President’s Letter

Welcome members, this is going to be an exciting and busy year.

There will be many educational events, monthly meetings, Habitat for Humanity opportunities, and reaching out helping those in our community who are less fortunate.

The chapter has many ideas and educational events to improve our members knowledge in our industry.

There are many regulatory changes in healthcare and we are focused on keeping all the members up to date with these changes. Healthcare is one of the most highly regulated industries and it is difficult to keep up with all the changes on your own. That is why our chapter along with ASHE provides these updates to everyone to maintain regulatory compliance, and keep all who enter our facilities safe.

I want to reach out to all our members who have not yet joined ASHE to take the time and join. (visit <ashe.org> to join) The benefits far exceed the annual $125.00 fee.

This is an investment in all our careers. Second if you are a member please remember to renew your membership. For all the chapter members we need everyone to renew your HFMSNJ annual membership before April 15, 2019, after that date you will be dropped off the rooster, then have to start the process all over again.

We all need to start and or continue to develop a succession plan. Select and mentor an individual who be developed into your successor.

The most rewarding part of your own career development is finding and teaching someone to take your job. This will allow you to grow in your own career and move up in your organization.

Gary Giovinazzo CHFM, CHEP, CHSP,SASHE
President, HFMSNJ
Joint Commission eliminates Plans for Improvement

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has asked the Joint Commission to make several changes to its Statement of Conditions process, and the Joint Commission will no longer consider hospital Plans for Improvement (PFIs) starting August 1. Instead, all life safety deficiencies will need to be corrected within 60 days, although a time-limited waiver process will be available through CMS regional offices. George Mills, MBA, FASHE, CEM, CHFM, CHSP, director of engineering with the Joint Commission’s Department of Engineering, announced the major changes at the ASHE Annual Conference.

Under the new process:

Deficiencies will need to be corrected within 60 days of being identified unless the CMS regional office approves an extension.

All requests for extensions will be handled by CMS regional offices. However, the Joint Commission will allow facilities to submit requests and receive a receipt to show they are in the pipeline waiting for an extension.

The Joint Commission will not review open Plan for Improvement (PFI) items, and PFIs will not be a part of final reports.

The changes will be effective August 1, Mills said. The Joint Commission is an accrediting organization that has deemed authority from CMS and must meet CMS requirements. Mills said the PFI process can still be used as an internal management process.

ASHE will continue to keep members updated about this important change.
Calendar of Events

**April 2019**

Thursday, April 18th, 2019

“Maintaining Electrical Systems in the Environment of Care”

Speaker: Paul Yetman, P.E.
SDM Metro Electrical Distribution
C: 516-287-6006    E: pyetman@sdmmetro.com

Sponsor: Whitman Co    Environmental * Engineering * Energy * Waste Management * EH&S Compliance
Erin Kidney, Marketing Manager
7 Pleasant Hill Road Cranbury, NJ 08512
O: (732) 390-5858  E: ekidney@whitmanco.com  Web: http://www.whitmanco.com

**May 2019**

Thursday, May 16th, 2019

“Nalco Water Safety, Point of Use Filter and Perhaps Secondary Disinfection”

Speaker: Bill Savino
Sponsor: JRD Construction
Rich DiGennaro
34 Tice Road- Unit 2
Farmingdale, NJ 07727  http://jrdconstruction.net
P: 732-919-3292   732-919-3294 fax   Email: jrdconstruction@yahoo.com

**June 2019**

Thursday, June 20th, 2019

All Day Seminar and Trade Show
Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel
7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Speaker: Vincent Avenatti, CFPCA, CMS Consultant, Joint Commission Resources

Topic: CMS survey from CMS-2786R-Healthcare / CMS-2786U-Ambulatory Mandatory Requirements:

- "The “Paradigm Shift” in code enforcement
- "CMS perspective on occupancy classifications
- "Risk based methodology existing and new construction
- "Building Rehabilitation chapter 43, NFPA 101
- "Hazardous Vulnerability Assessments (HVA) components
- "Infection Control Components Physical Plant (Indoor Air Protected Environment Rooms Water/Waste

Speaker: Sylvia Garcia Houchins, MBA, RN, CIC Director, Infection Prevention and Control Division of Healthcare Improvement

Topic: Infection Control Professional Joint Commission Infection Control Components Physical Plant
(Indoor Air Protected Environment Rooms & Water/Waste)

- "Infection Control Practices During Construction in Healthcare
- "Waterborne Pathogens and Legionella Prevention in Healthcare

Speaker: William M. Wagner, ScD, CHSP, CHEP, CHCM, Vice President – Quality Compliance, TSIG Consulting, The Greeley Company

Topic: New Changes/Updates in Requirements for USP 797/800 Pharmacy Sterile Compounding Hazardous Mixing of Drugs and How to Maintain Compliance

