From our TPHA president, Elizabeth Cuevas, BS, MS, PhD, LP (2022-2023)

For me, this year has gone by faster than should be allowed! I love the cooler weather and the rains that accompanied it in South Texas. I hope you each are enjoying the break from our record-breaking summer heat also!

I am so appreciative and proud of our 2023 AEC Call for Abstracts! We had an amazing 164 abstracts submitted! With this many abstracts, our Abstract Review Committee will have a tough time parsing through the large number of exceptional offerings from our members and community partners! I know that our 99th Annual Education Conference May 22-24, 2023 in San Antonio will be packed with great sessions, dynamic dialogues, and meaningful reviews of progress in public health in Texas!

I was discussing current events and things seen in the media frequently as of late with a colleague – and we noted that often what is seen in the media has many perspectives and it is incumbent upon us to remember the best practices of public health as we view the ever-changing world around us. In this season of celebration and indulgence, let us always remember and engage our “best practices” for our health and for our communities.

Last week I participated in my annual swim test for my military obligation – it was 37 degrees outside and was a real reminder for me to not rest on my laurels! As for me, I am going to increase my daily rowing effort in anticipation of this season of feasts and fellowship with friends and family. Whether for personal health or for our community health – I ask each of us to remember our best practices and maintain our optimism as the future is bright and we are Leading Public Health Forward in all we do!

TPHA has offered me so much since I joined, and I hope that you choose to engage, explore and make this YOUR organization - the more you participate, the more benefit you receive. Meet your colleagues, share and learn from each other in sections focusing on different public health arenas. Be sure to check the TPHA website www.texaspha.org/page/AboutSections to find out more.

As we keep moving forward with our mission in mind, I appreciate your support so we can continue “Improving the health and safety of Texas through leadership, education, training, collaboration, mentoring and advocacy.”

From our TPHA Executive Director, Terri Pali

Welcome to our Newest TPHA Members!

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
Encourage Your Colleagues to Join Us!
https://www.texaspha.org/general/register_member_type.asp?

Benefits of TPHA Membership

- All members receive the Texas Public Health Journal and Newsletter
- Reduced registration fees at the TPHA Annual Education Conference (up to a $75 savings depending on your category of membership).
- Continuing Education Credits (CEU) offered at TPHA Conferences/Events. This usually includes CME, CNE, CPH, CHES, RS, and CEU for Social Workers. Certificates of attendance are available to all participants.
- Networking opportunities with peers.
- Access to public health information, resources, planning and advocacy.
- Opportunities to showcase your work and compete for awards in the Public Health Presentations Competition, and the Special Student Award.
- Leadership opportunities, including service on the Governing Council, Executive Board, Section Council and Committees.
- Eligibility to join the Texas Health Credit Union
- Eligibility for scholarships.
Your Group Can Become an Institution/Agency Member of TPHA! See below!

NEW INSTITUTION/AGENCY MEMBERSHIP

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

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Become a voice for public health in Texas.

Harness the energy of public health advocacy-run for office in TPHA!

The Texas Public Health Association is looking for dynamic new LEADERS and we need your help! We are looking for TPHA member volunteers to run for and, if elected, serve in the following positions: Governing Council (3 three-year positions will be available) AND President-Elect.

The TPHA Bylaws provide the following descriptions of and the requirements for each of the Association leadership positions.

President-Elect: The office of the President-Elect shall be responsible for the development of programs which will occur during his/her year as president. (S)He shall function as ex-officio member of the program committee. The President-elect shall, in consultation with the Policy & Advocacy committee, establish legislative policy for the coming year. Requirements to run for President-Elect: For nominations to the office of President-elect, an individual shall be an active member in good standing for the preceding five
(5) consecutive years, a current Fellow in the Association, a present or past member of the TPHA Governing Council, and a participant in two or more annual meetings.

**Governing Council: Three positions available (3 year term each):** There shall be a Governing Council which shall consist of the officers of the Association; the Executive Board; nine (9) members to be elected from the membership consistent with Article Two for three (3) year terms that are staggered so that one-third (1/3) retire each year; the Chair of each Section; one (1) representative to be appointed by each affiliated society; and the affiliate representative to the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association. Such representatives to Governing Council shall be members of the Association. The President of the Association shall serve as Chair of the Governing Council.

