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President's Message

Dear MiSHE Members,

Happy New Year, everyone!

I can't believe it's already 2025! MISHE continues to grow and thrive, and we have so many exciting things planned for this year. First, I want to take a moment to express how grateful I am to be part of such an outstanding organization. MISHE is more than just a professional network. It's a community of dedicated individuals who are passionate about healthcare engineering and facilities management. The knowledge, resources, and lifelong connections we gain through MISHE are truly invaluable.

I also want to extend my deepest appreciation to our MISHE board members for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. Your efforts keep our momentum strong, and together, we continue to elevate this organization to new heights.

MiSHE has so many great things happening this year, and I'm excited to share some **key dates** with you:

- **WM-MiSHE** on **March 18th** is hosting their Quarterly Meeting with Cooper Lighting at the Ridge
- **EC- MiSHE** on **March 19th** is hosting a Lunch & Learn with Cooper Lighting
- **MiSHE** on **March 28** is hosting a Networking event at Little Caesars Arena with the help of Belfor
- **SE-MiSHE** is hosting on **April 11** a Virtual golf event in Bloomfield Hills
- **EC- MiSHE** on **May 20** is hosting a Golf outing at The Fortress Golf Course
- **SE-MiSHE** on **July 25** is hosting a Golf Outing at Cherry Creek Golf Course – Golf foursomes were sold out in 5 days!
- **September 22-24**, The **Annual MiSHE Conference** will be held in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan, at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

And that's just the beginning! In the next quarter, we have some exciting news for our membership that we can't wait to share.

Please encourage someone you work with to join MiSHE. There are so many benefits, both professionally and personally. I've made lifelong friends through this organization, and I know others will, too.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Joe Saldivar

MiSHE President

NC-MiSHE article

Greetings to all,

Please let me introduce myself, I'm Vince Perretti, the East Central region MiSHE chapter President. I moved here from Philadelphia (GO EAGLES !!) almost 8 years ago, and almost immediately joined this group where I instantly gained valuable healthcare knowledge and best practice procedures. The mission and vision of MiSHE, *to improve patient care and the healthcare environment overall,* is very relevant to all healthcare institutions and personnel. I am proud to be actively involved in working to educate others while keeping up to date with this ever-changing and improving field. Networking with other Facility Managers and Directors around the area, as well as speaking to industry experts, has positively impacted my ability to trouble shoot issues, become more efficient running operations and managing labor costs. The added benefit has come from coaching my team and increasing their job knowledge from my learnings to keep them engaged as well. I enjoy staying up to date on everything from regulatory compliance to best practices and using the proper vendors for projects to make everyone's job easier. It is my privilege and honor to work alongside such a talented group of colleagues, many whom I now call friends, within the MiSHE

organization. I encourage anyone in the healthcare field to join MiSHE and take advantage of the training and resources available to them.

My goals for the East Central chapter of MiSHE is to continue to grow our membership to better serve our employers and patients, provide educational speakers and host interactive events that encourage fun comradery, because who wants to do just work and no play? So, invite a friend to any chapter event to see what we are all about, and continue to spread the word on the great work we are all doing to help improve healthcare throughout Michigan!

A few exciting upcoming East Central 2025 events include:

- **March 19th** - Lunch & Learn with Cooper Lighting hosted by Michelle Prew.
- **May 20th** - Golf outing at the Fortress Golf Course of Frankenmuth.
- TBD event in **July** – watch for upcoming communications on this.
- **September 22-24** - Annual statewide MiSHE Conference with all chapters, in Traverse City.
- **December** (date TBD) – East Central Christmas party at Bavarian Inn Restaurant in Frankenmuth.

If you have questions about membership, would like to sponsor an event, host a lunch & learn or just plain network, please reach out to me at Vincent.Perretti@mclaren.org or call me at 267-968-7752.

