

THE WHISTLE

FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kirk Dickson
CHE, CHFM, CHC



As I embark upon my journey as President for 2024 - 2025, I would like to say thank you to all our members for trusting me to lead FHEA through the next year. I would also like to say thank you to all the leaders before me who have laid the groundwork for FHEA to be as successful of an organization as it is. I would like to thank the leadership team at AdventHealth for allowing me the time it has and will take to serve on the board of this great organization. Finally, I would like to thank my family for being supportive and encouraging me.

We are coming away from the largest and most successful annual conference we have held (over 900 registered attendees and over 200 supporting members displaying at our trade show). I can confidently say our mission to continue to educate our members was met. Thank you to the Board of Directors and to Meeting Management Group for working together to deliver a lineup that made this conference the success that it was.

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2024 FHEA Fall Expo & Educational Conference
November 10-12

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

I am proud of the progress that has been made over the past year to grow our membership in both active and supporting members. FHEA has seen a growth of 25% with active members and an 11% overall membership increase. We will continue with these membership growth efforts throughout the next year. I hope to one day see FHEA represented in every healthcare facility in the state. That may seem like a very large goal, but I believe that if we strive to reach this goal, it will make healthcare in our state safer for our patients.

Make sure to keep an eye out for the registration information for our Fall conference. We will be back in St. Petersburg at the beautiful Hilton Bayfront Hotel. The board has an exciting line up for education for this conference which will be held November 10th thru 12th. Some of you may have noticed that the dates are Sunday to Tuesday. The reason is we are trying to make sure that we provide members with quality education while impacting your facilities daily operations as little as possible. I am thankful that our hospital leaders allow us to be out of the office for these opportunities and want to make sure they continue to support us in continuing our education.

Congratulations!

ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

John O'Connell, CHFM, CHC, CHSP, CHE
Lakeside Medical Center
District IV



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Margaret Jasinki
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thanks
these
leaders
for their
service*

2024 FHEA FALL EXPO & EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(as of July, 2024)



Saturday, November 9, 2024

7:00 - 9:00pm

FHEA Board Dinner & Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:00am

FHEA Golf and Fishing - off-site

4:00 - 5:00pm

Supporting Member Forum

5:00 - 6:00pm

Welcome Reception

Monday, November 11, 2024

7:30 - 8:30am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45am

Welcome to the FHEA Fall Conference

Call to Order - Kirk Dickson, CHE, CHFM, CHE; FHEA President

8:45 - 9:45am

Healthcare Facilities Roundtable: Maximizing Tech, Emergency Response, Succession Planning, and Facility Operations

Moderator: David Trask, ARC Facilities

Panelists: Dr. Walter Lamar; University of Miami

Bobby Baird, FASHE, CHFM, CHSP, CHC; UF Health Shands

John Crouch; AdventHealth, Wesley Chapel

9:45- 10:00am

Networking Break

10:00am

Expo Exhibitors Set Up

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Monday, November 11, 2024

<p>10:00 - 11:00am</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions (Choose one): 1) Reimagining Healthcare in an Internet of Everything Enabled World Speaker: George Valaes; Schneider Electric 2) BMS Basics (HVAC) Speaker: Ken Gilbert; Automated Logic</p>
<p>11:00am - 12:00pm</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions (Choose one): 1) Exploring Campus-wide UPS Deployment and How it Effects the Total Cost of Ownership Speaker: Michael Sheppard; Piller Power Systems 2) Forging the Future: Elevate Healthcare with Smart Fire and Door Compliance Strategies Speakers: Griffin Carr; National Firestopping Solutions, Inc. Aron Fleischmann; National Guard Products, Inc.</p>
<p>12:00 - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:00 - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions (Choose one): 1) Essential Facilities Design Considerations (AIA approved) Speakers: Guido Salas and Rupesh Gulati; Raymond 2) Fault Detection & Diagnostics: Leveraging Technology to Drive Healthcare Outcomes Speakers: Bryam Quiceno and Manish Ramani; Siemens Industry Jared Galloway; Jackson North Medical Center</p>
<p>2:00 - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Breakout Sessions (Choose one): 1) Impact Alert: Prioritizing Capital Spending, Optimizing Building Efficiency; and Controlling Energy Spending Speakers: Mark Pipher and Stephanie Lanker; FacilityConneX 2) Specifying HVAC Systems to Meet Industry Guidelines and Trends Speaker: Andrew Weidert; Stark Tech</p>
<p>3:00 - 3:15pm</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>

