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American Academy of
Healthcare Interior Designers

YEAR IN REVIEW
2021

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Now more than ever.**

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Being a CHID is a testament to my knowledge. The experience I've learned in the healthcare field is further identified as a subject matter in healthcare design. The appellation is important to me, because it gives clients confidence having me on the design team.

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Sarah Tetens
RID, NCIDQ, IIDA, CHID, EDAC
Baskerville



Founded in 2004, the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that certifies interior designers and architects in the United States and Canada who specialize in healthcare design of acute care, ambulatory and residential care facilities. Led by volunteers working to improve our certification process by continual review of the examination and associated study materials, and further our outreach and engagement with CHIDs.

Our Mission

The mission of the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers is the certification of interior designers qualified by education, examination, training, and experience to provide interior design services to the healthcare industry.

Our Vision

The vision of the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers is to be the essential certification program for healthcare interior designers.



Purpose & Value

AAHID aids facilities, firms and the general public in safeguarding the health safety and welfare of the public, patients, residents, and providers of healthcare.

AAHID establishes, maintains and administers the only certification for practitioners in the field of healthcare interior design.

CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designers® are recognized as healthcare professionals proficient in the expertise required to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, as represented by the CHID credential.

- AAHID is a source of information on the real world practice of healthcare interior design.
- AAHID encourages education to maintain the highest standards of professionalism.
- AAHID explores research and evidence based design to inform the healthcare environment by improving safety, positive outcomes and maximized efficiency.
- AAHID supports collaboration with Industry Partners and CHIDs to innovate and transform the healthcare environment.





2021
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New website and logos created. Connections Series of virtual meetings between Board, CHID, Industry Partners and Founders implemented to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration.

AAHID celebrates 15th anniversary with a new exam, online proctored exam delivery, and streamlined application process. Record number of 84 new CHID passed.

AAHID appellation changed to CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designer®. Logo created.

AAHID partners with AMC moving offices from DC to Chicago. New logo.

AAHID moves office from Dallas to Washington DC. New logo.

The first 50 professional interior designers who were part of the original establishment of the AAHID examination are referred to as Founding Members.

Dan Lee, Lew Vassberg, Louise Nicholson-Carter, and Margaret Simmons meet to discuss starting a Healthcare Interior Designer professional accreditation organization.

From 2004 to the present...

AAHID is proud of the founding members, who have worked so hard to make the CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Design® credential the standard for professional healthcare interior design. It is through the tireless efforts of many people, who have served on the Board and committees (especially those early Exam Item Writers!), presented education sessions, and worked with industry partners and allied professional organizations, for the common purpose of advancing professional healthcare interior design practice.

AAHID Archives

This past year, the Executive Committee has committed to gathering archive information and historic records in an attempt to document AAHID's history. So much has been learned! Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

To further enrich the archives, donations are accepted at info@ahid.org.



Healthcare design demands specialized knowledge of the complex issues impacting the design of healthcare facilities. Going through the process of certification has made me a better healthcare design professional. The CHID certification has provided me with added credibility, confidence and assurance with clients and a competitive edge in business.



Antonio J. Amadeo
AIA ACHA CHID LEED AP EDAC
LDC International, Inc.

**Operating Room 10
Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Sarasota, Florida**



from the president

Dear Fellow CHID Certificants, Industry Partners and Colleagues,

I welcome the opportunity to lead AAHID in 2022, and continue to advance the work of our wonderful immediate past-president Kristin Ellingsen and the AAHID board. It is my privilege to serve along with this exceptional Board of Directors to continue this exciting work.

I am so proud of our talented and distinguished group of designers who have earned the CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designer® credential – healthcare design’s recognized indicator of knowledge and proficiency in healthcare interior design, and commitment to the profession. Thanks to the hard work of all our CHIDs around the country, we are stronger than ever!

