



Tennessee Public Health Association Newsletter

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President's Message

*Paul Erwin,
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President 2016-17*

Greetings to all! What a time it has been!! We are witnessing an important transition for the Tennessee Public Health Association with the appointment of a new Executive Director, Ms. Kim Harrell. Kim's appointment was the outcome of an almost year-long search process, led by Ami Mitchell and a full search committee of past and current TPHA leadership. Kim comes to us with 18 years of professional experience working with community and governmental organizations on behalf of the public good. In addition to serving in leadership roles for advocacy groups that addressed obesity, access to healthcare, and the rights of people with disabilities, Kim spent more than 8 years working for Vanderbilt Children's Health Improvement and Prevention, a wholly grant-funded department that provided community-based health and wellness education, programs, and events to more than 100,000 children and their family members throughout Tennessee annually. Kim has a good working knowledge of Tennessee's public health infrastructure, including her experience collaborating with Metro Nashville's Health Department on initiatives such as coordinated school health, vaccine awareness campaigns, medical homes, and annual sports physicals for school-aged children.

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Have You Registered Yet?

TPHA's annual conferences have long been nationally recognized for their relevant content and world renown speakers, and 2017's is no exception. By now you should have received the registration brochure that includes an impressive list of experts chosen by the Program Committee to inspire us to reach new heights in public health across Tennessee. A wide range of interesting topics including community-based health and wellness initiatives, efforts to control the Zika virus, opioid abuse and lessons learned from the Gatlinburg and Sevier County wild fires are expected to draw attendees from across Tennessee and beyond. We look forward to you joining us at the Cool Springs Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Franklin on September 13-15.

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REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Rick Savoy, Chair

Shown below are recommended changes to the By-Laws for 2017 that have been approved by the TPHA Board of Directors and will be presented for approval to the General Membership at the business meeting on September 13.

#1. BYLAWS

ARTICLE VI, Section 1

Current: There is an Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section and a Communicable Disease Section

Proposal: That the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Section and the Communicable Disease Section be combined into one Section to be called the Epidemiology and Communicable Disease Section.

ARTICLE V, Section 1

Add (t).
Strategic Planning Committee

ARTICLE V, Section 2

Add (p). The Strategic Planning Committee will be Chaired by the President-Elect and is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and making recommendations to the Board for revisions/additions.

#2. A change to the **TPHA CONSTITUTION** proposing that its Mission, Vision and Goals be amended to reflect the Mission, Vision and Goals stated in the TPHA Strategic Plan as approved by the membership at the 2015 annual meeting.

The changes are as follows:

ARTICLE II: VISION

Current: TPHA is the leading professional organization recognized as the voice for public health in Tennessee.

Proposed: Trusted public health professionals creating a healthier Tennessee

ARTICLE III: MISSION STATEMENT

Current: To exercise leadership in health policy development; To promote, protect and improve the health of those living in, working in and visiting Tennessee; and, To foster professional development and a sense of unity among its members.

Proposed: The Tennessee Public Health Association is committed to protecting, promoting, and improving the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee by exercising leadership in health policy, increasing awareness of public health issues, and strengthening the development of public health professionals

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ARTICLE IV: VALUES

Current:

1. Public Health is a critical element of the total health care system, is proven effective, and is extremely cost efficient.
2. Maintaining a strong public health system is critical to the health and well-being of Tennessee's citizens and communities.
3. Public Health addresses community health problems through assessment, policy development and assurance. These core public health functions serve as the system's infrastructure.
4. The Public Health system, at all levels, must have sufficient capacity to achieve its objectives.
5. Public Health can be most effective through the development of partnerships.

Proposed:

1. Integrity in all association activities and operations
2. Collaboration to advance the field of public health
3. Leadership and vigilance in public health advocacy
4. Commitment to improving the health of all Tennesseans
5. Dedicated to a culture of quality improvement

View complete Bylaws online at <http://tnpublichealth.org/resources-2/tpha-bylaws/>
or click the link on the website under 'resources'.

