

Weaknesses:

- ***Lacks Patience***
- ***Not known to give praise***
- ***Controlling***
- ***Always the smartest in the room***
- ***Makes decisions for others***

Melancholic

This type of temperament is best defined as a cautious, cerebral one that analyzes all data before moving forward. They also often earn the label of introverts and quiet perfectionists. They tend to hold themselves and others to a very high standard. They have a strong attention to detail and often will be able to solve problems that are too difficult for others.

Strengths:

- ***Artistic***
- ***Organized***
- ***Logical***
- ***Don't need the spotlight***
- ***Loyal***

Weaknesses:

- ***Susceptible to depression***
- ***Impractical***
- ***Critical of self and others***
- ***Can be seen as negative***
- ***Hard to satisfy***

Phlegmatic

This temperament is one that is often seen as quiet and a wallflower. They tend to be fairly calm and collected. Some describe them as being level headed. They avoid conflict, have many friends, are mostly inoffensive, and try to get along with everyone. They can be shy and prefer stability whenever possible.

Strengths

- ***Have good control***
- ***Very dependable***
- ***Good Leaders***
- ***Good Listeners***
- ***Witty***

Weaknesses

- ***Does just enough***
- ***Not motivated***
- ***Hides feelings***
- ***Very poor at accepting criticism***
- ***Can be quick to pass judgment***

Similar to other types of evaluation understanding temperament strengths and weaknesses may be an effective tool when trying to figure out how to effectively communicate and interact with others. Using this basic framework we can likely identify potential victories and pitfalls in communication. The key is to take some time to examine those around you and identify just what temperament type that could be dominant and direct conversation in that direction. Other personality evaluations such as the Meyers Briggs Indicator allow us to follow similar constructs

Body Language

Many times in communication it is not what you say, but how you posture when you are saying it. A message can vary greatly depending on one's body language. To identify what is the most effective strategy we must first look at ways we communicate nonverbally. Studies have suggested that 60 to 65% of our communication is nonverbal. The three most referenced types are body language are facial expressions, position of eyes, and gestures.

Facial expressions vary greatly, but are very telling of a person's mood in many cases. In fact, close examination can reveal just how you are feeling or receiving a message. The way a person holds their eyes or the amount they blink can also reveal if they are feeling. Some of this is related to pupil size and gaze. Looking away for example can demonstrate a person is not engaged in the conversation or trying to hide feelings. Blinking frequently can suggest a person is not comfortable as well. Posture also plays a significant role in how our messages are received. A person with arms crossed is often seen as closed to communication. The tilt of the body is also been found to be indicative of whether a person is paying attention or not. A lean forward has been referred to as the starter's position and

that a person is engaged and open to what is being discussed

Regardless of what type of body language is being portrayed, we can learn much by paying attention to it. It may allow for a shift in conversation or approach. It may also tell us if the person we are speaking with is actually receiving the message we are trying to convey. There are many other body language cues that are very telling, but since this article is a cursory examination it is encouraged that the reader reference some of the citations to learn more.

Additional Considerations

When approaching communication you will likely find it extremely easy to communicate with some individuals and extremely hard to communicate with others. Chances are that those you have difficulty with are opposite you on the temperament spectrum or the Meyers Briggs evaluation. A good example would be a person trying to talk to a choleric about their family, interests, etc. when what they are really interested in is getting down to business and avoiding meaningless conversation. Likewise, not taking the time to engage a person that has sanguine tendencies in non-work related conversation may backfire. After all, they

enjoy having their personal life be the focus of attention.

Regardless of how we use this information, it is important to be mindful of it. As environmental health professionals we meet many different types of people. This can be exciting and rewarding, but can also be very challenging and frustrating. Chances are if you take a moment next time you are in the office or in the field to pause and consider the temperament and body language of those you are interacting with it will serve you well.

