

FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2014174

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Legislators KELSEY, HUTCHINGS, SERINO, NESBITT, STRAWINSKI, JETER-JACKSON, and JOHNSON offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Board of Health due to the resignation of Member at Large Charis Nick-Torok; and

WHEREAS, William S. Capowski has expressed an interest in being appointed to such vacancy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature does hereby appoint William S. Capowski, said terms commencing immediately, and expiring as set forth below, as a member of the Dutchess County Board of Health.

**Appointment**

William S. Capowski  
17 Pattie Place  
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590  
(Member at Large)  
(to fill the unexpired term of Charis Nick-Torok)

**Term Expires**

12/31/16

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

# William Stephen Capowski

**Objective** **Dutchess County Board of Health appointment**

**Education** BS Biology 1969 Columbia University New York, NY

**Awards received** National Association of Counties Radiological Health Program 1989, 1990

**Work experience** 1960 – 1966 Military Service US Navy Honorable Discharge July, 1966  
Dutchess County Department of Health (DCHD)  
Title: **Public Health Sanitarian**  
1970-1973 Engineering Division Public Water & Sewage  
1973-1974 Sanitation Division environmental investigations, food service and other permitted facilities  
1974-1975 Field Supervisor Mosquito Control Program  
1975-2000 Title: **Radiological Specialist**  
Supervisor Radiological Health and Environmental Assessment Program which includes;  
Supervise all Radiological Health Inspection activities for DCHD as per Chapter 1, Part 16 NYS Sanitary Code  
Designed and supervised the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Program for the Department  
Supervisor Environmental Lead Program  
Supervisor Departmental activities in Environmental Health Assessment studies as needed in ground water contamination, indoor air contaminants and technical environmental issues as needed.  
Media presentations regarding program responsibilities and technical issues  
Program administration, budget preparation and technical issue reports  
**Interim Director Environmental Health Services** June 5, 2000- October 13, 2000  
**Director- Environmental Health Services** **October 13, 2000 – November 30, 2012**  
Supervise all activities of the DCHD Environmental Health Services Division

**Volunteer experience** 1980-June 2000 Radiological Chief DC Office of Emergency Mgt  
Supervise all Emergency Radiological Activities, train Radiological Monitors.

**References** Kari Reiber, MD D.C. Commissioner of Health [kreiber@dutchessny.gov](mailto:kreiber@dutchessny.gov)  
Janice Weinstein, MD Former DCHD Clinical Physician [janlynnweinstein@gmail.com](mailto:janlynnweinstein@gmail.com)  
Michael C. Caldwell, MD, MPH Former D.C. Commissioner of Health [healthchief@gmail.com](mailto:healthchief@gmail.com)

**Community activities** 1988-2002, 2010-Present Dutchess County Local Emergency Planning Committee  
1990- 2002, 2010-Present Chairman, DC LEPC

**Accreditations and licenses** Public Health Sanitarian, Sr. Public Health Sanitarian NYS Dept. of Health  
NYSHD Radiological Health Inspector #244- NYS Dept. of Health  
Radiological Emergency Response Operations- US Department of Energy  
Instructor, Radiological Operations- NYS Office of Emergency Mgt.  
Hazardous Materials Response Operations- US EPA  
Environmental Lead Risk Assessor- US EPA & NYSDOH  
Asbestos Risk Inspector- NYSDOH  
US OSHA incident command, risk assessment  
Amateur Radio License extra class, call sign N2SC

# William S. Capowski

## Curriculum Vitae

17 Pattie Place, Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590

Phone: 845 309 0199 (cell)

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### EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**, New York, NY 1969

B. S. - Biology

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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**1960-1966** Military Service - U.S. Navy Honorable Discharge 1966

At the Dutchess County Department of Health, Poughkeepsie, NY

#### **Public Health Sanitarian**

**1970-1973** - Engineering Division- Regulatory & Inspection activities in the Public Water and Sewage programs.

**1973-1974** - Community Sanitation Division- General Inspection duties in all Community Sanitation Programs.

**1974-1975** - Mosquito Control Program- Field Supervisor of all program activities.

#### **Radiological Specialist Grade 16 (1977)**

**1975-1988**- Radiological Health Program

Supervised all program activities which included;

- The Inspection of all Dutchess County Medical and Educational Facilities utilizing ionizing radiation for diagnostic or educational purposes.
- The preparation of program reports and communications with regulated facilities, the NY State Department of Health, relevant Departmental entities and the Public.
- Program administration including budget preparation and the establishment of program procedures and goals.
- Media presentations regarding program responsibilities.

