From our TPHA president, Lisette K. Osborne, RN-BC, MSN, CHEP (2021-2022)

Halloween is behind us, pumpkin pie is here, and Christmas cookies are next on deck! I don’t know about you, but for me time is just flying by these days. The 2021 President’s Membership Challenge will be wrapping up on November 30th with a $100 Amazon gift card being awarded on December 1st. As a reminder, for every new TPHA member you recruit and are listed in the “referred by” section of the online registration form, your name is entered into the gift card drawing. **The more members you recruit, the more chances you have of winning.**

https://www.texaspha.org/JOIN_TPHA

The 2022 Annual Education Conference (AEC) Planning Committee is up and running. Mark your calendars for May 18-20 for the virtual AEC. The theme for this year’s conference is Resilience in Public Health. Our program kicks off with introductory sessions from Kaye Bender, American Public Health Association President (invited) and Dr. John Hellerstedt, Commissioner Texas Department of State Health Services (invited). Plenary sessions will include a panel of speakers from a variety of disciplines, an American Planning Association presentation, and a closing motivator all themed around the topic of resilience. The call for abstracts was extended to Nov 18th and as of this writing we have over 100 abstracts submitted.

Although we do anticipate submission of abstracts on the topic of COVID-19 for the AEC, we are shying away from this as our main topic and conference theme. We are leaving options open for a mini-conference focused on COVID-19, lessons learned, lessons lost, funding strategies, challenges, and new opportunities. Right now this is sitting in our virtual parking lot. More to come at a later date.

TPHA extends wishes for a safe and very HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

From our TPHA Executive Director, Terri Pali:

**Welcome to our Newest TPHA Members!**

We are so thankful you chose TPHA as your professional association! Please take a couple of minutes to browse our website and see what we have to offer you. We offer this newsletter as a method of networking with your fellow TPHA members. We have a quarterly peer-reviewed, indexed journal for professional development, and many public health-oriented groups we align with.

Our strength is our membership and the diversity among our members. Member diversity spans race/ethnicity, levels of experience, and disciplines of expertise. Again, welcome and please contact Terri at txpha@aol.com with any questions or comments.

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To our current members, THANK YOU!! We are grateful for your continuing participation and contributions to our TPHA!

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SAVE THE DATE

VIRTUAL TPHA ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
Resilience in Public Health
May 18-20, 2022

We have many volunteer opportunities to our members to help with the annual education conference. Areas of service include:

- Typesetting conference program
- Coordinating Moderators/Training
- Introduce Session Presenters & Moderate Sessions
- Host/Moderate the Networking Lounge
- Recruit Exhibitors and/or Sponsors
- Community Service/Fellows Project

To volunteer go to: https://www.texaspha.org/page/AECVolunteer

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TPHA AWARDS

It’s never too early to begin the process of nominating someone for a TPHA Award. Awards include the James E. Peavy Memorial, TPHA Honorary Life Member, Legislative Excellence, Dr. Ron J. Anderson Thinking Progressively for Health; and Public Health Award for Media Excellence Award. To learn more go to: https://www.texaspha.org/page/Awards

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NEW-Institutional/Agency Affiliate - $1,000-$6,000 (based on number of employees): Organizations with a similar philosophy and intent as the Association. An organization may join as an Institutional/Agency Affiliate by paying dues as set by the Executive Board and approved by the Governing Council. In this class of membership. Designated institutional members shall enjoy all privileges of Association membership except for holding office and voting.

Agency size and cost:
1. Agency with 1-50 employees $1000 per year (includes membership for 8 designated staff)
2. Agency with 51-250 employees $2500 per year (includes membership for 20 designated staff)
3. Agency with 251-500 employees $4000 per year (includes membership for 30 designated staff)
4. Agency with 500+ employees $6000 per year (includes membership for 50 designated staff)

**Benefits include:**

- ¼ page advertisement in 4 issues of the Texas Public Health Journal to promote programs, events and activities;
- Promotion of programs, events, activities in quarterly newsletter;
- Complimentary job announcements on website;
- Listed as agency member on website;
- Opportunities for policy/advocacy;
- Representation on committees, sections, and leadership positions;
- Reduced registration fee ($20) for included staff members (non-transferable) at annual education conference

*For more information contact Terri Pali at info@texaspha.org*

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**TPHA Editorial Board Report**

*Submitted by Catherine Cooksley, Editor, and Mathias Forrester, TPHA Editorial Board Chair*

The Texas Public Health Association would like to welcome three new additions to the Texas Public Health Journal Editorial Board: Vivienne Heines, MPH, CPH, currently at Austin Public Health, Osaro Mgbere, PhD, MS, MPH, currently at the Disease Prevention and Control Division of the City of Houston Health Department, Christie C. Osuagwu, MPA, MSN, FNP-C, PhD, recently retired from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. We would also like to thank all the others who had submitted applications to the Editorial Board.