Author's Note

In almost 30 years as an environmental public health professional I've observed those that take time to truly know who they are interacting with are most successful. To that end I've also seen those that are motivated by service and kindness are far more effective than those focused primarily on accomplishing tasks or moving ahead. While there certainly isn't just one answer to how to achieve mutual respect and cooperation, there certainly is room for constant evaluation and improvement in how we interact with one another. I'm hopeful that as we establish ourselves in a post-covid era, we keep this in the forefront of our thinking.

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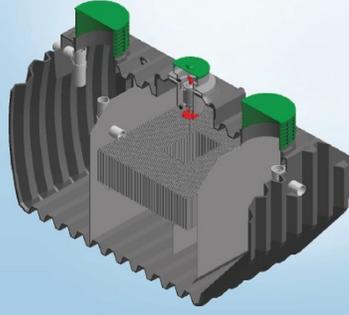




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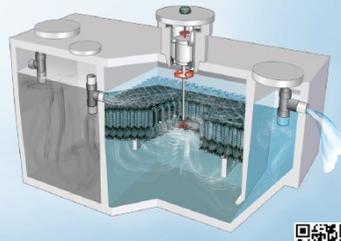


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8:30 am - 8:45 am		Opening Comments/Business Meeting Aloeswood/Leopardwood	
8:45 am - 9:45 am		Anita Stechsulte, 2024 Solar Eclipse Aloeswood/Leopardwood	
9:45 am - 10:00 am		BREAK/Coffee Break	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ROOMS		ALOESWOOD/LEOPARDWOOD	ROSEWOOD
10:00 am - 10:45 am		Sara Morrow, MPH-VPH, REHS Emerging Food Trends	Eric Soehnlén, PhD Water Quality and Microbial Source Tracking in the Cuyahoga AOC
10:45 am - 11:30 am		Brian Deenihan Mosquito Control, History, Basics & The Future	To be announced
11:30 am - 12:30 pm		LUNCH IN SAGEWOOD/ZEBRAWOOD	
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm		Robin Jones, Service vs. Emotional Support Animals in Public Spaces Aloeswood/Leopardwood	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ROOMS		ALOESWOOD/LEOPARDWOOD	ROSEWOOD
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm		Sean McGuigan Pad Dispersal Drain Field Option per O.A.C. 3701-29	John Johnson Out with the Old, In with the New (Body Piercing)
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm		BREAK/Coffee Break & Snack	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ROOMS	ALOESWOOD/LEOPARDWOOD	ROSEWOOD	
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Leeanne Garrett, MPH-VPH Ticks	Melissa Adams, REHS Don't Be Afraid to Ask the Artist (Body Art)	
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Todd Jensen, OSHA Compliance and Public Health Aloeswood/Leopardwood		

Northwest District Conference October 6, 2023



8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration/Breakfast/Coffee Break		
8:30 am - 8:45 am	OEHA President's Message Aloeswood/ Leopardwood		
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Niki Lemin, MS, REHS, MEP, Ohio EPA DMWM Updates Aloeswood/ Leopardwood		
9:45 am - 10:00 am	BREAK/Coffee Break		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ROOMS	ALOESWOOD/LEOPARDWOOD	ROSEWOOD	
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Dr. Sara Margrey DVM, MPH Rabies Prevention and Control	Arielle Hieronimus, MPH, CHES Environmental Microbes	
10:45 am - 11:30 am	Laura Johnson, Ph.D Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie: Causes and Solutions	Holly Rast, REHS Sewage - Real Estate Transfers and Aerator Inspections	
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch/AWARDS/Coffee Break	IN SAGEWOOD/ZEBRAWOOD	
12:30 pm - 1:30pm	John Johnson, Body Piercing Sterilization Practices Aloeswood/Leopardwood		
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1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Drew Nickoli Benefits of the Eljen GSF and How it Works	Ronald Clinger, REHS The History of Environmental Health & How it Relates to Public Health Practice	EH Director's Meeting
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	BREAK/Coffee Break & snack		
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Steve Ruckman, REHS, MPH, Binging Leadership: Leadership Lessons from Legendary Coaches Aloeswood/Leopardwood		
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	WRAP UP		