2021 was a challenging and exciting year in healthcare design, during which we connected and supported each other through our CHID Community Connections series of virtual events. AAHID’s state of the art logo and website help illustrate our message of excellence in design.

Last October AAHID was able to get together in-person at HCD 2021 in Cleveland, OH, where our community connected, inspired, celebrated, and learned from healthcare interior designers from all over the country. AAHID sponsored an education session deep dive, led by our esteemed panel from the Durable Coated Fabrics Task Group highlighting the collaborative efforts and publication of the *Durable Coated Fabric Programming and Selection Guide for Healthcare*, and breakthrough durable coated fabric testing certification, the CFFA-Healthcare-201-Standard.

AAHID is grateful to our hardworking volunteers on Test Development, Study Prep, Marketing-Social Media, CHID Application Review, HCD Education Session Review, and FGI HGRC representative.

Special thanks to all CHIDs and especially the Founding Members who continue to spread the word about CHID certification and help the continued growth of AAHID. Together, great things are possible and I’m proud to state that over 320 professional healthcare interior designers and architects have earned and maintained the CHID credential. AAHID is pleased to have a new group of 42 CHIDs who passed the 2021 examination. Congratulations!



Teri Lura Bennett
RN IIDA CID
EDAC CHID NIHD

from the president

AAHID looks forward to continuing our certification, connections and education opportunities into 2022. Follow our community on the AAHID LinkedIn page to stay up to date on what's new. Share your efforts and successes with your fellow CHIDs by posting interesting articles, projects, and the importance of attaining the CHID credential. Connect now!

I am proud to honor the dedicated efforts our Board, CHIDs, and AMC staff. While 2021 was challenging for everyone in healthcare, AAHID is stronger than ever. We see exciting new growth in the year ahead. Your involvement is the key to our success!

There are many ways you can help, so if you have an idea or passion, we want to hear about it!

Sincerely,



Teri Lura Bennett, RN IIDA CID EDAC CHID NIHD
2022 AAHID President



2021 AAHID Board of Directors

Service on the AAHID Board of Directors provides a unique opportunity to advance the practice of healthcare interior design. AAHID leadership is committed to fostering positive change, while creating the best environments for healthcare delivery and healing. The Board of Directors is passionate about the profession and dedicated to industry recognition and integrity.



Kristin Ellingsen
CHID, IIDA, EDAC
President;
City of Hope National
Medical Center
Duarte, CA



Barbara Dellinger
MA, FIIDA, CHID, CID,
EDAC, NCIDQ
Director;
Adventist Healthcare
Rockville, MD



Teri Lura Bennett
RN, CHID, CID, IIDA,
EDAC, NIHD
President-Elect;
John Hopkins Health
System, 1993-2020.
Baltimore, MD



Aimee Platt
CHID, IIDA, LEED AP
Director;
CannonDesign
Dallas, TX



Carol Doering
CHID, IIDA, CID, LEED AP
Immediate
Past-President;
RCF Group
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Stephanie Fallon
MS, CHID, IIDA
Director;
PhiloWilke
Houston, TX



Sandy Goodman
CHID, IIDA, EDAC, LEED AP,
LSSBB
Secretary-Treasurer;
CRGA Design
Annapolis, MD



Megan McNally
CHID, EDAC, IIDA,
Minnesota-CID, NCIDQ
Director;
Ryan Companies
Minneapolis, MN

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CHID means community and professionalism to me. Elevating the profession of healthcare interior design.