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Monday, November 11, 2024

3:15 - 4:15pm	<p>Preparing for the Future of Code Compliance: Major Code Changes from the NFPA 99 2012 Edition to the 2024 Edition Speaker: Mathis Carlson; MediTrac</p>
4:15 - 6:45pm	Expo Reception

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

7:30 - 10:00am	Breakfast in Expo; Door Prize Crawl
10:00am	Exhibits teardown
10:00 - 11:00am	<p>Water Management for Sterile Processing - A Case Study Showing Its Evolution Speakers: Margaret Jasinski; Phigenics Bobby Baird, FASHE, CHFM, CHSP, CHC; UF Health Shands</p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Understanding Water Safety for Construction - From Design to Occupancy Speakers: Joe Trumblak and Richard Dandrow; Phigenics</p>
12:00pm	Box Lunches to go

The FHEA reserves the right to change topics, speakers, or schedules due to unforeseen circumstances

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November 10 - 12, 2024
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FALL 2024

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Includes:

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- One 6' table with spandex covering
- Two chairs
- Waste basket
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- Expo tabletop and priority set up for Expo table location
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- Listing in the FHEA Whistle and on the website
- Listing in the onsite program
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- Morning & Afternoon Breaks: \$2,000
- Lunch: \$3,000
- Expo Reception Drink Tickets: \$2,500
- Expo Breakfast: \$2,500
- Box Lunch: \$2,250

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FALL 2024

REGISTRATION:

- **FHEA Certified Healthcare Engineer (CHE) Member – \$130.00** *(Eligibility will be verified)*
- **FHEA Healthcare Member – \$150.00**
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Located in the heart of the St. Petersburg Waterfront District, across from the Salvador Dali Museum, and Al Lang Stadium, the hotel offers spacious accommodations with signature amenities. The downtown trolley passes by the hotel's front door, providing links to Tropicana Field stadium. The palm-lined courtyard is home to a heated pool, and there is a 24-hour fitness center. Cure cravings at the 1st St. Coffee Co., Tangerine Restaurant, or Dali Lounge.

Our run-of-house FHEA group rates are \$189 + tax per night. FHEA attendees must book through the link <https://group.hilton.com/wfdml6> or call 800-445-8667 – Be sure to identify yourself as an attendee at the FHEA Conference to receive our group rate.

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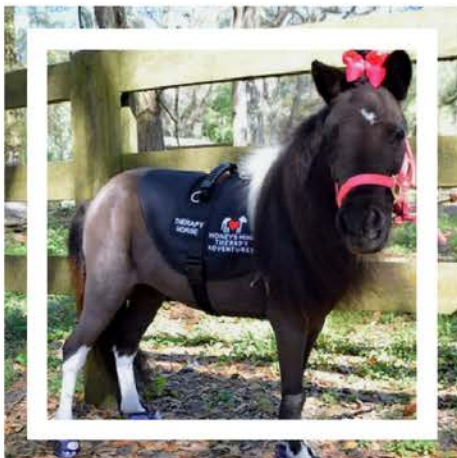
The Hilton only offers valet parking. Our FHEA group rate for valet parking will be 20% off their published fees (currently, \$42.00 per day). If you would like to self-park, there are several parking garage options that are within a ½ block of the hotel behind the property - note that some lots are for day use only. [Please see the posted map for self-parking locations.](#)

For more information visit <https://www.fhea.org/2024-fhea-fall-meeting>

HONEY'S MINIATURE THERAPY HORSES



If you didn't attend the recent 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, you missed not only a great event, but you didn't get to meet Honey's therapy horse friends. These miniature therapy horses bring hugs, hope, and happiness to patients and staff in many of our Florida hospitals.