**June 2019**

Saturday, June 29th, 2019

Social Justice Volunteer Day TBD

**September 2019**

Monday, September 9th, 2019

Annual Golf Outing
Knoll West Country Club Boonton
Lockatong Engineering: RWJ/BH – Newark Beth Israel Medical Center – Water Heater Project

In January of 2018, Lockatong Engineering was commissioned by RWJ Barnabas Health – Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (NBIMC) to design a replacement domestic hot water heating system for the Ambulatory Care Center (ACC), a 6-story outpatient medical care facility that is connected to the main hospital campus by a connecting bridge over Osborne Avenue. The existing steam to hot water heaters were installed during the original ACC construction in 1995 and had achieved their service life. The Lockatong team responsible for this project included Senior Project Engineers Joseph J. Keller, P.E. and Craig M. Aukett, P.E.

A site inspection and study of the existing domestic water piping systems were made. The original design of the existing two heaters was vertical steam to hot water heat exchangers, with each one dedicated to a separate domestic water pressure system. A street pressure domestic water system and associated heater served floors B, 1 and 2, and a second system – a “pressurized system” – served floors 3, 4, and 5 via an upstream domestic water booster pump located at the water service entry.

Because the existing heaters were serving separately pressurized systems and were not designed to be connected, they were unable to act as backup heaters for each other. This design shortfall previously resulted in leaving the facility without hot water at times of extended maintenance or unexpected heater repairs. Lockatong Engineering determined that the pressure booster system was not required, since water main street pressure on Lyons Avenue was regularly at 85-90 PSIG.

Challenges and corresponding solutions implemented by the design team were, firstly, the previously separated pressure water systems were combined into a single system served by the street pressure. Secondly, the previously separated hot water return systems were combined, and hot water balancing valves were added to regulate and balance flow.

Thirdly, the design of the new steam to hot water heaters was revised to a horizontal heater layout which allowed better construction access and construction phasing, as well as allowing installation of the new system equipment in the same physical place of the former vertical heaters, one-at-a-time.

Lastly, the new system was designed to generate and recirculate all the hot water to a temperature above 140 deg. F. to minimize and control Legionella bacteria growth, and incorporated a downstream mixing valve to temper the water to a final delivery temperature of 105-110 deg. F.

After NBIMC identified a qualified contractor who was awarded the project based upon a successful bid price, NBIMC then commissioned Lockatong Engineering for the construction phase monitoring services during the project.

Periodic inspections were made during construction to confirm compliance with the design intent and project schedule.

The project was completed, and owner training was performed in September 2018.

Old Existing Heaters

New Heaters Completed Project

For more information or additional questions or inquiries please contact Robert N. Roop, P.E., CBIE at RNR@lockatong.com or contact Robert at 609.397.4106
SAVE THE DATE!

Healthcare Facility Management Society of New Jersey
ASHE’s Platinum Level Chapter

2019 ANNUAL TRADE SHOW/ ALL DAY SEMINARS
THURSDAY, JUNE 20 7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

*** 5.5 ASHE CONTACT HOURS AVAILABLE ***

Co-sponsored by the Healthcare Facility Management Association of Delaware Valley (HFMADV), and the Healthcare Engineers Association of Southern New Jersey (HEASNJ)

Where:
Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel
515 US Highway 1 South
Iselin, NJ 08830

TITLES AND TOPICS

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HMFSNJ or ASHE Affiliated Chapter Member - $100
Non-Members - $150
Healthcare Group Rate - $200 / $75

For Trade Show Tables Contact Cindi Vasta at CVasta@pearlstreetled.com
Phone: 908-297-2627

Regular Booth - $500 Banner Sponsor - $200

Tables are available on a first come, first served basis.

To reserve space, please contact us ASAP! For more information visit https://www.hfmsnj.org/
A message from Bob Neumann…

We now have a source for the Watch we give out as an award for Facility Manager of the Year. We have caught up to 2016 but some of the early recipients have asked to purchase a watch for their award year. If you are interested, please send me your name and the year you received the award and I'll arrange to get one and have it engraved and have the treasurer bill you for the amount.
Important Message from Advocacy Chair

Update on the hospital lead in drinking water bill A4139

We checked with Assemblyman Daniel Benson's (a Primary Sponsor of the Bill A4139) office on January 8, 2018. This bill, which would require healthcare facilities to test for and remediate lead in drinking water and disclose test results, was not scheduled for any of the current legislative sessions through January 8th.

The bill will have to be reintroduced. No time frame could be given at this time as to when that would happen. We will keep you apprised of any changes.

Robert N. Roop, P.E
Advocacy Chair
Lockatong Engineering
Welcome to our 2019 New Members

JANUARY 2019

Bob Williams, CHFM, Assistant Director of Facilities | Hunterdon Medical Center

FEBRUARY 2019

Michael Kucharczuk, Director | Macada Properties; Coordinated Health
Iris Verdi, VP Facility Operations | New Bridge Medical Center
Russell Nagy, Director of Engineering | New Bridge Medical Center
Alice Acevedo, Director Business Development | Sweetwater Construction
Marc Parette, LEED, AIA, Principal | Parette Somjen Architects
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For more information contact Jim Toner, Sustainability Coordinator

Email: James.Toner@HackensackMeridian.Org

Phone: 732-670-6535
Congratulations to the Members who attended the April 2nd CHFM PREP COURSE Presented by ASHE Faculty!