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Jennifer Mitchell
CHID, IIDA, EDAC, LA REG ID #1290
Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects

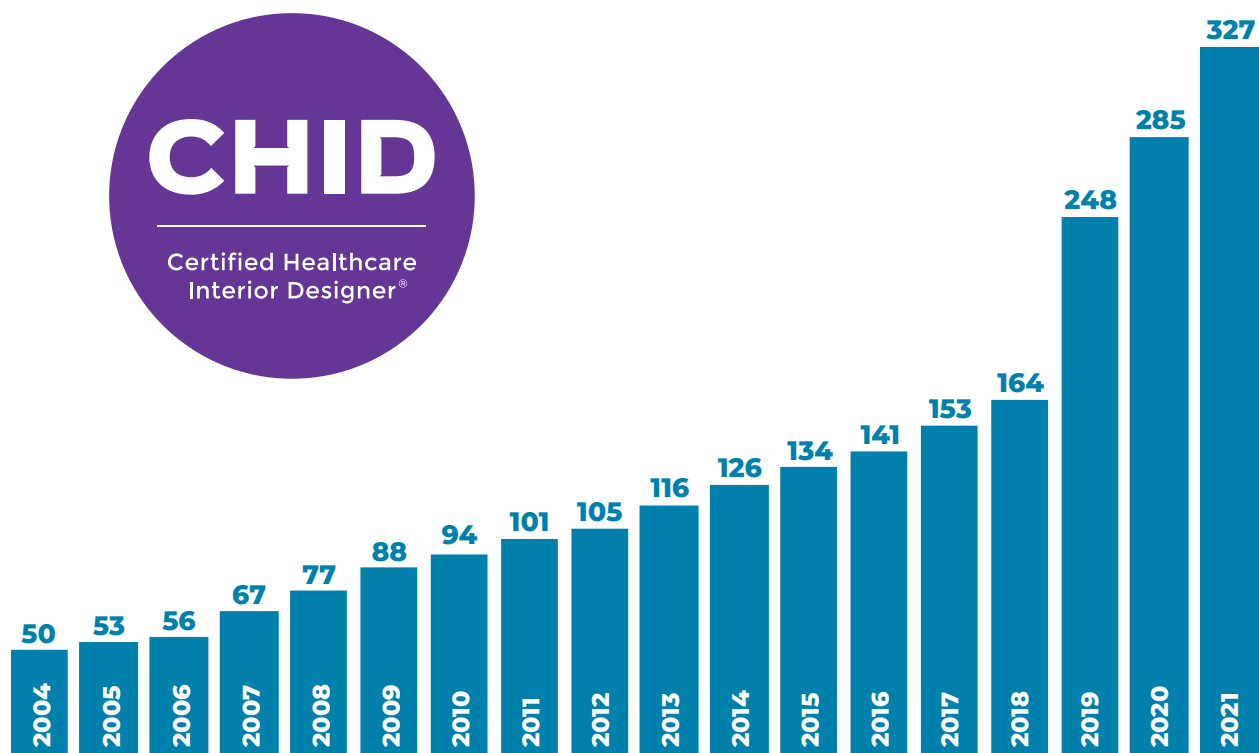
Commitment to Credentialing Excellence

In 2021, AAHID welcomed 42 new healthcare design professionals!

There are currently 320 CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designers®. Check out the graphic below as we celebrate our growth over the years.

AAHID continues the CHID Community Connections series in 2022, for an opportunity to interact with fellow CHIDs and Industry Partners. It's a great chance to collaborate to bring new and innovative products to the healthcare market.

Are you interested in advancing quality healthcare design? Consider joining your fellow dedicated volunteer peers on the committees and task groups. We want to hear from you!



certification

Congratulations and Welcome 2021 CHIDs!

Stephanie Boyles
 Veronica Burns
 Ann Camper
 Heather Clark
 Kerry Clifford
 Christin Coats
 Tiffany Coffman
 Stephanie Cox
 Kristin Cutshall
 Milena Dahlstedt
 Demmie Dunaway
 Julie Endres
 Suzanne Phillips Fawley
 Suzy Genzler
 Karen Guindi

Suzanne Hayes
 Carol Henderson
 Andrea Hsu
 Bethany Jackson
 Kristina Johnston
 Trinity Kahn
 Kristen Kanzleiter
 Jennifer Kenson
 Andrea Kingsbury
 Molly Livingston
 Jessica O'Regan
 Andrea Pardo-Spalding
 Erin Patterson
 Mary Anna Phillips
 Jeanne Phillips

Deirdre Pio
 Susan Quick
 Jasmine Ralat
 Daniel Roark
 Kellie Searcy
 Stephanie Sokolowski
 Rebecca Thomason
 Belinda Tung
 Robert Van den Bogart
 Marcus Whitener
 Jessica Whitlock
 Kelsy Ziegler

Did you notice that there is a new CHID logo to accompany the new AAHID logo? Visit us at HCD in San Antonio to pick up your CHID button!