Exhibits Open (Foyer)

Northeast District Conference October 10, 2023



7:30 – 8:15	Registration		
8:15 – 8:25	Business Meeting		
8:25 – 8:50	District Director and President's Address		Wilcox Ballroom
8:50 – 9:50	Kurt Princic	Solar 101 & Repurposing Closed Landfills	Wilcox Ballroom
9:50 – 10:10	Break – Visit Exhibitors		
10:10 – 11:10	Ian McKenzie	Tips for Reviewing Well Logs	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Kristopher Heming & Jasmine Merrill	What am I looking at here? Understanding Mill Certificates and Autoclaves	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Karen Dettmer & Robin Brown	Lead Crisis in Cleveland, Where are we headed?	Wilcox Ballroom III
11:10 – 12:10	Linda Aller	PFAs: Numbers, Health Effects, Private Water Treatment	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Chip Manuel	Demystifying the World of Hand and Surface Hygiene Products	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Leanne Garrett	Ohio Vectorborne Disease Update	Wilcox Ballroom III
12:10 – 1:10	Lunch		
1:10 – 2:10	Tyler Briggs & Ashleigh Konopka	Romaine Calm: The Local Health Department's STEC Outbreak Investigation	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Jon Tran	FDA National Retail Food Risk Factor Study	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Sean McGuigan	Principals of Peat Fiber Biofilter Design, Install & Maintenance	Wilcox Ballroom III
2:10 – 3:10	Drew Nickoli	Geotextile Sand Filter Review	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Mike Tedrick	Mobile Plan Review & More	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Bill Lutz	Times Beach Dioxin History & Remediation	Wilcox Ballroom III
3:10 - 3:30	Break – Visit Exhibitors		
3:30 – 4:30	Christine Barnie	Air Pollution	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Hannah Plumley	Salmonellosis Outbreak 2022	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Summit County Public Health	Managing Asthma Triggers at Home	Wilcox Ballroom III
4:30 – 5:30	Meet and Greet		

Northeast District Conference October 11, 2023



8:30 – 9:00	Registration		
9:00 – 10:00	Todd Riley	Cybersecurity for Home, Work & Travel	Wilcox Ballroom
10:00 – 10:15	Break – Visit Exhibitors		
10:15 – 11:15	Nicole Lemin	Ohio EPA Division of Material and Waste Management Updates	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Tony Nosko, Cory Schwab and Dusten Gurney	Campgrounds and Small Flow Onsite Sewage Treatment Systems	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Mark Adams	Situational Awareness for Field Personnel	Wilcox Ballroom III
11:15 – 12:15	Todd Winkler & Brian Martucci	Ohio Onsite Solutions	Wilcox Ballroom I
	David Emerman	Ohio EPA Surface Water Update	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Michelle Sowers	2024 Solar Eclipse	Wilcox Ballroom III
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch		
1:15 – 2:15	Todd Paulus and Jessica Logothetides	Cultivating a Better Understanding of Agricultural Exemptions	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Dusten Gurney	Sewage Treatment Systems 5-year Product Renewals	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Daniel Tokar	Microbreweries and Meaderies	Wilcox Ballroom III
2:15 – 3:15	Eric Arnold	Working with Ohio's Bats	Wilcox Ballroom I
	Jason Ahrens	Ohio Food Jurisdictions and General Food Program Discussion	Wilcox Ballroom II
	Courtney Grossman	Leach Wells-1, Water Wells- 0: Stoney Lake Investigation	Wilcox Ballroom III
3:15 – 3:30	Business Meeting and George Eagle raffle drawings		