#### **Radiological Specialist Grade 19**

**1988-2000** - Radiological & Environmental Health Assessment Program

Supervised or conducted all the above activities and;

- Designed and supervised the Hazardous Materials response program for the Department.
- Assumed the supervision of the Environmental Lead Program.
- Designed and supervised Departmental activities in Environmental Health studies in ground water investigations, indoor air contaminants and technical environmental issues as needed.

**1980-2000 Radiological Chief – Dutchess County Office of Emergency Preparedness**

- Supervised all emergency radiological activities under the auspices of the New York State Emergency Management Office.
- Designed and supervised all radiological procedures and activities in fulfillment of the Dutchess County nuclear facility emergency response plan (Host County).
- Developed and supervised departmental Hazardous Material emergency response procedures in conjunction with the Dutchess County Fire Coordinator.

**2000- 2012 Director, Environmental Health Services Division, Dutchess County Department of Health**

- Supervise all activities of the Environmental Health Services Division, Dutchess County Department of Health.

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RELATED EXPERIENCE

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**Dutchess County Local Emergency Planning Committee – Chemical Emergency Response**

**1988- 2002** Appointed to the committee by the NYS Disaster Preparedness Commission upon recommendation of the County Executive.

**2010- Present**

**1990- Present** Chairman LEPC - Elected by the Committee in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2010,-2014

OTHER

**1996-2000** Chairman, Dutchess County Department of Health Security Committee  
**1998-2001** Chairman, Dutchess County Department of Health Bioterrorism Committee  
**2001-2012** Member, Dutchess County Department of Health Bioterrorism Committee  
**2003** Chairman, Private Well Water Quality Technical Advisory Workgroup

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PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

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- “Fundamental Course for Radiological Monitors” Audience- Departmental Staff and Office of Emergency Preparedness staff. 1980, '83, '85, '87, '90, '92.
- “Fundamental Course for Radiological Monitors” Audience- Dutchess County Hazardous Materials Response Team. 1985, '86, '87, '88, '89, 90, '92, '94, '96.
- “Dental Radiographic Regulatory Considerations” Audience- Dental Society of Dutchess County. 1985.

- **“Radiographic Quality Assurance requirements and procedures in Chiropractic Facilities”**. Audience- Dutchess County Chiropractic Association. 1985, 1987.
- **“Radiographic Quality Assurance requirements and procedures in Medical Radiographic Facilities”** Audience- Dutchess County Radiographic Technologists- 1988.
- **Report “The Radon Pilot Study of Dutchess County”**. Audience- Dutchess County Environmental Management Council, the Public. 1986
- **“The Radon Pilot Study of Dutchess County”**. Audience- Dutchess County Environmental Management Council, the Public. 1987.
- **“The Radon Pilot Study of Dutchess County”**. Audience- The media and the County Executive. 1987.
- **“Radon” Audience - Poughkeepsie Rotary 1987**
- **“Radon” Audience- Pleasant Valley Lions. 1988**
  
- **“Radon” Audience- Dutchess County Bankers and Realtors. 1988**
  
- **Report “Dutchess County Radiological Emergency Response Host Plan”** with the NYS Power Authority and Consolidated Edison of New York. Appendix 3- Equipment, Section 2- K, Radiation Exposure Control, Public Health, Section 3a, Radiation Exposure Control, 1990, 1991, 1993.
  
- **Report “Chemical Emergency annex”** of the Dutchess County Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan, Dutchess County L.E.P.C. Authored “Health Department Emergency Response” and Section J- “Section 302 Facilities” 1988-2001.
  
- **“Chemical Emergency Response” Audience- Poughkeepsie Rotary. 1992**
  
- **Report of the Dutchess County Private Well Technical Advisory Workgroup, Audience- Dutchess County Board of Health, 2003.**
  
- **Report “Dutchess County Comprehensive Private Well Testing Initiative, Phase 1 and 2”** , Audience- Dutchess County Executive and media presentation, 2008, 2009..
  
- **Report “Response to the Countywide Groundwater Management Plan “(CWGMP) 2010, 2012.**

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**ACCREDITATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES**

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**Public Health Sanitarian.** - New York State Department of Health- 1971.

