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A message from the President



Dear fellow certificants, industry partners and colleagues,

2019 marks a special year for AAHID and the CHID Certification Program.

“Happy Anniversary” AAHID! Celebrating 15 years designing healthcare interiors, AAHID has certified more than 160 healthcare interior designers who are distinguished by the CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designer® credential. And, we continue to grow. In this celebratory year, I am thrilled to announce that AAHID has received an historic number of applications for the 2019 Fall CHID exam. Outreach efforts from our Founders, Industry Partners, AAHID Board members and staff have been instrumental in helping us reach this amazing milestone. As we continue to promote the benefits of CHID certification, AAHID has worked hard to provide candidates with a process to certification that provides flexibility and accessibility.

Now, it's easier than ever to become CHID certified!

Late in 2018, AAHID implemented significant changes to the CHID application and exam process, providing candidates with more flexibility, and convenient means to attain certification. The e-Learning series was released in February, enhancing the toolbox of study resources. A review of the eligibility criteria led to the elimination of the portfolio submission, and letters of reference for the 2019 exam. Applicants who possessed the required experience and endorsement of a current CHID Certified Healthcare Interior Designer® could simply complete the online application. AAHID recently partnered with a new testing company, Certification Management Services (CMS), Inc. Working with CMS, provides added benefits to candidates. Testing centers are no longer a required venue. Proctored exams can be accommodated in the comfort of a candidate's home or other location of their choosing. And, for the first time ever, on November 4, 2019 the CHID exam will be administered on-site at the Healthcare Design (HCD) Expo and Conference. To celebrate the organization's 15th year anniversary, AAHID offered a special promotion to 2019 Fall Exam applicants. The application fee was discounted 50%.

Over one-hundred applications were received by the July 15th deadline. Certainly, a successful measure of what can happen through collaboration. Thank you to all who helped AAHID spread the word. We look forward to celebrating our continued partnerships and achievements when we all come together at HCD in New Orleans.

Industry events provide value and visibility for CHIDs and the CHID Certification Program.

Capitalizing on opportunities to build awareness, AAHID continues to partner with industry organizations. In April, Nancy Bounds and I presented an educational session on the topic *Senior Living Environments – Hospitality or Healthcare*, to a packed audience at the Environments for Aging (EFA) Expo and Conference. In June, many CHIDs were present at NeoCon in Chicago. It was a great venue for networking and supporting our industry partners. Later this month, AAHID industry partners Lonseal, Krug, CF Stinson, and SitOnIt Seating will sponsor a [CHID Candidate Forum](#) in the OFG Orange County Showroom in Irvine, CA. And, the stage is set for HCD in November. In addition to a presence in the exhibit hall, AAHID will be involved in a few [featured events](#) including an educational session on *New Information About Specifying and Cleaning Durable Coated Fabrics in Healthcare*, a CHID Exam Workshop, the first on-site administration of the CHID exam, and the AAHID Annual Meeting and Reception. We're prepared to "unmask our potential" with a true Mardi Gras themed anniversary celebration.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Sincerely,



Libby Laguta, CHID, EDAC, ACHE
President, AAHID

Industry Partner Update

The continued support from all AAHID Industry Partners (IPs) brings value to professionals practicing in the field of healthcare interior design who are committed to transforming the healthcare environment into a healing environment.

Check out what our partners have been up to this year!

Tarkett sponsors White Papers on Flooring

AAHID is excited to begin work on two white papers sponsored by Tarkett. The first publication focuses on *How Flooring Impacts Acoustics in Healthcare*, and is chaired by Libby Laguta, AAHID President. The second paper deals with *How Flooring Impacts Performance and Comfort of Medical Staff and Patient Care*, and is chaired by Sandy

Goodman, AAHID Board Director. Once the papers are complete, they will be submitted for publication and converted into educational programs adding great value to the healthcare market.

KI, Kwalu, OM and Stance Healthcare, participate in AAHID market outreach promotion at Neocon

Thank you to AAHID’s roving CHID reporter Ghina Itani, and our industry partners who took time out from a very busy convention for a video chat to highlight their products and support for AAHID. This is a great opportunity to build awareness for the certification program, while providing added exposure to our industry partners. We hope to engage more industry partners when we all gather at HCD later this year.

Industry Partners make it possible to “Unmask our Potential” at HCD

AAHID’s Annual Meeting and Reception promises to be a celebratory event. AAHID welcomes Industry partners, CHIDs and colleagues who would benefit from CHID certification.

This must-attend event for the healthcare interior design community is made possible by the generosity of the following industry partners*:

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