From our TPHA Immediate Past President, Elizabeth Cuevas, BS, MS, PhD, LP (2022-2023)

For those of you who were unable to attend the fantastic 2023 TPHA Annual Education Conference (AEC) in beautiful San Antonio, the following are the parting comments of our outgoing TPHA president. Members and the TPHA leadership extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Cuevas for her service!

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. As we reach the conclusion of the 99th Annual Education Conference of the Texas Public Health Association, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful journey we’ve been on over these last few days here in the heart of Texas.

As your President, I have been deeply inspired by the profound dedication, shared wisdom, and unwavering commitment to public health that each of you has demonstrated throughout this conference. We came together as a community with a shared passion, and we leave better equipped to serve our communities, having gained new insights, strategies, and tools.

Our theme this year, "The Future is Bright: Leading Forward," was chosen as a beacon, illuminating our path towards an inclusive, equitable, and healthier future. Your active participation, the thought-provoking conversations, and the wealth of knowledge shared, assures me that we are truly moving forward, leading with vision and empathy.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all the speakers who have enlightened us with their expertise, presenting us with fresh perspectives and innovative ideas. Your contributions have left an indelible impact on all attendees, and we are grateful for your time and effort.

I must again express my deep gratitude to our generous sponsors and partners. Your support has made it possible for us to convene this enriching event. And to the hardworking team that planned and executed this conference with remarkable diligence, you have my sincere admiration and appreciation.

As we leave today, I urge each of you to carry forward the lessons learned, the inspirations gained, and the connections made. Continue to question, to challenge, and to innovate. Remember that our collective effort and determination are the driving forces towards achieving our common goal of a healthier Texas.

Remember the words of Dr. Paul Farmer that we started with: 'The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world.' As we return to our respective roles, let these words guide us, reminding us of our mission and the ethical core of our profession.

In the spirit of leading forward, let us look ahead to our milestone centennial conference next year. Let us come back with even more energy, knowledge, and zeal to share as we continue this journey of learning, growth, and advocacy.

Al concluir, quiero expresar mi agradecimiento - gracias por su dedicación, por su participación activa y por hacer de la 99ª Conferencia Anual de Educación una ocasión inolvidable.

Les deseo un viaje seguro, buena salud, y continuemos iluminando con nuestra luz colectiva el panorama de la salud en Texas, y más allá. Gracias, y hasta que nos volvamos a encontrar.

As we conclude, I want to say thank you - thank you for your dedication, for your active participation, and for making the 99th Annual Education Conference a memorable one.

Safe travels, good health, and let's continue to shine our collective light on the health landscape of Texas, and beyond.

Thank you, and until we meet again.

Elizabeth
From our Current TPHA President, Melissa Oden, DHEd, LMSW-IPR, MPH, CHES®
(2023-2024)

At the conclusion of our TPHA 2023 AEC in May, TPHA welcomed Dr. Oden as she assumed the role of president of TPHA, for a second time. Welcome Dr. Oden! We all look forward, once again, to your enthusiastic and spirited guidance as you lead us forward into our 100th year as the premier public health association of Texas!

Greetings, TPHA Members!

I hope that you are all having a great summer and that you have found some effective way to endure this relentless heat dome we’ve been under! I am really looking forward to fall and all that comes with it: cooler temperatures, high school football under those Friday night lights, cozy blankets, hoodies, and hot chocolate! What are some of your favorite things in the fall?

I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone who attended the 99th Annual Education Conference (AEC) in San Antonio in May! This was our first in-person AEC in two years, and the excitement in the air was palpable! It was wonderful to be back together and celebrating the work that we all love so much!

I want to invite you to join us for our 100th Birthday Celebration on beautiful Galveston Island May 20-22, 2024! Details are being finalized as we speak for the venue and the hotel, and I will pass on more information as it becomes available.

The best and fastest way to find out what’s happening at TPHA is to watch my Monthly Membership Videos that are emailed to you on the 15th of each month! In the August episode, you received information not only about the 2024 AEC but also about the two new sections that we are working to form, as well as the need for a Chair/Co-Chair on the Membership Committee. Additionally, I shared news about one of our members, Dr. Jason Rosenfeld, being celebrated for a publication he was recently involved in, and provided information about an upcoming opportunity to assist one of our members with her Doctoral Dissertation. If you have information, an announcement, or a celebration that you would like for me to highlight in the September episode, please email me at melissa@drmelissaoeden.com and I will share your information in the next video.