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8:00 - 9:00	Registration		Lobby
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome & Opening Business Meeting Celebrating LeeAnn Wilson		Sarah Badenhop, Director Mary Shaffer / ODH Ballroom
9:30 - 9:45	General	Beyond Stereotypes: Developing Cultural Context, Competence, and Humility	Tiffany Arnold, PhD, Med / OU Ballroom
10:45 - 11:00	Break & Exhibits		
11:00 - 12:00 Concurrent Session	Food	Specialized Food Processes	Carrie Kamm, REHS / CPH Meredith Garman, REHS / CPH
	Technology	Building Stronger Communities: Accela's Statewide Health Department Roll-Out	Austin Kaiser / Accela
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch OEHA Presidents Message		Sarah Burkholder, REHS OEHA President Ballroom
1:30 - 2:30 Concurrent Sessions	Water	Operation & Maintenance Program Utilizing EH Technicians	Nathan Ralph / FCPH
	Vector	An Update on Ticks: 2023	Timothy McDermott, DVM / OSU Extension
2:30 - 2:45	Break & Exhibits		
2:45 - 3:45 Concurrent Sessions	Outbreak Response	Legionnaires' Disease Environmental Investigations in Ohio	Bryce Kerr, REHS / ODH
	Technology / Sewage	Modernizing a Septic Program	Scott Morris, REHS / Licking County Alec Kimball, REHSIT / Licking County
3:45 - 4:00	Break & Exhibits		
3:45 - 4:45	Solid Waste	Ohio EPA DMWM Updates	Niki Lemin, REHS / Ohio EPA
5:00 - 7:00	Dinner on your own - explore Athens!		

7:30 - 8:30	Registration		Lobby
8:30 - 9:45	Leadership	Bringing Leadership: Leadership Lessons from Legendary Coaches	Steve Ruckman, REHS, MPH Ballroom
9:45 - 10:00	Break & Exhibits		
10:00 - 11:00 Concurrent Session	Emergency Preparedness	The Local Emergency Preparedness Committee and the role of Environmental Health	Brody Davis, Emergency Mgmt Specialist / OEMA
	Schools	Playground Safety	Greg Hennecke / Hylant Admin Services
11:00 - 11:15	Break & Exhibits		
11:15 - 12:15 Concurrent Sessions	Professional Development	Public Speaking for Public Servants	Keith Riley, REHS
	Schools	Hazards & Our Schools	Greg Hennecke / Hylant Admin Services
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch Awards / Retiree Recognition / Raffle / George Eagle		Ballroom
1:30 - 2:30 Concurrent Sessions	Vector	Zoonotic Disease Program	Leeanne Garrett, MPH-VPH / ODH
	Food	Food HACCP	Carrie Kamm, REHS / CPH Meredith Garman, REHS / CPH
2:30 - 2:45	Break & Exhibits		
2:45 - 3:45	Emergency Preparedness	National Weather Service, TBD	Christine Aiena / NOAA Francis Kredensor / NOAA Ballroom
3:45 - 4:30	Final Business Meeting		Ballroom