The terms of the Governing Council members shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected and terminate at the close of the annual meeting at which their respective terms expire. A quorum of the Governing Council shall consist of a majority of the Council members.

Once a quorum is determined to be present, that quorum shall be assumed for the remainder of a meeting. If a member must leave a meeting prior to the finish of business, (s)he should, if possible, select a proxy from qualified Association members in the audience.

A proxy must be written by the Governing Council member and shall be presented to the Executive Director prior to the meeting, or during the meeting for members excused as described in Section 4.03.1 of the bylaws.

There shall be three (3) regular meetings (one in the Spring, one in the Fall, and one during the Annual Meeting) of the Governing Council annually to be designated at the first regular meeting of the incoming Governing Council at the annual meeting by the incoming Governing Council at its organizational meeting during the Association’s annual meeting.

Special meetings of the Governing Council may be called by the President, the Executive Director at the request of the President, or at the request in writing by twelve (12) Governing Council members. In the latter case, the call-to-meet shall be issued at least thirty (30) days in advance and shall state the purpose of the meeting.

The Governing Council is the governing body of the Texas Public Health Association. Functions of the Council shall include but not be limited to the following:

- The Governing Council shall establish and amend the bylaws of the Association.
- The Governing Council shall establish the goals, policies, and procedures for the Association.
- The Governing Council shall establish the Sections of the Association, combine or discontinue them when necessary to maintain coordination among them, and to approve general rules governing the policies of the Sections.
- The Governing Council shall approve all resolutions of the Association and submit them to the membership for a vote.
- The Governing Council shall elect the elective members of the Executive Board.
- The Governing Council shall approve all new members of the Association.
- The Governing Council shall receive and approve the report of the membership committee for elective members of the Governing Council and officers of the Association.
- 4.05.8. The Governing Council shall ensure that annual elections are held in accordance with the procedures of the Association.
- The Governing Council shall approve the annual budget of the Association.
- The Governing council shall approve all actions of the Executive Board.
- The Governing Council shall refer all fiscal considerations to the Executive Board for a recommendation.

Any elective member of the Governing Council who misses three (3) consecutive Council meetings without arranging for a proxy will be removed from the Council. The unexpired term will be filled by the individual not elected but receiving the next highest number of votes among the elective Governing Council
candidates on the most recent ballot.

For more information about either the Governing Council or duties of the President-Elect go HERE to read the Association Bylaws.

Nominees will be asked to submit a short biography. These documents will become part of the association records. Elections will be held and results announced at the TPHA Annual Education Conference 2023.

To nominate someone (or yourself), obtain their permission to be placed on the ballot then submit their name and contact information prior to December 31st to Terri Pali at info@texaspha.org

Please consider this very important challenge to become a leader in TPHA!

Help TPHA achieve our mission of “A safe and healthy Texas through leadership, education, training, collaboration, mentoring, and advocacy”. Become a leader!

Please contact our Executive Director, Terri Pali, at info@texaspha.org

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TPHA Volunteer Opportunity
Membership Recruitment, Engagement and Development Committee
The Texas Public Health Association is seeking a member to chair the Membership Recruitment, Engagement and Development Committee. The committee is made up of chairs-elect of each of the sections, or other section member as assigned by the section. The committee is responsible for reviewing recruitment and retention of members; research and recommend to the Association’s governing bodies items related to member benefits; coordinate the Association’s internal training activities including, but not limited to, leadership training, member orientation, officer’s training, disseminate information of public health interest to the public and to members of the Association; promote careers in public health through education, and recommend plans for marketing the Association. The committee is also responsible for developing a slate of officer positions from among qualified candidates and presenting it to the Governing Council at the fall
quarterly meeting. Additional duties include actively seeking scholarship applicants, reviewing applications, and making recommendations to the governing bodies of the Association regarding the granting of scholarships.

If you are interested in lending us your expertise on this essential committee, please contact Terri Pali at info@texaspha.org or by phone at (903)309-3380.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!!!

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Join us for the last Lunch and Latte for 2022!

Lunch & Latte
Tuesday
December 13, 2022
12:00 – 12:30 pm

During the 2022 Virtual AEC we hosted a “Coffee, Chat, and Cinnamon Rolls!” session. We had great conversations with some deep dives on multiple topics.