As Mary Rose Gullet, with Honey's Mini Therapy Adventures shared, "It almost has a ripple effect through the hospital when we visit, and it ripples down all the hallways. Everyone that is visiting finds some kind of happiness, joy, or comfort from the therapy horses. The best way to put it is....we make the hallways happy, almost like giving the hospital a hug and bringing it together."

Gullet started her organization with just Honey. Now, she has ten horses and brings them to hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, and anyplace where a calming presence is needed. If you missed seeing the therapy horses in Ocala, you can learn more at

<https://www.minitherapy.org>

AND if you would like to donate to the organization, visit Donate to make a difference at Honey's Mini Therapy Adventures (zeffy.com)



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Annual Meeting Memories

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ASHE UPDATE



Larry Peterson, CHE, CHFM, CHSP; ASHE Region 4 Liaison

We just completed the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference, from all appearances, it was a great conference. The World Equestrian Center location had so much to offer for the convention needs, beautiful accommodations, and things to do when not in conference activities. If you attended and found value in your attendance, please encourage your counterparts to attend the next conference.

We also had the pleasure of having our ASHE President, Skanda Skandaveri, attend our Board of Directors' meeting and stay for the entire conference. He was very impressed with our chapter's leadership, overall organization, the size of our trade show, attendance, and particularly, the number of FHEA members - that is a compliment to each one of you.

As leaders in healthcare facilities management, one of the biggest challenges you face is lack of time to do all the things you need to do, and ASHE is here to help. Creating compliance tools is a very time-consuming process. ASHE currently has 71 compliance tools available in compliance, operational, and management for your use on the ASHE website. Simply go to [ASHE.org](https://www.ashe.org), scroll down to Advocacy Tools, and click the view tools link. A few examples of the tools available to you are: NFPA 99 Risk Assessment, Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, Hospital CMS Tag Checklist and Crosswalk, AEM Risk Assessment, Door Inspection Tool, etc. These and many other resources are available to you from ASHE, so take a few minutes and look through these resources, no need to recreate the wheel when it is available to you now.

At the time of publication, for this summer edition of The Whistle, we are at or near time for the Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference, July 21-24, 2024, in Anaheim, California. For those attending, I hope you have a great time and make use of all the conference has to offer. Also, take some time to relax and enjoy some of the activities southern California has to offer. I can assure you a drive up the Pacific Coast Highway is worth your time. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for all you do. We look forward to seeing you November 10 – 12 in St. Petersburg for the 2024 FHEA Expo & Educational Conference.



CODES AND STANDARDS - WHAT'S NEW?

Phil Cardone, CHFM, CHC

Chair, Codes and Standards Committee

Manual Fire Extinguisher Requirements

Recently, there has been a lot of ambiguity about the different types of manual fire extinguishers that are required in different areas of a healthcare facility. Manual fire extinguishers are selected, installed, inspected, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers.

During recent discussions with AHCA life safety surveyors, guidance and clarification was given on specific locations and the type of extinguishers needed. NFPA 99-2021, Health Care Facilities Code, indicates in section 16.10 the type of extinguisher required for each of the below areas.

MRI rooms (16.10.1.1) - MRI conditional or MRIS safe shall be provided in MRI rooms and associated spaces

- Associated space for MRI room is considered to be MRI Zones II, III, and IV
- Cooking areas (16.10.1.2) - Class K fire extinguisher for cooking appliances using combustible cooking media (vegetable or animal oils and fats)

OR's (16.10.1.4) - Clean agent or water mist type shall be provided in operating room.

- The extinguisher must be inside the walls of the room it is serving.
- 16.9.1.3* states that the clean agent extinguisher should have a Class A rating of some form.

Telecommunication Entrance Facilities (EF) (16.10.1.5) - Clean agent such as CO₂, Halotron, and FM-200.

- 3.4.1 defines telecommunication entrance facilities as an entrance to a building for both public and private network service cables that includes the building entrance point and the entrance room or space at the point of demarcation between campus or utility service and building interior distribution of communications systems.

Telecommunication Equipment Rooms (TER) (16.10.1.5) - Clean agent such as CO₂, Halotron, and FM-200.