**Senior Public Health Sanitarian.** - New York State Department of Health- 1977.

**Radiological Inspector #244.** - New York State Department of Health- 1975

**Radiological Specialist-** New York State Department of Health- 1988

**Instructor, Radiological Operations-** New York State Emergency Management Office-1976.

**Radiological Emergency Response Operations-** US Department of Energy- 1982

**Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations-** USEPA -1986

**New York State Lead Risk Assessor** -1996, 1998.

**EPA Lead Risk Assessor**, 2000.

**EPA Asbestos Risk Assessor-** 1996, 1998

**Amateur Radio License-** Extra Class- US FCC- 1996 (original certification 1978)

#### OTHER

<b>Environmental Health (12 Week)</b>	NYSDOH	1973
<b>Film Processing and Medical Imaging</b>	Kodak, Inc	1975
<b>Linear Accelerators</b>	SUNY-Stony Brook	1980
<b>Groundwater Remediation</b>	U. New Hampshire	1982
<b>Computer Axial Topography</b>	SUNY-Stony Brook	1993
<b>Incident Command</b>	NYS S.E.M.O.	1996
<b>Bio Warfare and Terrorism</b>	CDC/USAMRIID	1999
<b>Medical Response to Chemical Warfare</b>	CDC/USAMRIID	1999

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#### AWARDS

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**National Association of Counties-** 1989 – Dutchess County Department of Health  
Radiological & Environmental Health Assessment Program- Program Award for innovations in  
Environmental Health Assessment / Chemical Emergency investigations.

**National Association of Counties-** 1990 – Dutchess County Department of Health  
Radiological & Environmental Health Assessment Program- Program Award for innovations and  
findings in the inspection of Mammography procedures which were instrumental in a retrofitting  
of particular units distributed world wide.

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#### MEMBERSHIPS

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**AWWA-** American Water Works Association  
League

**NYSEHD-** N.Y. State Association of Environmental Health Directors

**ARRL-** American Radio Relay

W. Stephen Capowski  
17 Pattle Place  
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

November 30, 2012

Robert G. Rolison - Chairman of the Legislature  
Dutchess County Legislature  
22 Market Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

RE: Dutchess County Board of Health appointment

Dear Chairman Rolison:

On November 29, 2012 I retired after 42 years working for the Dutchess County Department of Health. For the last 12 years *I have* served as the Department's Director of Environmental Health Services. As Director, I supervised a staff of over 40 public health professionals who conduct all environmental health activities required by the New York State and the Dutchess County Sanitary codes. I have taken the liberty of attaching to this communication a brochure that briefly describes our organization and scope of activities.

I believe my work experience, education (Columbia University '69- Biology) and continued service to the County as Chairman of the Dutchess County Local Emergency Planning Committee can assist the Board of Health with an informed prospective about the issues they confront. Accordingly, I am requesting your assistance and approval to allow me to serve on the Board of Health.

I may be mailed at the above address, emailed at [capowskiws@aol.com](mailto:capowskiws@aol.com) or phoned at 845 309 0199 if you have any questions related to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. Stephen Capowski

cc: William Augerson, MD – President, Dutchess County Board of Health

MARCUS J. MOLINARO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



KARI REIBER, MD  
COMMISSIONER

**COUNTY OF DUTCHESS**  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

June 19, 2014

Hon. Robert Rolison, Chairman  
Dutchess County Legislature  
22 Market Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Chairman Rolison,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Mr. Stephen Capowski for an appointment to the Board of Health.

Mr. Capowski served Dutchess County and the Dutchess County Department of Health for over 40 years, first as a public health sanitarian and then as a supervisor with oversight of the radiological health and environmental assessment program, the hazardous material emergency response program and the lead program, to mention a few. He served as Director of the Environmental Health Services Division from 2000 to 2012, with distinction, integrity and selfless dedication until his retirement. His numerous accomplishments include coordinating, promoting and co-authoring the Dutchess County Pilot Radon Study, the Dutchess County Radiological Emergency Response Host Plan and the Dutchess County Private Well Testing Initiative. He was recognized by the National Association of Counties, in 1989 for his work on environmental health assessment and chemical emergency investigations, and in 1990 for his work on the radiological and environmental health assessment of mammography procedures which prompted the retrofitting of certain mammography units distributed worldwide.

Having such an expert in environmental health on the Board would be a tremendous asset, given that we oversee the greatest number of public water supplies in New York State and face constant environmental challenges. Additionally, new emergency preparedness mandates are focusing not only on influenza but also on potential climate upheavals that could impact the health and financial security of our residents in years to come. Mr. Capowski brings to the Board a wealth of knowledge and experience that is unique and much needed in today's world.

I have no doubt Mr. Capowski will serve the Board with the same dedication and distinction as he served the Department of Health for so many years and I recommend that you approve his appointment without reservations.

Please contact me should you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kari Reiber", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kari Reiber, MD  
Commissioner