Learn more about our TPHA Editorial Board members, our journal operations, the TPHA publications, and guidelines for authors at [https://www.texaspha.org/page/Journal](https://www.texaspha.org/page/Journal).

The TPHA Editorial Board is excited to announce that we are collaborating with the American Public Health Association (APHA) to bring you a special focused section of our journal that will feature content on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) All of Us Research Program. This special section will be designed to provide insight into this innovative research database and highlight the work done by Texas researchers who are involved in this program. Please see the “Call for Content” on the following page and contact us if you are working with this data or know of researchers who are.

**PUBLISH WITH US!** As always we welcome general submissions for consideration of publication in our peer reviewed quarterly journal. Read more about our journal and all about the submission process. We look forward to receiving your submissions soon!
Public Health & Planning: Partnership Still Going Strong
Submitted By: Dr. Melissa Oden

Since October of 2014, TPHA and the American Planning Association - Texas (APA-TX) Chapter have enjoyed a fruitful partnership. The last 7 years have yielded multiple occasions for collaborations on projects that TPHA might not have otherwise been afforded the opportunity to be involved with. Beginning in 2014 with the “Plan4Health” projects, which eventually culminated in the “Planners4Health” project, where we assisted Van Zandt County in a tornado recovery project, TPHA has developed a strong relationship with APA-TX. Currently, Dr. Melissa Oden, TPHA Fellow and Past President, is serving as Project Manager for the latest iteration of the Plan4Health project, whose mandate is “connecting people with everyday destinations.”

On November 1, 2021, TPHA co-hosted a Plan4Health pre-conference workshop at the APA-TX Annual Planning Conference. Held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Fort Worth, approximately 60 planners and public

Publication Opportunity
Call for Special Section Content!
TPHA is partnering with the American Public Health Association (APHA) on a special section for our Texas Public Health Journal (TPHJ) that will focus on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) *All of Us Research Program*. This section is scheduled for publication in the Spring, 2022 Journal.

*If you are familiar with this program or have used this data for research, please submit:*

- **Research Manuscripts**
- **Brief Reports**
- **Commentaries**
- **Databank Critiques**

[to tphajournal@gmail.com](mailto:tphajournal@gmail.com) with subject: “All of Us”

by January 15, 2022. For detailed author instructions please visit [https://www.texaspha.org/page/Authors](https://www.texaspha.org/page/Authors)
health professionals came together to celebrate this unique collaboration and examine how to plan for healthier, more walkable communities. The three current Texas community Plan4Health awardees were also in attendance and recognized for their work thus far were: The City of Tyler, The City of Paris, and the City of Mathis.

The Keynote speaker for the pre-conference was nationally-renowned Engineer and walkability expert, Mark Fenton, who brought his own brand of education and energy to the session. Mark is a public health, planning, and transportation consultant, as well as the former host of the “America’s Walking” series on PBS, who is trying to help America find its way to more active and more livable cities, towns, and neighborhoods. He works with organizations and communities around the country to build environments, policies, and programs that help to create places where more people walk, bicycle, and take transit more of the time. Mark says the goal is simple but not easy: Build communities that support a healthier, more physically active population, and more sustainable and enjoyable lifestyles. Mark believes that active community designs lead to economically, environmentally, and socially thriving cities, towns, and rural settings where people of all ages, abilities, and incomes lead long, vibrant lives.

Mark is the creator of the community walk audit and gave the Pre-Conference participants a short glimpse into how he conducts community walk audits to identify where improvements can be made in a community to make it more walkable and pedestrian friendly. Mark facilitated a short walk in downtown Fort Worth during the session as a demonstration of how participants can conduct their own walk audit in their communities. Based on the feedback from the participants, the walk audit was a truly eye-opening experience that changed the way they will see their communities when they return.
Maryam O. Funmilayo, MPH, TPHA Student Section
Ms. Funmilayo has been a member of TPHA with the student section. She graduated this year and is now one of TPHA’s new “Emerging Professional” members. Congratulations to Maryam Funmilayo! She has two announcements.


2. There is an online research bazaar from New Zealand. Researchers are free to join any of the workshops that suit them best. Here is the link: ResBaz Auckland

Wei Chen (Miso) Lee, PhD, TPHA Community Health Worker Section
5th Annual Conference on Migration and Health
“The Health of Migrants in Time of Pandemic: Recovery and Social Healing”
Conference Time: 9am to 2pm (CST), March 21-25, 2022

CALL for ABSTRACTS!

Location: Hybrid (The location of a limited gathering is to be determined) + Virtual
Themes: (1) Economic Social, and environmental determinants of migration and health, (2) Migrants’ access to healthcare, (3) Detention of migrants and family separation, and (4) Migration of healthcare workers.
Submit your abstract (English): https://utmb.us/5zx
Envíe su resumen (Español): https://utmb/us/5zy
Host Organization: University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston
Contact Information: Dr. Hani Serag, haserag@utmb.edu

VOICE YOUR INTEREST!