Become an Emeritus CHID

If you retire from your healthcare interior design career, or transition to another field, you can apply for “Emeritus CHID” status.

If approved, you will be granted the right to use the Emeritus CHID appellation.

To apply, email AAHID at info@aahid.org. A one-time administrative fee is required. The AAHID board will consider your application at their next quarterly board meeting. Individuals accepted as Emeritus CHID will receive official notification of new status.

Note: To be considered for Emeritus CHID status, you must be a CHID in good standing. If your CHID certification has lapsed, prior to which you were a CHID in good standing, AAHID will consider providing an exception.

To apply or for more information, email info@aahid.org.

Distinguish Yourself

Become a CHID.

Now, more than ever, CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designers® are relied upon to elevate the health, quality, and safety of healthcare interior environments.

Be recognized for your excellence, commitment, and knowledge of acute, ambulatory and residential care facility design.

Learn more at aahid.org

Fall 2022 CHID Examination

Applications are being accepted for the Fall examination.

Application Deadline: May 1

Exam Window: September 1-30

The logo for the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID). It features the lowercase letters "aahid" in a bold, sans-serif font. The "aa" is in a dark blue color, and the "hid" is in a lighter blue color. The logo is positioned on a white circular background that overlaps the bottom right corner of the image.

American Academy of
Healthcare Interior Designers

2021 CHID Community Connections

Faced with the challenge of providing opportunities for collaboration and connection between CHIDs and Industry Partners during an ongoing global pandemic. AAHID turned to the virtual world and organized and executed a years' worth of opportunities for getting together.

February 24, 2021

Board, all CHID, & Founding Members – Social networking

March 31, 2021

Board, all CHID
Webinar: Panel Presentation

April 21, 2021

President, President-Elect, TDC chair, and prospective 2021 CHID Candidates Introduction to the CHID Exam.

June 3, 2021

Board, all CHID, & Founding Members – Social networking

June 28, 2021

Board, Marketing, IP's & all CHID
"What do CHID need from our Industry Partners?" Summer Survey Results reviewed, discussed.

July 13, 2021

Board, President, President-Elect, TDC chair, Study Prep chair, & 2021 CHID exam candidates.
Examination process overview

July 28 2021

Board, Marketing, & all CHID Summer Gathering "Making Lemonade From Lemons," sponsored by Interwoven

September 15, 2021

Board, all CHID, & Founding Members – Social networking & thank you for board applicant recruitment

October 6, 2021

Board, all CHID, & Industry Partners
Prep for HCD

November 3, 2021

Board, President, President-Elect, TDC chair, Study Prep chair, & new 2021 CHID – Welcome to AAHID!

Get Involved!

Are you passionate about the CHID credential? Serve on one of AAHID's committees or on the Board of Directors!

Board of Directors & Executive Committee

AAHID is looking for qualified leaders who are passionate about the field of healthcare interior design and its dynamic environment.

The leadership of AAHID is committed to directing positive change for the association and the built healthcare environment, through strategic planning.

Serving on the **Board of Directors** of AAHID is a unique opportunity to advance the practice of healthcare interior design, by shaping the future of the organization, and strengthening relationships with the CHID and allied professional organizations.

CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designers® are encouraged to apply to join the AAHID Board of Directors. The application form is available on the website, and are due by **September 1**.