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7:30 - 8:15 AM	Registration	
8:15 - 8:30 AM	Welcome & Business Meeting	Ryan Peltier, REHS <i>Butler County General Health District SW OEHA District Director</i>
8:30 - 9:45 AM	General Session: PLAN4Health - Miami Valley	Martin Kim, AICP, GISP , Director of Community and Regional Planning, <i>Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission</i> Elizabeth Whitaker, AICP , Principal Planner Milo Simpson , Planner II
9:45 - 10:00 AM	Room Change	
10:00 - 11:00	Administrative Hearings - FSO/RFE	Jeremy Hessel, REHS , Director of Environmental Health, <i>Hamilton County Public Health</i>
	Ohio EPA Safe Drinking Water Monitoring	Mariano Haensel, MS , Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, <i>Ohio EPA - Southwest District Office</i> John McDaniel, REHS , Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, <i>Ohio EPA - Southwest District Office</i>
	Activated Sludge Process Control and Troubleshooting Chart, Part I	Jon van Dommelen , Environmental Health Specialist 3, <i>Ohio EPA - Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance - Compliance Assistance Unit</i>
11:00 - 11:15 AM	Room Change	
11:15 - 12:15 PM	Playground Inspections	Steve Ruckman, REHS , Environmental Health Manager, <i>Worthington City Schools</i>
	Touring a Pump Room	Jeff Blum , Cincinnati Pool Management
	Activated Sludge Process Control and Troubleshooting Chart, Part II	Jon van Dommelen , Environmental Health Specialist 3, <i>Ohio EPA - Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance - Compliance Assistance Unit</i>
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH	
1:15 - 2:15 PM	They Psyche of the Well Driller	Keith Yeager , Partner, <i>Yeager Will Drilling & Pumps</i>
	Staying Safe in the Field - Safety for Code Enforcement Officials	Kevin Teaford , Public Safety Director, <i>City of Grove City</i>
	Embargo of Foods	Jennifer Noland , Ohio Department of Agriculture
2:15 - 2:30 PM	Break	
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Presidents Address	Sarah Burkholder <i>OEHA President</i>
2:45 - 4:00 PM	General Session: Ohio EPA DMWM Updates	Niki Lemin, MS, REHS, MEP <i>Chief, Division of Materials and Waste Management</i>

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7:30 - 8:30 AM	Registration	
8:30 - 9:45 AM	General Session: Environmental Justice	<p>Jennifer Wentzel, Health Commissioner, <i>Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County</i></p> <p>Josh Lucas, Director of Office of the Health Commissioner, <i>Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County</i></p>
9:45-10:00 AM	Room Change	
10:00-11:00 AM	Soil Evaluations (Session I)	Matt Deaton , Soil Scientist, <i>Deaton Soil Services</i>
	Body Art FAQs	Matty McTatty
	Cultural Diversity in FSOs	Vincent Fasone, RS, REHS , Executive Director, <i>Famavi Food Safety</i>
11:00-11:15 PM	Room Change	
11:15 - 12:15 PM	Soils to Designs (Session II)	Matt Deaton , Soil Scientist, <i>Deaton Soil Services</i>
	Service Dog Awareness	Jenny Lough Watson
	Air Gaps, Sinks, Plumbing Requirements in Food Service	Dave Rasper , Certified Plumbing Inspector
12:15 - 1:15 PM	LUNCH	
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Middletown Connect - OHIZ Project	Carrie Yeager, MPH, REHS , Environmental Health Director, <i>Butler County General Health District</i>
	Rumpke Subsurface Reaction	Chuck DeJonckheere , Director of Waste Management, <i>Hamilton County Public Health</i>
	Liquor Control Compliance & Food Service Requirements	Chris Cornwell , Compliance Agent Supervisor (South), <i>Ohio Department of Commerce - Liquor Control</i>
2:15 - 2:30 PM	Break	
2:30 - 4:00 PM	General Session: From Field Staff to Leadership	Emily Tyler, Matt Tyler
4:00 - 4:15 PM	Wrap-Up	<p>Ryan Peltier, REHS</p> <p><i>Butler County General Health District</i></p> <p><i>SW OEHA District Director</i></p>

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Have a grant, educational opportunity, move, promotion, or other announcement you would like to share? Please email a member of the publications committee.

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- Environmental Health Supervisor
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- REHS
Seneca County General Health District
- Environmental Health Technician
Miami County Public Health
- Assistant Health Director
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- SE OEHA Conference - September 20-21, 2023; Athens, Ohio
- NW OEHA Conference - October 5-6, 2023; Sandusky, Ohio
- SW OEHA Conference - October 5-6, 2023; Dayton, Ohio
- NE OEHA Conference - October 10-11, 2023; Twinsburg, Ohio
- AOHC LEHDS - October 18-19, 2023; Marysville, Ohio
- AOHC Finance for Health Departments - October 18-19, 2023, Marysville, Ohio
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