We decided to start a similar MONTHLY chat on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, during the lunch hour. Our last Lunch and Latte for 2022 will be held Tuesday, December 13th from 12:00-12:30 pm BYOBB (Bring Your Own Brown Bag)

Register in advance: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuGuqTgsEtFL4rdf9uWr_RqqM_yUkzE6 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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The program planning committee as well as the governing council have been hard at work negotiating and planning for the in-person 2023 Annual Education Conference, *The Future is Bright: Leading Forward*. The conference, hosted by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, will be held May 22-24, 2023 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Antonio Brooks Hotel & Spa, 7610 S. New Braunfels, San Antonio, Texas. Be sure to watch your inbox for additional details and registration information.

News from TPHA Boards, Committees and Sections

TPHA Editorial Board Report

Submitted by Catherine Cooksley, Editor; Mathias Forrester, Co-Editor; Texas Public Health Journal, and Osaro Mgbere, Editorial Board Chair

The TPHA Editorial Board reports that the transition of our former Editorial Board Chair, Mathias Forrester, to the role of Editor of the Texas Public Health Journal (TPHJ) continues. The board is working on compiling content for our Winter 2023 TPHJ issue that is due out in early January, 2023 and will be the last issue to be edited by Dr. Cooksley. Mr. Forrester will then take over as editor and Dr. Mgbere will assume the duties as chair of the TPHA Editorial Board.

The Board also reports that one of its board members, Nahid Rianon, Ph.D. has resigned from the board. Dr. Rianon served on our board for the past several years. We extend our immense gratitude to Dr. Rianon and wish her all the very best!

Publish With Us! The Texas Public Health Journal (TPHJ) Editorial Board would like to remind Texas Public Health Association (TPHA) members that they can submit manuscripts relating to public health in Texas to the TPHJ. The Editorial Board also asks TPHA members to remind their friends and colleagues that they, too, can submit such manuscripts even if they are not TPHA members. The TPHJ provides an opportunity for new researchers to gain experience publishing their research. Types of appropriate manuscripts include public health research and practice articles, commentaries, brief reports, contributions to regular columns, and book
or software reviews. General information on the TPHJ can be found on the TPHA website at [https://www.texaspha.org/page/Journal](https://www.texaspha.org/page/Journal). Information for authors can be found at [https://www.texaspha.org/page/Authors](https://www.texaspha.org/page/Authors). If anyone has questions about submitting a manuscript, they can contact the TPHJ Editorial Board at tphajournal@gmail.com.

The TPHJ Editorial Board also would like to remind TPHA members that the TPHJ not only publishes articles relating to the public health of people but also to the public health of animals. Animals are a major part of our lives. Pets can contribute to our physical and mental well-being, and a large proportion of the population depend on livestock for food. In addition, changes in the health of animals may serve as a warning of potential hazards to humans; because of their physiology, animals may exhibit signs and symptoms before co-exposed humans do. So be sure to let your veterinarian and zoonosis colleagues know about the TPHJ! Remember, authors do NOT need to be TPHA members to submit their manuscripts!

**TPHA Leadership Reports**

**From Melissa Oden, DHEd, LMSW-IPR, MPH, CHES, TPHA Past-President and Current President-elect**

TPHA has been partnering with the American Planning Association (APA) for the past several years and I have some exciting news to report from APA.

**PLAN4Health - Texas Hosts Inaugural Active Transportation Conference in Paris, Texas.**

PLAN4Health recently co-hosted an inaugural active transportation conference with one of its partners, the City of Paris. Along with the Lamar County Visitors and Convention Council and renowned active transportation consultant Mark Fenton, the PLAN4Health team piloted this “Train-the-Facilitator” conference on August 18-19, 2022 in city council chambers in Paris. This regional conference (HSR 4/5N) hosted 26 people, representing 5 different counties across the state, including one representative from HSR 7. There was a plethora of ideas that the collaboration of the attendees provided for the active living coalition in the City of Paris to help them clarify and move their plans and priorities forward; including both short and long-term solutions to improve pedestrian, cyclist and motoring safety. Additionally, the information that was gleaned from the conference is now informing the creation of the new Active Transportation Chapter in the Paris Comprehensive Plan.