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As a former co-chairman of the Tennessee Obesity Task Force, Kim worked very closely with divisions within Tennessee's Department of Health on implementing the state plan to address obesity along with other public health initiatives. She has worked directly with healthcare providers community decision makers throughout Sumner, Macon, Smith, and Trousdale counties in roles including as a member of county health councils and on a rural hospital construction project team.

I want to thank our search committee – initially including the TPHA Executive Committee from last year (Ami Mitchell, Tammy Mansfield, Erica Wilson, Danna Taylor, and Marian Levy), and later expanding to include this year's Executive Committee (Melony Sesti, Susan Porter, Adam Jarvis, and Carrie Thomas). A special thanks goes to Ami Mitchell, who chaired the search committee. The hiring process involved review of over 50 applications and two rounds of in-person interviews with five candidates. The Search Committee and the full Board owe yet another debt of gratitude to Doris Spain for her on-going engagement and mentoring throughout this hiring process. In the end, Doris' full support of the search committee's recommendation on Kim was the final vote we all desired.

As we approach the TPHA Annual Meeting in September, let me return one more time to the main message I have been trying to convey throughout my year serving as your president: the concept of evidence-based public health, and the idea that - "if we want more evidence-based practice, we need more practice-based evidence." Evidence, though, comes in many forms – while we often (especially in the halls of academia) think of published articles and books that describe formal studies, evidence also comes in the form of professional judgement, word of mouth, and personal experience. But a key requirement across all forms of evidence is that in order for us to make use of it to improve the public's health, we have to know about it, we have to share our knowledge and experiences. One way to do this is through developing and providing workshops at TPHA Annual. Another is to submit a poster to the meeting. There is often a reluctance on the part of many practitioners to pursue formal publications describing an evidence-based public health activity. Let me assure you that it is possible, and it does not require that you provide the results of a double-blind placebo controlled, randomized trial. The Journal of Public Health Management and Practice is one journal that is very much practice-focused, and frequently includes commentaries and editorials written by public health practitioners about a specific evidence-based public health activity. The American Journal of Public Health regularly publishes articles written by public health practitioners, which span the gamut of well-organized studies (e.g., natural experiments) to "practice briefs", documenting what works (and what doesn't) in public health practice. Share your knowledge – a good article is really nothing more than a story well-told, and I know that there are some really great storytellers out there!! I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the annual meeting in September and sharing stories with you. Many thanks again for all you do!!!

REPORT OF THE FUN AND FITNESS COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Michael Railing, Chair

The following are activities that will be held during Game Night at the 2017 Annual Conference.

Game On!

The Amazing Race

Join us for the hottest walking competition around and sign up to compete in TPHA's Amazing Race! As a regional team, leave your competitors in the slow lane and log as many steps as you can in a race to the top! Final check-in is Thursday evening, so be sure your team is the first to cross the finish line.

Buzzer Beater

Think you've got fast hands? "Buzz In" by posting and sharing photos to the TPHA Facebook page using your regional hashtag. Every post earns you points and brings your team closer to winning the coveted spirit stick!

Come On Down!

We all loved Bob Barker, and who wouldn't want to make him proud? As a regional team, design and make customized public health t-shirts that support your region. Judging will be based on creativity and group participation.

Regional Jeopardy

Back by popular demand, this trivia competition is designed to test your brain power and its capacity to retain useless knowledge! Tables will be set up for each region to show what they've got, and we all know that our region is the best, right?! Prove it by having the most points at the end of the final round, but remember, forgetting to phrase your response as a question or making a bad final wager might really cost you! Mexican restaurant rules apply....no cellphones allowed!

So You Think You Can Dance?

Hit the dance floor, show off your dance moves, and meet some new people as the DJ cranks out some of our favorites hits! Special requests taken for those of you who think you're really smooth!