Interested? Contact AAHID at info@aaheed.org

Committees

AAHID's success depends on the work of passionate CHIDs who are willing to participate in various activities:

- Encourage future exam candidates.
- Review candidate applications on the CHID **Exam Candidate Application Review Committee**.
- Evaluate the current exam, and help write new exam questions with the **Test Development Committee**.
- Create and provide the exam candidate applicants with materials and support to prepare to take the CHID Exam with the **Study Prep Committee**.
- Outreach to CHIDs, support networking opportunities, post on LinkedIn, with the **Marketing & Social Media Committee**.
- Learn about research opportunities, become empowered to evaluate and conduct your own research, write articles for publication, and participate in education sessions through the **Research & Education Committee**.
- Nurture our relationship with the Industry Partners, and participate in focus groups to help provide new and innovative products for the industry through the **Industry Partners Committee**.

volunteer opportunities

Executive Committee

Executive Officers elected by the Board of Directors meet quarterly to attend to the business of AAHID between board meetings, working with staff at Association Management Center (AMC) diligently to plan and implement the calendar of events, empower the board and various committees, plan for representation at healthcare conferences, provide education and networking opportunities, and sustain the efforts required to maintain the organization. AAHID's goal is to provide value to our CHIDs, Founding Members, and Industry Partners. Efforts include creating and maintaining the AAHID archives, and overseeing the CHID Community Connections series.



Kristin Ellingsen
PRESIDENT



Carol Doering
IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT



Teri Lura Bennett
PRESIDENT-ELECT



Sandy Goodman
SECRETARY/
TREASURER

Nominating Committee

This committee is responsible for providing the board with a slate of candidates to fill upcoming vacancies among our officers, and on the board of directors. Position vacancies for 2022 were: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and a director. In August 2021, a call went out for CHIDs to apply to serve on the board of directors. In September, the committee conducted interviews with each prospective candidate, covering areas of special interest, experience in business and other leadership positions. Afterwards, the committee determined the final slate, which was presented to the board in October. The 2021 Nominating Committee was pleased to recommend Sarah Tetens to fill the vacant position on our board. The Board of Directors and Officers for 2022 are as follows: President – Teri Bennett, Past-President – Kristin Ellingsen, President-Elect – Sandy Goodman, Secretary/Treasurer – Megan McNally, Directors – Aimee Platt, Barbara Dellinger, Stephanie Fallon, and Sarah Tetens.



Carol Doering



Aimee Platt



Kristin Ellingsen



Ghina Itani



Teri Lura Bennett

Portfolio Review: Credentialing Committee (CHID Exam Application Review Committee)

Annually, this group of CHIDs carefully reviews potential exam candidate applications to ensure that applicants have met the exam requirements and have the training, education and experience to qualify to take the exam to become CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designer® professionals.

AAHID White Paper on Flooring Selection Committee (Research & Education Committee)

The White Paper Committee worked over the course of two years to develop a white paper on the benefits of resilient flooring. Sponsored by Tarkett, this team worked in conjunction with Tarkett to develop the paper. The committee reviewed FGI guidelines and conducted a literary review, interviewed industry experts, and referenced case studies to compile the data for the white paper, which covers flooring selection, the design process, healthcare associated infections, patient safety, sheet vs. tile goods, and reducing post-installation setbacks. There are more opportunities for further research. The white paper was completed at the end of 2021 and officially published in January of 2022. In October of 2022, the paper will be presented as one of AAHID's education sessions at HCD in San Antonio, TX. Special thanks goes out to Isabella Sirkis of CRGA Design for her contributions!