- 3.4.2 defines a telecommunication equipment room as an environmentally controlled centralized space for telecommunications equipment, typically including main or intermediate cross-connect equipment and cabling.

**Telecommunication rooms (TR), as defined in 3.4.3, do not meet the requirement for need of an extinguisher*



EDUCATION UPDATE

John Crouch, FHEA Education Chair

The FHEA has been busy this year fulfilling our mission “to promote and develop the professional role of the healthcare engineer through effective communication, educational opportunities, and the establishment of professional standards.” May 2024 concluded with session 12 of 12 education seminars about steam. That made for 12 education credits in the last year to apply toward your education credits for your certifications.

Did you attend the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference, June 19-21, at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida? If not, you missed out on not only a luxurious campus for hotel accommodations and a beautiful conference setting, but also the up to 10 ASHE CEU’s that were awarded for attending the classes provided. The FHEA also offered CE units for Florida Professional Engineers, Florida Architects, Florida Interior Designers, and for the first time, Florida Fire Inspectors.

Don’t delay your next registration, be sure to join us at the 2024 FHEA Fall Expo & Educational Conference at the Hilton Bayfront in St. Petersburg, November 10 – 12, and earn another 8 CEU’s toward your mandatory education credits to maintain your certifications. Even better, show up a day early and spend time with the people who make FHEA possible, our Supporting Members, the Vendors. They will be sponsoring the teams for our golfing and fishing events which will take place on Sunday, November 10th.

Speaking of maintaining certifications, have you heard about CHOP certifications for hospital facility leaders? The hospital accreditation company, DNV, created the **Certified Healthcare Operations Professional** certification.

The certification is rolled out in three levels of advancement. CHOP (B) is entry level BASIC, CHOP (A) is ADVANCED, and CHOP (E) is EXECUTIVE. There is no minimum time required between certifications. It is a three day, in person training, often in groups of 12 – 24. About ten days after taking the class, you will be allowed to take the online exam. It is 100 questions, 2.5 hours duration, open book. The test is difficult, I assure you. I passed the CHOP (B) last year and the CHOP (A) this year and I will be taking the CHOP (E) in August. [DNV Certified Healthcare Operations Professional \(CHOP\) Certification](#)

Don’t forget about the gold standard, the CHFMM certification, **Certified Healthcare Facility Manager**. Our friends at ASHE offer this excellent certification: [Certified Health Care Facility Manager \(CHFMM\) Exam Review Program | ASHE](#)

But did you know the American Hospital Association also provides CHFMM certification? For more information, visit [Certified Health Care Facility Manager \(CHFMM\) | AHA](#)

Get to work on your education, certifications, and meet us all at the 2024 FHEA Fall Expo & Educational Conference in St. Petersburg, November 10 – 12. Information will be posted soon.

FHEA DISTRICTS

FHEA DISTRICT LEADERSHIP FOR 2024 - 2025

BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE FHEA BY TAKING PART IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. TO LEARN MORE, VISIT THE DISTRICT PAGES AT WWW.FHEA.ORG.

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- Palm Beach



FHEA DISTRICT I

Kevin Daniel, CHE, CHFM
District I President

The new president of FHEA District I is Kevin Daniel. He is the current Director of Engineering at Jackson Hospital located in Marianna, Florida and is responsible for the engineering, maintenance, and construction needs of the Hospital and of its outlying clinics and facilities. He has been in this position for 14 years.

After serving 4 years in the Air Force, Kevin went on to receive his Mechanical Engineering Degree from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology. He worked in a variety of manufacturing industries for over 25 years primarily in Project Management and Product Development prior to entering the Healthcare industry.

In 2011, Kevin joined the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association, and has been a very involved member ever since holding various leadership positions, both at the District and State levels, including FHEA State President for the 2017 – 2018 term. Kevin has his CHFM and CHE and is also a member of the American Society of Healthcare Engineers and NFPA. He has benefited greatly from FHEA in the networking with other Engineers and Supporting Members, along with the great educational opportunities available.

Kevin is also very involved in volunteer activities. He is the current Board President for the Chipola Area Habitat for Humanity and the past Board President of the Chipola Civic Club.