During the conference, the Lamar County Visitors and Convention Council received word that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) received an $18 million grant to help build and expand the Northeast Texas Trail Corridor, of which the Trail de Paris is a section. The ideas that were generated during the conference are going to assist in carrying out the deliverables in that grant and making that project the success the City of Paris wants it to be.
APA-TX PAYS TRIBUTE TO MIKE & CLAUDIA McANELLY! Texas Public Health Association member Mike McAnelly and his wife, Claudia were recently recognized for their retirement from the American Planning Association - Texas Chapter (APA-TX) as the Executive Administrator. Mike & Claudia served that organization exceptionally for 11 years and were celebrated at the association’s Annual Planning Conference in El Paso on October 21st at the annual awards ceremony. To place a significant mark on Mike’s retirement, APA-TX surprised him and Claudia with the announcement of a brand new endowment in their names. The Michael D. McAnelly, FAICP and Claudia McAnelly Endowment was established to support planning students and provide scholarships to support them in their pursuit of a degree in the planning profession. The association’s goal was to open the endowment with $15,000, and at the end of the conference, over $18,500 had been donated.

Mike was also surprised with the honor of being named a Texas Planning Legend at the ceremony. This award is bestowed on a planner in the state of Texas who has dedicated their life to and left an indelible mark on the planning profession. It is the highest honor bestowed to an APA-TX member.

TPHA has enjoyed a fruitful partnership with APA-TX for 9 years through the PLAN4Health project, alongside TPHA Past President and current President-elect, Dr. Melissa Oden. Mike has been instrumental in establishing a planning track at the Annual Education Conference (AEC) and coordinating the Mobile Workshops at the AEC that began in 2017.

TPHA extends its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mike & Claudia McAnelly on this milestone in their lives! If you wish to contribute to the endowment, please visit (https://donorbox.org/mike-mcanelly-faicp-endowment).

From Kaye Reynolds, DrPH, TPHA Affiliate Representative to the American Public Health Association (APHA) Governing Council (ARGC)

As you know, TPHA is an affiliate member of the APHA. As TPHA’s representative to APHA, I attended the recent annual meeting in Boston and am pleased to report that the APHA Region VI (Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) has elected a new Regional Representative to the Council of Affiliates. Their new representative is Quinyatta Mumford from Arkansas. As well, I am excited to report that I have been elected to serve as the Secretary of the APHA’s Council of Affiliates for 2022 – 2023.
From Aimee Rockhill, REHS, RS, TPHA member of the Environmental and Consumer Health Section

The City of Arlington Health Division is hiring a Registered Sanitarian to fill a full time Environmental Health Specialist position. Please apply at Career Opportunities - City of Arlington (arlingtontx.gov) https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/human_resources/careers/career_opportunities.

Detailed information provided below:

The City of Arlington Planning and Development Services Department Health Division invites applicants for the position of Environmental Health Specialist. This position requires a Texas Registered Professional Sanitarian or in training license or the ability to attain certification within 6 months of start date. Primary job duties include consumer health functions such as inspections and permitting of retail food establishments, child care centers, mobile food units, and temporary food vendors. Apply at https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/human_resources/careers/career_opportunities

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled however, interviews are expected to commence November 28, 2022.

From Texas Health Institute, TPHA Organizational Member

To support a growing workforce, Texas Health Institute has built the first career center in Texas dedicated to public health. Our Public Health Career Center connects talent with opportunity and offers resume review and free career advice.

- Log in using LinkedIn or other social media accounts.
- Upload your resume for employers to view.
- Sign up for bi-monthly job flash emails for the latest public health career opportunities throughout Texas.

Thank you to all members who submitted their news! We look forward to receiving more brief announcements from you about the work you, our members, are doing and the achievements you have made! Our next newsletter is scheduled for late February, 2023. Start gathering the information you want to share with the Texas public health community now! We are excited to share news of what our members are doing and what is going on in all over this great state! Send your news items to us at tphajournal@gmail.com and be sure to include your TPHA section!

More information on submitting your news and copies of past newsletters can be found on our TPHA website at https://www.texaspha.org/page/Newsletters. 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!

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