Elieen Amano-Peterman



Mary Porter



Jennifer Hrosko



Mary Turgeon



Kristie Stanfield



Sandy Boyette



Sandy Goodman



Barbara Dellinger



Robyn Dubick

Study Prep Committee

2021 was a busy inaugural year for the AAHID Study Prep Committee. In early 2021, several roundtable discussions to share study prep experiences and brainstorm possible initiatives to improve study prep tools and better support prospective CHIDs, resulted in the implementation of several new initiatives, including: A CHID Community Connections virtual event, for prospective exam candidates to review the exam process and benefits of becoming a CHID. A survey of exam candidates about study reference materials revealed an interest in AAHID offering materials at a reduced rate. Unfortunately, AAHID was unable to arrange a reduction of cost to access FGI, the primary and most costly reference for the exam. In July, a CHID Community Connections virtual event for 47 attendees, focused on preparing for the upcoming exam, review of the exam process, and study prep tips. AAHID provided candidates with the means and contacts to form study groups using social media. The November CHID Community Connections event congratulated our newest CHIDs of 2021. More information can be found at aahid.org/certification/chid-eligibility.



Megan McNally
CHAIR



Isaac Holman



Christine R. Emanuelson



Karen Welsko



Christina Hill



Lauren Kuhlke



Cindy Lescale



Sara Bailey



Corinn Soro



Susan Sanders

Test Development Committee (TDC)

The TDC is responsible for the preparation, administration, validation, and ongoing exam development of the CHID certification examination. The TDC consists of the chair appointed by the board, one director, and six (6) to nine (9) individuals who are not members of the Board and who hold the CHID appellation. The CHIDs are the Subject Matter Experts (SME), who periodically review and revise the current CHID exam, according to current best practices, along with the Exam Content Objectives, Jobs Task Analysis, Exam References, and Candidate Handbook.

On an annual basis, TDC analyzes survey results and feedback from the previous year's examinees. Every February and March, TDC uses this information and works closely with the test delivery vendor to revise and create new beta test items to maintain the integrity of the CHID examination.

The committee welcomed two new members from the 2020 CHID cycle: Sarah Harvey and Cindy Lescale. Thank you to the dedicated efforts of all the committee members who contribute to making the examination the essential certification for healthcare interior designers.

Are you passionate about the quality and credibility of the exam? Consider joining the TDC!



Teri Lura Bennett
CHAIR



Linda Gabel



Antonio Amadeo
CO-CHAIR



Melinda Avila-Torio



Celeste Kovar



Nancy Bounds



Christine Brown



Robyn Dubick



Cindy Lescale



Sarah K. Harvey



Jennifer Hrosko

Marketing & Social Media Committee

In 2021, the committee created a marketing strategy to guide organizational marketing. AAHID also documented its history and implemented the “Connection Series” to connect healthcare design professionals. A panel discussion was held in March, and an Exam Candidate Forum in April. AAHID published an article in *Interiors & Sources*, entitled *Lessons from Healthcare: Understanding the Challenges of Cleaning Durable Coated Fabrics, and other Furnishings and Surface Materials*, authored by Barbara Dellinger, Shari Solomon, & Teri Lura Bennett. The Connections event in July connected Industry Partners and CHIDs, where results of the CHID “What are you looking for?” survey were presented.

AAHID is especially pleased with its corporate branding campaign that produced a new logo and website. Working with AMC, efforts were finalized in August, presented to Founding Members and officially launched at the Annual Meeting and Reception at HCD in October. The HCD show booth prominently featured the new look, with help from Industry Partners Krug, Mecho, and Tarkett.



Aimee Platt
CO-CHAIR



Stephanie Fallon
CO-CHAIR



Colette DeJean



Kelsey Sulik



Jennifer Mitchell

committees

“It takes years of education, experience and acquired knowledge to become a seasoned healthcare interior designer. But, to leave your mark on a potential client, you only have three seconds to tell your story. I simply say, ‘I am a CHID.’”



Ghina Itani
CHID, ASID, EDAC
Owner, Principal
Itani Design Concepts

We “Got the Band Back Together!”

In October 2021, AAHID was able to gather in Cleveland, OH for the annual get together at the Healthcare Design Trade Expo and Conference (HCD).