FHEA DISTRICT II

Jeff Howard
District II President

While I am honored and excited to step into the role of President of District II, I'd like to take a moment to appreciate the contribution of our outgoing President, Paul Hamilton. Thank you for leading the District as you have for an extended term. Our district has seen strong growth over the last 2 years and as we move forward, my focus will be on fostering engagement and collaboration within our community. A priority will be to continue preparing the next generation of upcoming leaders in the Healthcare Facilities field.

I, along with Larry Homan, the returning Secretary, are thrilled to introduce our new Vice President, Jim Dixon, and our new Treasurer, Bryan Davis. Jim brings a wealth of experience in healthcare engineering and a passion for advancing our field. His leadership and vision will be invaluable as we embark on new initiatives. Bryan, with his background in financial management and strategic planning, will ensure our district's financial health and sustainability.

In the coming months, we will launch several initiatives aimed at enhancing professional development, improving healthcare facilities, and promoting sustainable practices. Included among these opportunities is the FHEA-supported training and certification for ASSE 6040 Medical Gas Systems Maintenance Personnel in response to the new code-required Responsible Facility Authority responsibilities.

I encourage all members to actively participate and share their insights, as your contributions are invaluable to our collective success. Together, we can achieve great things and make a significant impact on healthcare engineering in Florida. I look forward to working with each of you.

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Tony Echazabal, the new President of FHEA District III, is a multifaceted leader with a difference-making purpose, offering 20 years of comprehensive experience, primarily in the healthcare industry. He is a value-oriented, consistent, reliable, and resourceful professional who thrives on embracing challenges. With an expansive knowledge of cross-departmental hospital operations, he possesses a unique ability to connect teams, drive goal achievement, and influence positive change.

Tony is currently the Senior Director Operations Buildings + Design for Cleveland Clinic Florida Market. In his role, he is responsible for maintaining reliable operations, life safety compliance, real estate portfolio, design and constructions, and ensuring a quality environment of care.

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Meet FHEA District IV President Luis Rodriguez

My name is Luis Rodriguez and I am the new District IV President for 2024/2025. I have been a FHEA member for many years. I served for two years as District IV President back in 2015/2016 and was also the FHEA State Engineer of the Year in 2016. My resume includes working for Memorial Hospital West for over 26 years and 16 of those are as the Facilities Director.

I am looking forward to a great year in District IV. My goal is to bring important ASHE endorsed education for our active members to our district meetings and increase our membership. One of our future events is the district Holiday Party on November 30th at Loew's Hotel in Coral Gables. Please remember that you must attend at least two district meetings to be able to participate.

ASHRAE UPDATES BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARD

The 2024 edition of the American National Standards Institute/ASHRAE/Illuminating Engineering Society's Standard 100, Energy and Emissions Building Performance Standard for Existing Buildings is available. The standard, which uses data from the American Society for Health Care Engineering's Energy to Care® Program, is a code-ready building performance standard that provides processes and procedures for reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions through improved energy efficiency and performance in all types existing buildings, including residential, commercial, institutional and industrial.

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HHS RELEASES VOLUNTARY CYBERSECURITY GOALS

The Department of Health and Human Services released voluntary Cyber-security Performance Goals (CPGs), which include 10 "essential" and 10 "enhanced" goals. Essential goals include multifactor authentication and strong encryption, while enhanced goals include network segmentation and third-party incident reporting. The health care CPGs are based on multiple cybersecurity frameworks and directly address common attack vectors against U.S. domestic hospitals as identified in the 2023 Hospital Cyber Resiliency Landscape Analysis. The American Hospital Association provided input on the resiliency report and the draft goals as a member of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council's Cybersecurity Working Group.