Sincerely,

Vince Perretti

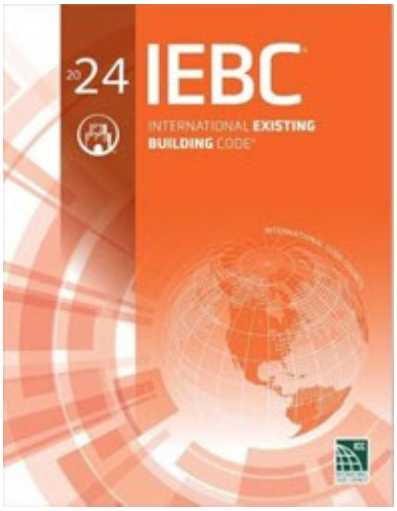
EC MiSHE Chapter President

The Healthcare Facilities Minute videos by Michael Hoeflein

MiSHE members, if you haven't watched any of the short training videos that Michael Hoeflein has been posting on the internet, you are missing out. You can access them via the MISHE.org website under News & Resources ***The Healthcare Facilities Minute*** or find them on LinkedIn, Instagram, or YouTube. The following link is a 1-minute video on TJC Above Ceiling Inspections.

Watch Video

IEBC proposed changes to Allow Assisted Bathing/Toileting by the ICC Health Care Committee



Definitions:

ASSISTED BATHING. A roll-in shower designed for adults who need assistance and configured to allow space to enable a care giver to assist.

ASSISTED TOILETING. A water closet designed for adults who need assistance and configured to allow space to enable a care giver to assist.

Exception: Where permitted for Group I-1 and I-2 dwelling and sleeping units in accordance with Sections 1108.5.1.1, 1108.5.1.2, 1108.5.2.1 and 1108.5.4 of the International Building Code, toilet and bathing rooms within Accessible units shall be permitted to comply with the assisted toileting and bathing requirements.

Reason: The IBC allows for assisted toileting and bathing for new construction as an option for a percentage of the Accessible units in Assisted living, Nursing homes and Rehabilitation facilities. The percentage varies depending on the need. The purpose of the assisted toileting and bathing is to address the special needs for person who need assistance in toileting and bathing due to strength or stability issues. The technical information was removed from the IBC in E122-24 because the 2025 edition of the ICC A117.1 will now include those provisions. Putting this exception here just allows for facilities that are being renovated to use the same options permitted for them in new construction. This option was developed based on a study done by the Rothschild Foundation and has already been proven to improve accessibility and safety for both residents and care givers.

This is a joint proposal with the BCAC and Healthcare committees.

BCAC was established by the ICC Board of Directors in July 2011 to pursue opportunities to improve and enhance assigned International Codes or portions thereof. In 2023 and 2024 the BCAC has held several virtual meetings open to any interested party. In addition, there were numerous virtual Working Group meetings for the current code development cycle, which included members of the committee as well as interested parties. Related documents and reports are posted on the BCAC website at BCAC webpage.

The Committee on Healthcare (CHC) was established by the ICC Board of Directors in 2011 to pursue opportunities to study and develop effective and efficient provisions for Hospital, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Ambulatory Care Facilities. This committee was formed in cooperation with the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE). In July of 2017, the ICC Board made CHC a standing committee. In 2023 and 2024 the CHC has held several virtual meetings open to any interested party. In addition, there were numerous virtual Working Group meetings for the

current code development cycle, which included members of the committee as well as interested parties. Related documents and reports are posted on the CHC website at CHC webpage.

Cost Impact: The change proposal is editorial in nature or a clarification and has no cost impact on the cost of construction

Justification for no cost impact: This exception is allowing an option that is already permitted for new construction. Since this is an option, it would not increase the cost of construction. BCAC

10-Second Time to Readiness

Cummins recently published a white paper by Michael Sanford which covers everything you always wanted to know about the 10-second rule for emergency generators. The article was written to help eliminate some of the "confusion in the industry regarding what actually is included in those critical 10 seconds and when the clock technically starts and stops for compliance." Michael highlights 3 key takeaways:

Key Takeaway 01: Systems determined to

be essential for safety to human life must meet Type 10 requirements as defined under NFPA 110.

