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News and Notes

Many of the highlights from Thursday's DPH Media/CERC training in the Augusta Health District will be featured this week. We also have a number of contributions sent by others who have recently attended noteworthy events.

DPH Media/CERC Training



The latest DPH Media / Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Training was held Thursday at the Columbia County Health Office. Thanks to Frederick Dobard-Gary for updating us on the latest social media trends and nuances, particularly as they pertain to disaster situations. Thanks to Susan Beckham and many others who helped set-up of the training (there were many who helped in crucial moments). And most of all thanks to attendees who stayed engaged throughout the entire day and hopefully learned more about what to do and not do in any situation involving interactions with the public and the media. I had a great time learning from everyone in the room.



HOSA

Thanks to Aaron Biggs for taking part in the Health Occupations Students of America event Friday of last week and sending us this update:

I had the wonderful opportunity to judge at the Georgia HOSA State Leadership Conference. We are certainly growing Future Health Professionals across Georgia! Our future is in good hands! I thoroughly enjoyed reviewing the various portfolios related to the topic of Health Education.



Fall Prevention

Thanks to Xavier Crockett and others who helped call attention to the creation of a new nature walk specifically designed to raise awareness of Fall Prevention efforts. Board installation began Saturday for the first ever fall prevention nature walk being installed at Kennesaw's Swift-Cantrell Park. The official opening is expected in about a month. The vision of this collaborative effort is to create opportunities for a community discussion on injury prevention in this unique way.



The Move

The state DPH offices are moving from 2 Peachtree Street to the Twin Towers five blocks away by May. Much the way COVID forced us into expanding our knowledge and use of technology, perhaps there is something positive to takeaway from all the boxing up of items in our soon-to-be vacated workspaces. I discovered much I didn't have use for, and also enjoyed finding such documents as meeting notes that not only outdated my tenure, but that of my predecessor as well. Here's a snapshot of what my cubicle looked like before and after 'The Move' efforts.



-Before



-After

Next Week Preview

A COVID-19 After Action Report Conference will be held Thursday starting at 9:00 at the Harry West Conference Center on Peachtree Street in Atlanta. There are also multiple meetings throughout the week pertaining to efforts aimed at curbing the Opioid Crisis in Georgia.

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