Do you know 11.4% of Texans have type 2 diabetes and 34.8% have obesity?

Do you know CDC has a National Diabetes Prevention Program that can help people prevent the onset of diabetes?

The survey aims to collect data on healthcare providers’ perspectives regarding the awareness of, and utilization of the CDC-Recognized Lifestyle Change Programs. Providers include physicians, nurses, medical assistants, dietitians, diabetes educators, lifestyle coaches, community health workers, administration of healthcare systems, faculty, etc. are all welcome.

Survey link and QR code: https://utmb.edu/5zz
Host Organization: University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

To know more about our Lifestyle Change Program, go to: https://utmb.us/600
To apply for CDC Recognition for your facility, go to: https://utmb.us/601
Contact Information: Dr. Wei-Chen (Miso) Lee, weilee@utmb.edu
Texas Public Health Association

November, 2021

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- Economic, social and environmental determinants of migration and health
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- Migration of healthcare workers

Submit your abstracts & artwork
- Read the call for abstracts or artwork and submit yours at https://www.utmb.edu/migrants/call-for-abstracts.
- Abstracts are accepted in English, Spanish, French and Arabic
- Deadline: Friday, December 31, 2021 by 11:59 pm (your local time)

Register now!
www.utmb.edu/migrants

For more information, contact
Hani Serag, MD, MPH
haserag@utmb.edu

English  Spanish
Arabic    French

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John Lin, TPHA Student Section

The Medical Literacy and Access Project, founded by TPHA member and student section chair-elect John Lin, has developed a doctor finder tool in collaboration with *U.S. News & World Report*. We’ve translated this into Spanish, French, and Chinese so far, and we’d love your help (less than 1 hour of your time) in translating this into more languages! Please contact john_lin@brown.edu if you’re interested.

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Tauane Araujo, MBA, Administration and Management Section

Announces their latest initiative:

**COVID-19 Education Initiative Underway**

Texas Health Resources is working with local academic institutions and a design-thinking consultancy firm to offer graduate and undergraduate students experiential learning opportunities educating community members on the COVID-19 vaccine. Students participate in a design thinking workshop and contribute to novel outreach approaches. This initiative is part of a national push by HRSA to build a CHW workforce targeting vaccine-hesitant communities.

**Program Period:** July 2021 – July 2022

**Fall 2021 partners:** University of North Texas at Dallas and Design Thinkers Group.

**Spring 2022:** Seeking university partners in Kaufman, Collin and Dallas counties.

*Interested in public health internships or other educational engagement? Contact Laurie Long at laurielong@texashealth.org*
APHA Announces a Texas Event!
As an active affiliate member of the American Public Health Association (APHA), TPHA announces the following event, shared by Lisa Carlson, Past APHA President.

I’m excited to share that I’ll be coming to Texas soon for a Summit that I think public health professionals will find of interest. You know that nature as a tool for public health is a topic near to my heart. I hope you will join us and share this invitation with your statewide networks.

I want to personally invite you to the Texas Children in Nature Network 2021 Summit on December 2-3, 2021, in Fort Worth. This two-day Summit will feature not only some fantastic concurrent sessions and great networking opportunities, but also these amazing keynote speakers:

- Lisa Carlson - Past President of the American Public Health Association (APHA)
- Angela Hanscom - Author of "Balanced and Barefoot"
- Equity in the Outdoors Panel discussion with: Juan Martinez of the Aspen Institute, David Buggs with Texas Parks and Wildlife, Melinda Chow with Austin Youth River Watch, Alex Bailey with Black Outside, Rocio Villalobos with the City of Austin, and Jaime Gonzalez with The Nature Conservancy.

You can easily register online.

Thank you to all who submitted their news! We look forward to receiving brief announcements about the work our members are doing and the achievements you have made! Our next newsletter is scheduled for late February of 2022. Start gathering the information you want to share with the Texas public health community now and let us know what is going in your area of this great state!

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues and encourage them to join us so their important announcements can be shared as well! Check out the newsletter information and copies of past newsletters on our TPHA website at https://www.texaspha.org/page/Newsletters.

Disclaimer: The Editorial Board of the Texas Public Health Association has the right to exclude any materials, including but not limited to those that may jeopardize our non-profit status.
Please share the TPHA Governing Council position with your families, patients, clients, and colleagues. We encourage all Texans to ....

Continue practicing the recommendations for preventing and limiting the transmission of COVID-19 including:

- **wearing a mask** in public places,
- **washing your hands** frequently,
- **avoiding touching your face**,  
- **disinfecting touched surfaces**,  
- **maintaining a safe distance** as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
- **and getting the COVID-19 vaccine** when you become eligible.

Learn who’s eligible now & where to get vaccinated in Texas here:

[https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine) or [https://www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

Stay Healthy Texas!