Key Takeaway 02: Time to readiness includes the time from the loss of power at the load side of the transfer switch until acceptable power is restored to the load side of the transfer switch which includes all time delays associated with sensing and transfer of power, and any other intended or unintended transfer delays.

Key Takeaway 03: Power is deemed as “acceptable” so long as it falls within the acceptable load pick-up parameters of the transfer device and it does not cause the load’s protective functions to disconnect it from the EPS.

Read Full Article

CMS now allowing LTC shared toilet room between single bed resident rooms

Excerpt from **Jan 15 2025 CMS QSO-25-12** allowing shared toilet room between two NH resident rooms if both are single occupancy (i.e. no more than two residents using the one toilet room).

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Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Quality, Safety & Oversight Group

Ref: QSO-25-12-NH

DATE: January 15, 2025

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Directors, Quality, Safety & Oversight Group (QSOG) and Survey & Operations Group (SOG)

SUBJECT: **REVISED**: Revised Long-Term Care (LTC) Surveyor Guidance: Significant revisions to enhance quality and oversight of the LTC survey process

Memo Revision Information:
Revisions to: *QSO-25-07-NH* ***Original release date:*** *November 18, 2024*

GUIDANCE: §483.90(f)

“**Bathing Facilities”** is defined as a space that contains either a shower(s) or a tub(s) for resident use. See definition of “toilet facilities” for definition of “located near.”

“Toilet facilities” is defined as a space that contains a lavatory and a toilet/commode.

CMS is also using the term **“commode”** to mean the same as a “toilet” when referring to a plumbing fixture. If the resident’s room is not equipped with an adjoining toilet facility, then “located near” means residents who are independent in the use of a toilet/commode, including chair bound residents, can routinely use a toilet/commode in the unit that they can access quickly.

Facilities that meet any of the below criteria must meet the requirement for having in each resident bedroom its own bathroom consisting of at least a sink and commode/toilet:

• A facility that received approval for construction from the state or local authority after November 28, 2016; • A facility that is newly certified after November 28,

2016; • A facility that completes a change of ownership under §489.18 and the new owner does not accept assignment of the existing provider agreement resulting in a "new initial certification" for a new provider agreement that is effective after November 28, 2016; or • A facility whose provider agreement was terminated by CMS, and a new provider is working to reenroll in the Medicare program as a newly certified facility effective after November 28, 2016.

Facilities that meet any of the above criteria also must meet the requirements in §483.90(e)(1)(i), which requires accommodation of no more than two residents per bedroom. We note that two conjoined private bedrooms (i.e., single occupancy in each room) with a shared bathroom equipped with at least a commode and a sink (i.e., "Jack & Jill bathroom") are in compliance with §483.90(e)(1)(i) and §483.90 (f). However, if more than one resident resides in either conjoined bedroom, this would no longer be compliant with CMS regulations.

NFPA weekly update: NFPA 1, 30 & 99

The committee for NFPA 1, Fire Code, posted the first draft report of the 2027 edition for public input by April 24

Excerpt below taken from Feb 7, 2025 | from ASHE Health Facilities Management

Public input

The committee for **NFPA 1, Fire Code,** posted its first draft report for the 2027 edition on Feb. 4. The report will be open for public comment until April 24 as the committee works to develop the code's second draft.

To submit a public input using the NFPA's online submission system, select the "next edition" tab and click on the "submit public input online" button to begin the input process.

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Propose a Modification: NFPA 99 Cybersecurity Chapter

NFPA 99 Cybersecurity Chapter 8 public input due April 1

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is requesting feedback on a newly proposed chapter focused on cybersecurity for the 2027 edition of **NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code.**

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