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NFPA OPENS PUBLIC COMMENTING FOR 2026 EDITIONS

Several codes and standards from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are open for public input for the 2026 revision cycle. NFPA publications are typically revised on a three-year basis, and the public is encouraged to provide input on proposed changes to help ensure that any updates to hospital health care facility requirements remain relevant and not overly burdensome. Public commenting for NFPA 1, Fire Code, is open until April 4. Twenty other codes and standards- including NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code, and NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®- close for commenting on June 4. One code, NFPA 85, Boiler and Combustion Systems Hazard Code, has a public commenting deadline of Jan. 7, 2025. **MORE ONLINE**

For links to these reports, log onto [HFMMagazine.com/checklist](https://www.hfmmagazine.com/checklist)

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SAFELY COMMISSIONING MEDICAL GAS SYSTEMS

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Safely commissioning medical gas systems

Hospitals must have a reliable supply of medical gases, and with such a high risk of harm to those who use medical gas systems, commissioning of these systems can help to ensure their safety. According to Chapter 9 of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Sustainable Design Guide, “Commissioning is a process- a systematic process of ensuring that a building performs in accordance with the design intent, contract documents, and the owner’s operational needs.”

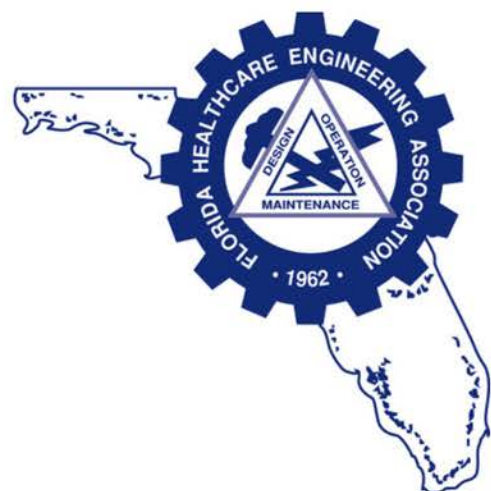
The National Fire Protection Association’s NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code, provides minimum standards for safe hospital operations. According to Chapter 5 of NFPA 99-2012, hospitals must perform inspection, testing and maintenance for piped medical gases, waste anesthetic gas disposal and vacuum systems in time frames dictated by the organization. This chapter also defines how medical gas systems should be designed and used.

Best practices call for commissioning of new systems and possibly even after large construction projects during which a system was modified. Recertification of a medical gas system is required to test the system for correct gas, purity and pressure after modifications have occurred. Commissioning on the other hand, would ensure that the entire system is functioning properly and that other critical components are code compliant. Some of the critical items surveyed by regulatory bodies include verifying that gas shutoff valve boxes are unobstructed and correctly labeled.



Failure of building systems can fall into one of four categories, depending on the severity of injury caused to a patient or health care worker. Medical gas systems fall into the highest level, Category 1, which means there is a high likelihood of severe injury due to poorly installed equipment. Proper installation and safety of a medical gas system can only be guaranteed through the proven process of commissioning.

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MEMBER TOOLBOX

BUILDING THE WORKFORCE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS

By **Gregory L. Cole, CHFM, CHC**, director of facilities operations at Corewell Health Grand Rapids, Mich.



Succession planning is an essential component of every organization. While team member onboarding and development programs may exist at a given organization, future needs may highlight gaps in succession planning efforts. One way to address these gaps is through leveraging student internships.

A student internship program can play a key role in an organization's overall succession planning strategy. Providing hands-on experience for potential leaders allows students to gain practical skills and familiarity with the organization. Identifying and nurturing talent early can help alleviate generational workplace transitions, foster cultural fit and ensure a pipeline of skilled individuals for future positions.

Whether planning for future technical or leadership openings, partnering with local high schools, trade schools, community colleges and universities can help organizations create a consistent talent pool for recruiting student interns. An internship tailored to meet the needs of both parties will secure continued organizational support and ensure schools are confident in endorsing the program.

Once these partnerships have been established, organizations should cultivate ongoing relationships with schools by maintaining open communication, participating in career-related events and staying engaged with faculty and students.

The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) has numerous resources at ashe.org/chapters students to assist organizations on their succession planning journey, including the "Succession Planning: Preparing for the Future of Your Facility and Your Career" monograph, which is available via the link in the "More Online". ASHE also has a task force exploring further ways to partner with organizations to support student internship programs. In addition to ASHE's support, local and regional chapters may have scholarship opportunities and other resources.

MORE ONLINE- For links to resources, log on to ashe.org/succession_planning

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