Education Sessions

Early Sunday morning AAHID had a full house as AAHID in partnership with DCF, presented a deep dive into the ongoing challenges of specifying surface material finishes for healthcare at the session entitled, **The More You Know: Reduce Failures by Understanding Performance Requirements for Healthcare Durable Coated Fabrics and Surface Materials.**

Sunday afternoon, President Kristin Ellingsen, President-Elect Teri Lura Bennett, and Exam Study Prep committee chair Megan McNally presented a session for those considering taking the CHID credentialing exam, entitled, **AAHID-CHID Exam Introduction.**



“The More You Know” panelists: Chuck Beaven/Wieland, Steve Rye/CFFA, Shari Solomon/CleanHealth, Jane Rohde/JSR, Barbara Dellinger/Adventist, Teri Lura Bennett/AAHID. (Missing panelist Linda Gabel/Wexner, joined us by video.)

We “Got the Band Back Together!”

AAHID Board-Industry Partner Meet and Greet

Sunday afternoon the board was granted early access into the Trade Floor for one-on-one meetings with AAHID Industry Partners. The board conversed with IPs, thanked them for their support, delivered AAHID booth cards, and asked about future collaborations. It was a great opportunity to meet the Industry Partner representatives.



Annual Meeting and Reception

It was a rock ‘n’ roll party time as the Board, CHIDs, Founding Members, Industry Partners and AMC staff gathered to celebrate ongoing partnerships. It was beyond wonderful to hang out with one another, enjoy good food and drink, and pose for photos at the “Step & Repeat” wall courtesy of Kwalu & Integra.



Trade Show AAHID Booth

Hats off to the Marketing & Social Media committee, and Industry Partners, Krug, Mecho, and Tarkett who got together to provide a great booth this year. Lots

of chances to gather and promote our special AAHID relationships.



HCD

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Allied Professional Organizations

Since its inception, AAHID has valued and benefited from the support and encouragement of allied professional design organizations. Many were instrumental during our founding years, sharing time, energy and resources as we began our journey. As AAHID prepares our 18th year, we gratefully acknowledge our relationship to the mutual benefit of our professions and advancement of quality healthcare environments.



ASID – American Society of Interiors Designers

AAHID's archive effort this year has led to many happy discoveries, including a letter from ASID in 2009 congratulating us on our 5th anniversary, praising our efforts to seek professional advancement and provide advance credentialing. AAHID looks forward to many more years of working together to enhance the profession of interior design.



CHD - Center for Health Design

The shared passion for excellence in healthcare interior design has made AAHID true partners with CHD from the beginning. AAHID has and will continue to work closely with CHD to provide education sessions at conferences, webinars, design team reviewers, and numerous other ongoing collaborative efforts. AAHID looks forward to many more years of working together with CHD.

Allied Professional Organizations



CIDQ – Council for Interior Design Qualifications

In 2004, AAHID’s founders were welcomed at the NCIDQ regional conference to introduce their commitment to creating a credentialing program for healthcare interior designers. NCIDQ shares our mission of identifying qualified interior designers who protect the public through the competent practice of their professions, and in 2019 we streamlined the eligibility requirements to recognize the achievement of the CIDQ credential as a significant factor in applying to take the CHID examination. AAHID looks forward to continuing our close professional relationship as we reach out to Certified Interior Designers with healthcare experience, to encourage them to apply to take the CHID examination.



DCF - Durable Coated Fabrics Task Group

In 2017, the AAHID board of directors and several CHIDs attended Design Connections in Ponte Vedra, FL. This unique gathering brought together designers, manufacturers, associations, and trade partners for frank conversations about performance failures in healthcare. After the conference, a group continued to meet regularly with the goal of finding solutions to this challenge. We have gathered data, conducted surveys, provided education sessions, and promoted field tests and research. Under the auspices of AAHID and with the help of CFFA (Chemical Fabrics and Film Association) DCF has presented the CFFA-Healthcare-201-Standard certification for minimum performance testing required to reduce durable coated fabric failures in the healthcare environment.

