

# LORI J. MATHIEU



An executive level leader of state agency programs in public health protection and health equity promotion, with decades of management experience and responsibility for a variety of state agency regulatory programs, ability to organize and lead regulatory and programmatic efforts, ability to lead teams to accomplish and implement plans working with Stakeholders, state, local, federal, legislators officials, ability to adjust to address emergencies and emerging issues

## EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER 2019 TO PRESENT

**PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH CHIEF,**

**MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & DRINKING WATER (EHDW) BRANCH**

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Manage EHDW Branch comprised of twenty public health Units,
- responsible for Branch managerial oversight and reorganization initiatives,
- manage over 100 staff with 17 direct report supervisors with \$40 million dollar annual budget,
- oversee engineering, environmental analyst, sanitarian, epidemiologist, and budget analyst staff,
- responsible for Federal Grant management working with numerous Federal Agencies
- responsible for legislative and regulatory initiatives,
- work with stakeholders and legislators to pass and implement legislation,
- work with State Agencies Executive Teams at the Commissioner level, and Office of the Governor,
- work with stakeholders to integrate health equity into environment and climate change initiatives,
- work with CT DPH executive management team and stakeholders including legislators to update and integrate new laws and reorganize the programmatic areas of food, lead, private wells, radon, asbestos, enforcement, public drinking water, and septic system programs.

March 2020 TO PRESENT

**COVID19 Special Work Assignment**

**Governor Lamont Declared Pandemic Emergency**

**Director of Public Health Reopen Initiatives**

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Develop, manage and work with a team of public health professionals in the areas of environmental epidemiology responsible for CTDPH related work on reopening initiatives to incorporate disease transmission;
- draft guidance on business and school reopening, work with State and Federal agencies with extensive work duties collaborating with State Department of Education (SDE) on school reopening, State Department of Economic & Community Development on business reopening, State Department of

Energy & Environmental Protection on parks/beach reopening, State Department of Consumer Protection on sector rule enforcement;

- draft and present Webinars on Business and individual Governor Lamont’s Sector Rules, develop and implement Reopen Teams with CT Local Health Departments, SDE, CT Children’s Medical Center, Yale School of Public Health, Yale School of Engineering, CT School Superintendents, UCONN, and CT School Medical Advisors;
- work with a CT DPH Team on Health Equity in vaccine distribution to incorporate SVI and work with the State Local Health Directors.

**2006 TO 2019**

**PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION CHIEF & MANAGER, DRINKING WATER SECTION  
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Managed CT DPH Drinking Water Section, 50 staff, environmental analysts and sanitary engineers;
- worked to reorganize Drinking Water Section;
- developed new programs to address emerging issues;
- worked to train staff on leadership and management;
- worked to enhance programmatic areas of source water protection, Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, public water system regulatory compliance and enforcement;
- worked with state and federal agencies to address ongoing Safe Drinking Water Act Rule implementation;
- worked with various state and federal agencies to enhance drinking water quality and quantity protection;
- reworked various data systems including GIS public water systems mapping;
- reworked drinking water budget, fiscal and grant management

**May 1988 to 2005**

**Various Titles, Drinking Water Section  
Connecticut Department of Public Health**

**EDUCATION**

**MAY 1988**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS**

Individualized BA major with upper level courses in mechanical engineering, civil engineering, geography, and anthropology; full Athletic Scholarship athlete, basketball, Coach Geno Auriemma

**ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Town of Coventry Inland Wetland Commission**, Appointed Volunteer Commissioner & present Chair, 1995 to present; worked to redevelop and update Town’s inland wetland regulations; work to implement consistent and enhanced environmental practice such as instituting rain garden development and ongoing maintenance practice to assure wetland protection; work to assure appropriate Coventry Lake beach and lake front

management practices; worked to institute expanded protection measures for Coventry's three major Rivers and Coventry Lake

**Connecticut Water Planning Council**, CT DPH representative, 2015 to present; worked with the Council and a broad group of Stakeholders to develop, present, and implement the State's first State Water Plan, dated January 2019; presently implementing Plan's priority actions of private well water quality, water conservation measures and possible legislative initiatives

**Connecticut State Interagency Drought Team**, CT DPH delegated representative; worked with the Team to redevelop and implement the Connecticut State Drought Plan, dated December 2018; utilized and implemented Plan during the droughts of 2016 and 2020

**Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, President 2022**, Board Member 2012 to 2016; worked with ASDWA teams to develop legionella toolkit and guidance, 2019; presently working with EPA on revisions to Safe Drinking Water Act's Lead & Copper Rule and President Biden's proposed stimulus budget proposals of 2021

**Statewide Drinking Water Supply Plan**, CT DPH Manager responsible to develop planning process, budget, timeline and contract to draft and finalize the Regional and Statewide Water Supply Plan, Plan Dated and DPH Commissioner approved January 2019; presently implementing various planning initiatives

**New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission**, CT DPH delegated representative

**Interagency Water Resources Board**, CT DPH delegated representative; works to integrate water resource protection to protect drinking water quality and quantity

**Governor's Climate Change Initiative Executive Order #3 (GC3)**, CT DPH representative working with DPH Executive Team; Co-Chair of Public Health & Safety WorkTeam worked to finalize the Public Health & Safety Plan for Climate Change; worked with GC3 Leadership to incorporate PH&S initiatives into Governor's final plan, dated January 2021

**Governor's PFAS Task Force**, CT DPH lead implementation manager; led Public Health Subcommittee tasked to develop public health PFAS programmatic initiatives; worked with a team to draft and finalize Governor's PFAS Task Force Action Plan, dated November 2019; drafted DPH implementation budget, presented PFAS work tasks directly to Governor Lamont and Office of the Governor's Team; presently implementing numerous PFAS related work items in partnership with State Department of Environmental Protection

**Drinking Water Vulnerability & Resiliency Plan**, dated July 2019, CT DPH implementation manager; working with State Department of Housing and Office of the Governor, developed, managed and finalized a Plan utilizing Federal HUD Storm Sandy funding to assure resilient drinking water systems and private wells along the four southern counties in Connecticut