Regional Reports

NORTHEAST TENNESSEE REGION

An Environmental Scan of Local Health Department Prevention Activities, Programs, and Policies Surrounding NAS in Northeast Tennessee

Submitted By: Emily Alford, Academic Health Department Coordinator at Sullivan County Regional Health Department and Katie Johnson, Academic Health Department Coordinator at Northeast Regional Health Office

In response to the ever increasing need for solutions to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), East Tennessee State University's academic health departments in the Northeast Tennessee Regional Health Office and Sullivan County Regional Health Department partnered with the Pathways to Practice Scholars program at Emory University to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment, environmental scan report, and issue brief regarding NAS in the northeast Tennessee region. A needs assessment has been conducted to determine the overall prevalence of NAS in the northeast TN region. Data was compiled from various governmental research entities, including the Tennessee Department of Health and TennCare reports, in an effort to identify the most recent and valid statistics. Additionally, an environmental scan, including a literature review and key informant interviews, is underway to establish what primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention initiatives are currently being utilized to address the NAS epidemic.

The needs assessment that was conducted identified that there is a dire need for prevention efforts aimed at drug addicted mothers in the northeast region of Tennessee in order to reduce the incidence of NAS. Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) reports there has been a nearly 11-fold increase in the rate of babies born with NAS in Tennessee from 1999-2011 (55 and 672 inpatient hospitalizations for NAS diagnosis, respectively), with the highest concentration in the northeast region. According to TennCare, the cost of NAS hospitalizations increased from \$1.1m to \$41.7m between 1999-2011; 94.5% of costs in 2011 were billed to TennCare.

Seven interviews have been conducted with local health department administration and relevant staff to obtain comprehensive and accurate information regarding regional services and programs currently in place. Results will be compiled from the extensive literature review, interview responses, and needs assessment to form of a two-page issue brief. Inquiries regarding the issue brief may be sent to emilyalford.93@gmail.com.

Local health departments in the northeast region will benefit from the shared strategies and recommendations that result from this NAS issue brief. This will also enable local public health professionals to learn from one another, spark new ideas, and inform new and existing initiatives surrounding the NAS epidemic. This comprehensive report is intended to continue to validate the need for local health departments to lead collaborative efforts among healthcare providers and community stakeholders. Recommendations will be made to fill the gaps identified by the environmental scan in current regional programs and policies.

(L) Emily Alford, SCRHD (R) Angela McGee, ETSU >



SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE REGION

Clemons Steppers: Making Steps toward Healthier Lifestyles

Submitted by Brook Davis- South Central Region Assessment and Planning Coordinator

Hickman County Health Department PPI team members: Terra Allen, Lydia Fowler, Brittan Breeding, Brook Davis, Teresa Gregory, Kendra Bennett, Kasha Price, and Sarah Russell are partnering with Bethel-EL Baptist Church in Lyles, TN to implement a 4-month walking club. Over 34 community members signed up, including seven youth and two ministers. PPI team members take turns twice weekly to walk and/or line dance with the Clemons Steppers at the Parnell Eugene Clemons Memorial Park. Community member, Faith Bell, has volunteered her time to conduct a line dancing class on Thursday nights at the park. Faith is full of energy and keeps everyone motivated and having fun.

The park is named in honor of Mr. Parnell Eugene Clemons. Beth-el Baptist Church secretary, Monica Ramey, notes the contributions of Mr. Clemons and others who have made a positive impact on the area. Ramey says, "He was a great man in the Wrigley community and was dedicated to coaching the men's baseball team and women's softball team. He worked for Tennessee Products in Wrigley, which donated the land where the park sits, and Tennessee Castings in Dickson. Gerldine Hornbeak and Thelma Moss were the backbone of keeping the park for the youth in the Wrigley community." Although the park has been in the community for a number of years, it was need of amenities to make it a place where families can engage in outdoor activities. Through funds provided in part by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) Office of Minority Health, the park is getting some playground equipment, picnic tables, basketball goal, tobacco-free bench and games to encourage physical activity along the walking path. Recently, a pavilion was installed to provide a space for community events.

PPI team members have also worked on the walking path there, painting the alphabet, numbers, animals, balloons, words, and hop scotch along the pathway to inspire, encourage learning and physical activity.

Darryl Bivens, DDS, and Shonda Barber, LMSW CDP with Three Rivers Community Health met with the community at Beth-El Baptist Church to discuss oral and behavioral health. Additional plans are to have a health fair and nutrition education classes.

Ramey adds, "The Clemons Steppers would like to thank the TDH and the Hickman County Health Department for all their hard work and help." The Clemons Steppers encourage you to get physical and make steps towards healthier lifestyles.





