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Peg Tayler, BSN, RN, COHN-S/CM-ret, FAAOHN is the Associate Director Health & Safety for the Massachusetts Nurses Association. 47 years practicing nursing in many areas, medical-surgical, psychiatry, case management, quality assurance, education, and occupational health, over 30 years of experience, now retired, last worked as local manager in a Bio-Tech company. Past President of MaAOHN.

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Christine Pontus, NP Occupational Health Nurse with over 35 years of working face-to-face with workers and consulting to businesses as a risk manager. She is an

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Kathy Lehan, MSN, RN, COHN-S (Vendor Chair)– Director of Occupational Health for Boston Medical Center Health System. Nearly 20 years of experience as a nurse, nurse case manager and director specifically for occupational health services.

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Susan Upham, MD, MPH, FACOEM was originally trained and board certified in family medicine. After several years practice as an FP, she returned to training and completed the UMMS OEM fellowship. She has been solely practicing OEM since 1993. She is the owner of Bayside Employee Health Center, the only woman physician owned, private OEM practice in Maine, where she has worked since 1999. She currently serves as the NECOEM newsletter editor, has published multiple articles and currently serves as the president of NECOEM.

Penny Allyson-Clark RN, BSN, COHN-S/CM-retired, FAAOHN retired NP from Pfizer. Past MaAOHN President. Member of the Board of Directors for MaAOHN. Penny has 37 years of occupational health nursing experience.

Phyllis Cicchetti RN, BSN, COHN-S/CM serves as a Director on the current MaAOHN Board of Directors. Phyllis is Headquarters Medical Program Analyst at the United States Postal Service. She has 10 years of experience in occupational health nursing.

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Khaula Khatlani, MD MSc (see speaker listing)

Phil Adamo, MD, MPH is an experienced occupational physician with a proven track record for creating changes and opportunities at academic medical centers in the area of occupational medicine and safety. These include UMass Medical, Baystate Medical and most recently Dartmouth Health. These changes also included creating opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of our employees. This was especially true during the COVID pandemic. During the pandemic he was invited to present the importance of wellbeing to many health care workers at DH and other healthcare and non health care businesses.

Ron Blum, MD Ron Blum MD FACOEM FAFAP is a retired occupational and family physician who practiced in northern Maine for over 40 years. He was Medical Director for Great Northern Paper Company and dozens of other large and small companies in Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. He serves on the NECOEM board and as Past-President, as well as on several other Boards of Directors and in Town government.

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