Allied Professional Organizations



EDAC - Evidence based Design Accreditation and Certification

Many CHIDs are also EDAC certified, and AAHID shares their core value of research and education. Several CHIDs have serviced as jurors, and worked to help create and maintain the professional standards of the EDAC examination and credential. EDAC certification is strongly encouraged among CHIDs as a logical extension of the desire for excellence in healthcare design.



Environments for Aging

AAHID is grateful for EFA dedication to featuring and recognizing the unique needs and requirements of the Residential and Senior Living facilities and the public. The CHID credentialing exam has always equally represented Acute, Ambulatory & Residential Care knowledge and expertise.

Allied Professional Organizations



Facility Guidelines Institute & Healthcare Guidelines Review Committee

The shared passion for excellence in healthcare interior design and emphasis on best practices as reflected by FGI publications has influenced and informed our practice and the credibility of the credentialing exam. AAHID has partnered with FGI since the beginning to raise the standards of the industry and provide information for the benefit of our public, patients, their families and healthcare staff. AAHID looks forward to building on this historic and mutually beneficial collaboration for years to come.

healthcare design

Healthcare Design

In the earliest days AAHID was supportive of the exceptional opportunity that HCD provides for healthcare designers, architects, manufacturers, distributors and allied associations to gather for sharing knowledge, innovative research, and collaborative networking opportunities. Each year we have provided educational content, scheduled the Annual Meeting to coincide with, and maintained a presence at the Trade Show & Expo. The opportunity to gather together over several days with our fellows, all who are passionate about quality healthcare design is an experience we appreciate even more after missing that experience in 2020.

Allied Professional Organizations

IIDA

IIDA International Interior Design Association

From the beginning IIDA has been a partner and encouraged AAHID through our shared values of research, education, experience and initiatives. AAHID looks forward to many more years of working together to enhance the profession of interior design.



Interior Design Educators Council

AAHID respects and honors the councils dedication to excellence in education, documentation of our unique body of knowledge and its importance to the profession. The pursuit of excellence in education as applied to healthcare design is an essential part of the heritage and an inspiration for future efforts in healthcare research and education.

NeoCon®

Neocon

AAHID has appreciated the multitude of opportunities that NeoCon offers for the CHIDs to be able to address the many different aspects of practicing interior design. Healthcare facilities typically encompass any gathering places for education, workplace and residential support spaces. NeoCon has encouraged and maintained that breadth of awareness.

Our Industry Partners Make Our Work Possible

Developing and maintaining industry relations is essential to further the AAHID mission. Industry Partners play a major role in facilitating outreach efforts to potential CHID exam candidates and providing networking opportunities for current CHID certificants. AAHID is grateful for the generosity of the Industry Partners. Their support makes it possible to enhance the visibility of the CHID certification and to grow the CHID credential.

Network and Sharing Expertise

The healthcare design industry provides several forums throughout the year for AAHID to expand its reach, gain visibility, promote the CHID certification program, and support the Industry Partners.

Thank you to everyone who helped bring the band back together in Cleveland, OH at HCD 2021. AAHID is excited to continue the established connections.

A special acknowledgement to the following Industry Partners for their support of the 2021 Annual Meeting:

Backstage Pass

Kwalu
Patcraft

VIP

Porcelanosa

General Admission

Integra
Armstrong Ceiling Solutions



The American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers is proud to partner with industry leaders who share a commitment to transforming the healthcare environment through interior design.

AAHID Industry Partners

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GOLD

Altro Americas
Armstrong Flooring, Inc.
Krug
Mohawk
Stance Healthcare
Tarkett

SILVER

Armstrong Ceiling Solutions
Construction Specialties
CF Stinson
Interwoven
LX Hausys
MedViron
SitOnIt Seating
Trespa
Wieland

BRONZE

Allseating
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deko
Design Décor Art Group
Ecore Commercial Flooring
Forbo Flooring Systems
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