< South Central TN: Clemon Steppers working on signage for the walking path in the Wrigley Community



East TN: Boys and Girls Club Participant trying her healthy snack. >



< Northeast TN: (L-R) Katie Johnson and Jayne Harper (NERO), Emily Alford (SCRHD)

EAST TN: Microclinic class with Jacksboro Middle School >



EAST TENNESSEE REGION

Making Good Health Contagious!

Submitted by: Garnet Southerland, County Director in Northeast Region
Former Assessment & Planning Coordinator in East Region

Microclinics are popping up across the state as counties are signing on to Microclinic International 's motto" Making Good Health Contagious." Microclinic International is a not-for-profit organization that works with local partners to implement public health programming such as microclinics. A microclinic a 16 session public health program to empower individuals to achieve their health goals for preventing and managing obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Microclinics empower individuals with the following philosophy: "I can influence my own health, I can influence the health of others, and together we can positively influence the health of the entire community."

The program can be utilized with adults and tailored to work with children. It teaches that good health is contiguous. When you choose healthy behaviors the individuals around you (friends, family, co-workers) are also more likely to choose healthy behaviors. The class just does not make an impact in the individual but makes an impact in the community! Through education, reinforcement and the encouraging environment provided in class, participates receive education and tools to assist in reducing their risks of diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease. The program is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, but to provide a fun, energetic, atmosphere for learning how simple changes can impact your health and why it is important to strive for optimal health. Throughout the class participants are provided with healthy food samples, recipes and incentives that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Biometrics and pre and post surveys are completed with participants. The pre and post surveys evaluate participant understanding and behaviors regarding fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity levels. In 2016, 39 programs were completed across the East Tennessee Region by health departments and other community agencies that were trained. 92.9 % of adult participants reported an increase in physical activity, 89.7% of adult participants reported an increase in consumption of fruits and vegetables and 73.1% of adult participants lost weight (average change was 8.63 pounds). Among children 100% of participants reported an increased in fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity. 81.8% of child participants lost weight (average change was 2.4 pounds).

Microclinic programs have been implemented within the East TN Region with the support of various community partners such as faith base groups, school systems, coordinated school health, boys and girls clubs, senior centers, community centers and others. Several counties are working with Microclinic International to implement the public health program across the state in 2017.



< Dandridge Senior Center Microclinic class displaying their team project "Why Good Health is important to them."

UPPER CUMBERLAND TENNESSEE REGION

Coaching Boys Into Men

Submitted by Jonathon G. Smith, MPH, UCR Assessment & Planning Coordinator

The Upper Cumberland Region's (UCR) health promotion team recently completed training in the Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) program and now serve as advocates for implementing the program in their communities. As CBIM advocates, UCR health educators are responsible for promoting this violence prevention program to their local school districts and serving as program champions throughout the program's implementation. This includes organizing and facilitating a Coaches' Clinic designed to inform coaches of the CBIM program and give them the tools that enable success throughout program implementation.

The UCR is among the first in the state to implement this train the trainer approach for CBIM through the Tennessee Department of Health. With strong support from county school directors and high school principals, UCR health promotion staff have already partnered with two county school systems, Cannon and DeKalb Counties, to pilot the program. Administrators in both systems have strongly supported mandatory participation for all high school male athletics during the 2017-2018 school year, and plans are in place to begin the program in additional counties across the Upper Cumberland.

As part of the pilot, Coaches' Clinics were scheduled in Cannon and DeKalb Counties during professional development weeks so coaches could receive in-service hours for their time spent in training. School nurses, guidance counselors, community partners, and Coordinated School Health were invited to attend to ensure that coaches have the necessary support network in place to promote and sustain the program throughout the year. A total of 24 individuals representing all sports at the two schools have already been trained to deliver the program with more than 150 athletes estimated to participate just this year.

