



State Executive Update

Upcoming Events

San Diego Golf Tournament

August 26, 2021
San Diego, CA

Central Valley Golf Tournament

October 8, 2021
Stockton, CA

CSHE Northern California Seminar

October 21, 2021
Fairfield, CA

CSHE 49th Annual Institute

June 1-3, 2022
Resort at Squaw Creek, CA

CSHE Southern California Seminar

September 15, 2022
Long Beach, CA

Executive Committee Report

Education

Effective immediately, all CSHE educational offerings that promise to benefit your MECH and CHFMs recertification must be submitted to the State Office for pre-approval, in order to ensure that quality and consistency is being maintained throughout the CSHE organization.

The State Office is preparing to facilitate these requests in a timely manner via the appointment of an Education Committee. Any speaker or webinar is welcome to present at CSHE functions, but only those approved in advance will be advertised as qualifying towards your MECH or CHFMs recertification.

If you are interested in conducting an educational session for CSHE, please contact Beth Demeter at bethd@cshe.org for more information on how to submit your educational session for review and approval.

Policies and Procedures

The CSHE Executive Committee is in the process of updating the CSHE Policies and Procedures, in order to ensure continued relevancy and efficiency. Please stay tuned for more updates on this before the end of the year. Once the new Policies and Procedures are finalized, they will be distributed to the chapter leadership.

Resource Libraries on the CSHE Website

The CSHE Executive Committee is working diligently to increase the resources available to CSHE membership. As such, new resource libraries will be added to the CSHE website, starting with Renewable Energy Resources.

If you have - or know of - any white papers, knowledge articles or other resources relating to Renewable Energy, which you feel would be a beneficial addition to the new Renewable Energy Resources Library, please forward them to Beth Demeter at bethd@cshe.org.

Engineering News

Emergency Load Reduction Demand Response Program (ELRP)

The Emergency Load Reduction Program (ELRP) is a five-year (2021-2025) demand response [pilot program sponsored by the CPUC](#). It provides incremental load reduction during times of high grid stress and emergencies. ELRP events can be called anytime from 4:00 – 9:00 PM in the summer and fall seasons. The program offers up to \$1,000 for each megawatt of demand facilities reduce.

The ELRP pilot allows the use of prohibited resources such as fossil fuel backup generation during emergency events, which allows healthcare facilities to participate.

To enroll, facilities must have a minimum monthly demand of 100-200 kW (varies by utility) and be capable of responding to events on short notice – sometimes less than 24 hours. However, participation during an ELRP event is entirely voluntary, and no financial penalties will result from not meeting or exceeding the estimated nominated target during the event. Facilities will be paid for what they deliver.

Each utility facilitates the ELRP program differently. You can learn more by clicking on the links below: or reach out directly to Ecom-Energy at info@ecom-energy.com.

- [SoCal Edison ELRP Info](#)
- [SDG&E ELRP Info](#)
- [PG&E ELRP Info](#)



New Risk Assessment Guide Available from Joint Commission Resources

In response, Joint Commission Resources developed The Joint Commission Guide to Risk Assessment, a brand-new book to help all types of health care organizations create and implement effective risk assessments that support safe, quality care and ongoing performance improvement.

The book features:

- Sample risk assessments for each Joint Commission standard or element of performance that specifically requires a risk assessment
- Tools, tracers, checklists, and sample policies to help with the assessment process

Key topics covered in the guide include:

- Environment of Care risk assessments
- Emergency Management risk assessments
- Infection Prevention and Control risk assessments
- The role of leadership in risk assessment

The cost of the book is \$139 for the e-book, \$149 for a soft cover print book, and \$299 for a digital site license.

The Joint Commission New Workplace Violence Standards

New standards go into effect January 1st, 2022 where you will need to ensure your conducting an annual worksite assessment on your violence prevention program and resolve any issues or risks found in your assessment. You also need to collect the data and monitor the environmental conditions; for example, injuries to patient's safety/security incidents, property damage, as it relates to workplace violence.

Ongoing staff education and training is required where there's a clear culture of safety in your institute. You will need to have a process for reporting incidents and follow through/support for victims; psychologist trauma counseling should be in place for victims as well.

The Joint Commission is focusing on this because there has been a massive increase in workplace violence year over year.

Luckily in California we have been a head of the game in regard to workplace violence standards since we are required already to comply with California Code of Regulations section 3342 Violence Prevention in Health Care.



2021 Disaster Planning Virtual Conference

CHA's 2021 Disaster Planning Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th and Wednesday, the 15th. The overview is speaking to how COVID-19 brought about unforeseen challenges and solutions, forever changing the face of emergency readiness. With gritty determination and endless perseverance, you demonstrated day in and day out how valuable you are to keeping our communities safe and healthy.

In 2020, emergency services professionals, community partners and health care leaders learned from each other like never before. You took new paths to find solutions, created new protocols, found light at the end of a long tunnel – moving beyond the pandemic.

Join us at this year's Disaster Planning Conference as we share lessons from 2020 and apply them to the challenges facing 2021.

If you're a CHA Member, the cost is Free to attend, but you must register. If you're an associate member and/or government entity the cost is \$295, and it's \$375 if you're a non-member.



Office of Statewide Health
Planning and Development

Paul Coleman Retires

Paul Coleman has retired from OSHPD, effective August 1, 2021. Mr. Chris Tokas will be the acting Deputy Director and Mr. Arash Altoontash is the Deputy Division Chief in FDD's Los Angeles office.



ADVOCACY

[AHA requests delay of COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard](#)

The American Hospital Association (AHA) recently wrote to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) with two requests regarding the COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) published June 21. The AHA's first request is that OSHA delay the ETS compliance for at least an additional six months. The current compliance timeline requires compliance by July 6 for most aspects of the standard and July 21 for physical environment and training aspects. The AHA also requested OSHA extend the comment deadline by an additional 30 days to Aug. 20, which was [approved](#), giving professionals more time to review and weigh in on the standard.

SPECIAL REPORT

[A new approach to health care facilities management](#)

Reliability-centered maintenance (RCM) is an emerging strategy within the health care field that looks beyond preventive and scheduled maintenance based on regulatory or equipment need. Instead, the organizational-level strategy enhances maintenance programs with four key principles: preserve system function; identify failure modes; prioritize the failure modes; and choose suitable and effective tasks to control the failure modes. The method helps facilities optimize cost-effective maintenance approaches that improve reliability and availability of equipment, while decreasing system failures. [Read on](#) to learn more about RCM.