

## NEHA NEWS

**Staff Profile: Ginny Coyle**

I am new to both Denver and NEHA. My husband and I moved here from Minnesota about 18 months ago and couldn't be happier. I joined NEHA in June to support a new program, Epi-Ready for Response Teams, in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as part of the Food All-Hazards Rapid Response Team Training. Over the next two years, we

will be holding workshops across the country to train teams from FDA, state departments of agriculture, and affiliated partners in methods to respond to foodborne illness disease outbreaks. ERRT is based on our award-winning Epi-Ready program, with an emphasis on federal and state responsibilities in food protection.

My background is somewhat eclectic but with a strong focus on adult education. I hold a BS and MS in environmental horticulture from the University of Minnesota and taught community college classes in horticulture for about 10 years. I also taught environmental science at several private colleges in Minnesota and Denver.

As a trainer for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture several years ago, I coordinated workshops throughout Minnesota for the Integrated Pest Management in Schools program. With that experience, and with the help of my supervisors Larry Marcum and Tom Dickey and cohort Elizabeth Ostertag, I am looking forward to working with FDA and NEHA to help build the nation's capacity for a rapid, coordinated response to a foodborne disease outbreak.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

What a coincidence—the March issue of the JEH includes a column from President Roberts, detailing NEHA's political involvement, something I have often criticized. . . .

Well, we recently faced an absolutely STOOPID situation out here on the wild prairie in Wyoming. . . a rancher-legislator introduced a bill to EXEMPT from licensing, inspection, certification, and registration ALL HOMEMADE FOODS for sale at farmers' markets, roadside stands, street corners, barnyards—anywhere except in licensed restaurants and grocery stores.

NEHA responded to my call for help posthaste and sent a letter to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate, gently pointing out that perhaps the sponsor of the po4nting po46ting spo7ting of the4