An evidence-based violence prevention program, CBIM trains high school coaches how to teach young male athletes healthy relationship skills that are applicable on and off of the field. Developed by Futures Without Violence, CBIM is specifically geared towards male high school athletes, but future plans include adapting the program to female athletes, as well as athletes of both younger and older age groups. More information about CBIM can be found by visiting <http://www.coachescorner.org/>. *(Below, Coaching Boys Into Men Participants)*



WEST TENNESSEE REGION

CASPER Exercise Conducted in Henderson County

Submitted by Veronica Calvin, Regional Assessment & Planning Coordinator, Jackson Regional Health Office

Within the last decade, public health emergency preparedness (PHEP) has developed various strategies to enhance community engagement within public health response to natural and man-made disasters. In 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created a toolkit for the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) as an epidemiologic technique designed to provide quick, inexpensive, accurate, and reliable household-based public health information about a community's emergency response needs. In summary, CASPER is a tool to standardize the assessment methods and provide guidance to public health officials and emergency management specialists in collecting information and assisting community residents within a disaster. CASPER is also an evidence-based practice which can be conducted any time that the public health needs of a community are not well known, whether during a disaster response or within a non-emergency setting. When conducted before an actual disaster, findings from CASPERs help to raise visibility and increase public health capacity in the community and to generate information to support public health action plans concerning emergency preparedness.

On June 6 and 7, 2017 leadership within the Henderson County Health Department (HCHD), the TN Department of Health (TDH) West Tennessee Regional Office (WTRO) and Henderson County Emergency Management Agency (HEMA) conducted a full scale, non-emergency CASPER exercise within Henderson County in order to assess the community needs in regards to emergency preparedness. The main objectives for this event were threefold: 1) exercise the TDH/WTRO/Henderson County CASPER capabilities during a multi-agency field assessment; 2) assess community disaster planning and vulnerable population needs pertaining to disasters; 3) assess emergency preparedness plans, knowledge of vector borne illness/prevention and health department services among residents in Henderson County. The TDH Mobile Operations Centers (MOC) supplied communication equipment for the field exercise. Nevertheless, a vital component of conducting a CASPER relies on successful teamwork from public health staff, community organizations and community members to administer surveys and services to the public. In addition to HCHD, WTRO and HEMA, participants who assisted in the CASPER exercise included TDH Central Office, TDH Northeast Office, Medical Reserve Corps and other local neighborhoods. A total of 48 individuals volunteered for this event.

Volunteers formed 15 teams and administered the needs assessment surveys to residents. A comprehensive on-site training was provided to each volunteer. Surveys were collected via paper and electronic device, and were collected throughout strategically selected census tracts within the county. In this exercise there were 425 attempted contacts with 265 total households contacted, and 231 completed interviews; interview surveys yielded a cooperation rate of 87% and contact rate of 54%. Information bags were provided to all community residents who completed an interview; the packets contained more information regarding public health services and emergency preparedness.

After the CASPER, PHEP staff conducted an extensive analysis of the survey findings to determine strengths, opportunities for improvement, and ways to ensure effective communication and proper planning for emergency preparedness within the county.

WEST TENNESSEE REGION

CASPER Exercise Conducted in Henderson County



SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE REGION

Re-Entry Program Offered at Franklin County Jail

Submitted by Amanda Goodhard, Assessment and Planning Coordinator, Southeast Region

The Franklin County Health Department has partnered with the Middle Tennessee Rural Reentry (MTRR) program that aims to reduce jail recidivism rates, reduce poverty, and improve the health of the counties served. The MTRR offers Health Department classes, parenting classes, GED classes, job readiness and career counseling, vocational evaluation, and an introduction to manufacturing/injection molding through the Tennessee College of Applied Technology to inmates. Classes provided by the health department vary depending on the needs and interests of each class but include tobacco education, birth control methods, STIs, abdication and substance abuse, nutrition, relaxation techniques, parenting, and the need for screening exams. The goal is to help participants by preparing them for the workforce, instilling a sense of self-worth, and motivating participants to make healthier choices.