SAVE THE DATE CHC PREP COURSE

Friday- October 4, 2019

ARE YOU IN NEED OF YOUR 2018 or 2019 CEU DOCUMENTS?
If so, please contact your Secretary
Lyndsay Schnell-Lusardi: secretary@HFMSNJ.org
2020 Membership Directory Web and Ad Journal

We are accepting articles, whitepapers, best practice and case studies for the 2020 Ad Journal.

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It's the Annual HFMSNJ Golf Outing!

September 9, 2019
Knoll West Country Club
Championship Course- Par 70
990 Greenbank Drive
Boonton NJ 07005
Website:  www.knollwest.com

Phone: 973-263-7110
For more information Contact: Leo Di Fonzo, Golf Outing Chair at Ldifonzo@irs-restoration.com or 732-713-3486

10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Registration
Men/Ladies Lockers
Driving Range

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Buffet Luncheon

1:00 p.m.
Shotgun-Scramble Format
Closest to Pin-6, Longest Drive-2

6:00 p.m.
Cocktail Hours, Hors d’oeuvres, Open Bar

7:00 p.m.
Dinner/Coffee/Tea/Ice Cream Bar
Awards

6:00 p.m.
Cocktail Hour, Hors d’oeuvres, Open Bar

7:00 p.m.
Dinner/Coffee/Tea/Ice Cream Bar
The Social Justice Committee is always looking for new projects and opportunities to help others. If anyone knows of a need and/or has an idea, please feel free to reach out to Frank directly at 973-519-2159 or email Frank at frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com

Social Justice Chair:
Frank Keller
frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com

Social Justice Committee, Volunteer and Donate!
Together we make a Big Difference!

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH, TBD
NEXT VOLUNTEER EVENT!

HFMSNJ Habitat for Humanity in Jersey City

Thank you to the Volunteers who participated on Sat, Feb 4th, 2019!

HFMSNJ Members assisted with ceramic tile, engineered wood flooring and painting on Saturday February 4th, 2019 at 193 Armstrong Avenue, Jersey City, NJ.

"This was a fulfilling experience for all of volunteers. It was more enjoyment than work. A real sense of accomplishment for others in need, and not for ourselves. This was a real chance to give back to the community. I would like to thank everyone who participated Saturday. Thank you Frank for organizing the event."

Gary Giovinazzo, HFMSNJ President

Please contact our chair, Frank Keller for more information: frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com

Social Justice Update, Congratulations to Frank and our members who support our Social Justice Efforts!

In the spirit of Social Justice, we have been delivering brand new essential items such as coats, shirts, jeans, boots, socks, underwear, hoodies, etc. to trauma centers throughout the region. The link below is the overall type of response we are receiving. This letter is specifically from Saint Barnabas Health System in the Bronx. This is a testament to the work we are doing to help our communities in need, which we are VERY proud of!

It appears that there is a need for this service in the trauma units of our hospitals. We would like to expand and continue serving our respective communities in such a manner. We are asking those of you with trauma units in your community to talk with them, or patient experience managers to see if there is a need and/or interest in receiving an allocation. Please contact me with any questions or for any further info.

April 4, 2019
Dear Mr. Keller:

I want to thank you greatly on behalf of the SBH Health System and our grateful patients who have been helped by your generous philanthropy. As a trauma center, we service a high amount of trauma patients that often arrive in our Emergency Department with soiled and torn clothing and at discharge are in need of coats, pants, shirts and shoes. Many of our patients are homeless with no family support and circumstances that require our assistance in providing clothing on discharge. Your donations have enabled us to assist patients in dire need of clothing. We recently ran out of winter coats during the coldest time of the year and when we reached out to you, you immediately sent coats, so that our patients could be discharged with a warm coat to wear in the elements. I would like to relay their heartfelt gratitude for those coats and clothing. As many of them are homeless or live in shelters, this clothing means the world to them. Through your caring generosity it enables SBH to be socially supportive of the needy patients we serve. I cannot overstate the importance of your donations that help to maintain the personhood and dignity of the patients we serve. Again, thank you for your philanthropic donations of clothes on behalf of the SBH community and the grateful patients we serve.

Sincerely,

Maureen Eisener
Vice President of Patient Experience
Saint Barnabas Health System, Bronx, NY
Quarterly Newsletter

Please submit your photos, articles, white papers, case studies, best practices, testimonials and any updates to dawn.johnson@jci.com to be featured in the HFMSNJ Quarterly Newsletter!

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