The average recidivism rate for the Franklin County Jail is around 80% while the MTTR recidivism rate averages 30-35% and has a job placement rate around 64%. This helps the participants break the cycle of repeating offenses while raises their standard of living and improves their health. MTTR has calculated that the return on investment, based on total wages earned by participants versus the total cost of the program, is over three to one; if the cost included the savings from keeping people from being re-incarcerated, the cost would be about ten to one. The program was so successful that it was expanded to include Coffee and Warren Counties; there are also other counties looking at implementing similar programs with their county jails.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION



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TIM JONES HONORED WITH NATIONAL PUMPHANDLE AWARD

State Epidemiologist Recognized for Protecting, Saving Lives

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tim Jones, MD, has been named the 2017 recipient of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' Pumphandle Award. Jones serves as Tennessee state epidemiologist and assistant commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Health Communicable and Environmental Disease and Emergency Preparedness, or CEDEP division.

The CSTE Pumphandle Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of applied epidemiology, is aptly named as a reminder of an 1854 effort to prevent the spread of cholera in London, England. Physician John Snow, attempting to find the source of a cholera epidemic, removed the pumphandle from a well he believed was providing contaminated drinking water. His simple action saved numerous lives.

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“We are very fortunate to have a clinical and scientific leader of Tim’s caliber at the helm of our infectious diseases and emergency response ship at TDH,” said TDH Commissioner John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH. “Not only is he exceptionally deserving of this prestigious recognition but he has shared his expertise and shepherded the careers of many others in our public health enterprise that further magnify his impact.”

Jones has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications, works as a reviewer for 29 journals and serves on the editorial board of five journals, including as chairman of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. He has held multiple leadership positions with CSTE, including service as president in 2013–2014, has testified before the U.S. Congress, and has served on numerous national advisory committees for the CDC, the Food and Drug Administration and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

As state epidemiologist and assistant commissioner for CEDEP, Jones oversees a staff of more than 200 public health professionals and manages a budget greater than \$200 million, including 28 federal grants. He has been a subject matter expert and consultant on foodborne disease to the World Health Organization, has worked as an on-site CDC advisor in numerous countries and served as the Polio Eradication Project Consultant for the Republic of Yemen. He was named the “Public Health Worker of the Year” in Tennessee in 2005 and received the Tennessee Public Health Association Dr. William Schaffner Public Health Hero Award in 2016. He also practices as a volunteer physician and serves as chairman of the Board of Directors for Siloam Family Health Center, a non-profit, faith-based indigent care clinic in Nashville.

Jones received his medical degree from Stanford University and completed postgraduate training in family medicine and maternal-child health. He cared for underserved populations as a family practitioner in Salt Lake City, Utah before joining the CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service in 1997, assigned to the Tennessee Department of Health.

PHOTO CUTLINE: Tim Jones, MD, Tennessee state epidemiologist and Tennessee Department of Health Assistant Commissioner for Communicable and Environmental Disease and Emergency Preparedness, receives the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists’ Pumphandle Award from CSTE Vice President Joe McLaughlin, Alaska state epidemiologist and chief of the Alaska Section of Epidemiology at the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.



REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Dr. Michelle Pardue, Chair

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Nominations Committee is excited to present a strong slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors. Each of these candidates possesses unique skills and experience in the public health arena that will assist in enabling TPHA to remain a strong association.

The Nominations Committee presents the following slate of nominees for this year's election:

President-Elect:

Dr. Paul Peterson Dr. Cathy Taylor

Vice President Middle:

Tatum Johnson Dr. Bethany Wrye

Vice President West:

Dr. Richard Savoy Pattie Kiddy

Vice President East:

Amanda Goodhard Corey Gouge

Board Representatives:

Susan Gulley Lesa Byrum
Michael Railling Sandra Nelson

As in previous years, voting will be done electronically and is currently open until 3:00 p.m. (CST) on Thursday, September 14. Each candidate's picture and biography is available for review with the ballot.

Please exercise your right to vote this year!

Tennessee Public Health Association
Annual Educational Conference
**"Cultivate, Innovate, Elevate:
Health Across the Spectrum"**
September 13-15, 2017
Cool Springs Marriott Hotel and Convention Center
Franklin, TN

American Public Health Association
143rd Annual Meeting & Exposition
**"Creating the Healthiest Nation:
Climate Changes Health"**
November 4-8, 2017
Atlanta, GA

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