Now, if you’ll excuse me, fall is almost upon us, school is about to start, and I need to go sharpen my pencils, get my backpack ready to go, and find my favorite sweater for the next school year. Happy end of summer and happy fall, y’all!!!

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 Texas Public Health Association txpha@aol.com with any questions or comments.

To our current members, THANK YOU!! We are grateful for your continuing participation and contributions to TPHA!
Encourage Your Colleagues to Visit Our Website and to Join TPHA

TPHA Welcomes Additional Staff of Two of Our Current Institutional Members

Heartland National TB Center
Halbert Brown
Debbie Davila
Salma Lerma
Catalina Navarro
Lauren Warren-Fields
Alysia Wayne

San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Lee Ann Epstein

Build a Stronger Public Health Workforce Through an Agency Membership in TPHA!
Help Us Grow! Volunteer to Co-Chair the Membership Committee!

HELP GROW TPHA MEMBERSHIP

Join the TPHA Membership Recruitment, Engagement and Development Committee

BE A TPHA LEADER & CO-CHAIR

Use your public health, leadership, and advocacy skills!

☐ Lead in finding and developing our future leaders from among our members
☐ Develop & Support Member Recruitment Strategies
☐ Support & Promote Sections' Activities
☐ Help Grow the Association

Contact Terri Pali Today

Interested? Contact: info@texaspha.org

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TPHA Continues to Expand to Best Serve Texas Communities!

Newly Proposed Mental Health Section

The TPHA invites you to join a NEW proposed Mental Health Section. To create a new section we must have 20 current and 10 new members agree to join or be part of the section, either as their primary or secondary section. Secondary sections are an additional $5.00 dues per year.
Interested members reply to info@texaspha.org with MENTAL HEALTH in the subject line. Once we have the required numbers to create the section the TPHA Governing Council will vote to create the section and members will be notified. If you are working in the field or interested in improving the mental health of your community, this is the section for you!

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A Call to Leadership for 2024!

Become a Voice for Public Health in Texas

Harness the energy of public health advocacy and run for office in 2024! The Texas Public Health Association is looking for dynamic new LEADERS! TPHA needs 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 descriptions of and the requirements for each of the Association leadership positions. To access the association Bylaws click here. Executive Board and Governing Council meetings are held via Zoom. If you are interested in running for a position and would like to see how the meetings are conducted feel free to reach out to Terri Pali at txpha@aol.com for meeting dates and information and join us! You're welcome to attend!

The process to “throw your hat into the ring” is very simple! 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 2024. To nominate someone (or yourself), obtain their permission to be placed on the ballot then submit their (your) name and contact information prior to December 31, 2023 to: Terri Pali TxPHA@aol.com. **Please consider this very important challenge to become a leader in TPHA! We need YOUR expertise and leadership skills!**

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Give the Gift of Membership

Do you know a student, recent graduate or colleague who could benefit from being part of Texas’ leading public health organization? A TPHA membership is the perfect gift! Take a few moments to follow the steps below, and your favorite public health professional will be networking with public health peers across Texas in no time!

**How to Give a TPHA Membership**

**Step 1:** Gather the contact information of the person you wish to receive the TPHA membership, including full name and email address.

**Step 2:** Determine which category of membership your gift recipient should receive based on the following: Student $30, Emerging Professional $40, Active/Associate $75, Retired Active/Associate $50 see membership page for full details and restrictions (type of membership purchased is subject to approval by TPHA staff).

**Step 3:** Purchase the gift membership of your choice HERE, be sure to enter the name and email address of the gift recipient where prompted. Note: This will be a one-time, non-recurring membership gift.

**Step 4:** Watch your email for a transaction receipt for your gift. Your gift recipient will also receive an email detailing the new membership gift and will be asked to complete the membership form.

**Step 5:** Encourage your gift recipient to complete the registration process when notified so that they can receive access to TPHA professional development opportunities like the Annual Education Conference and much more!

Thank you for giving the gift of TPHA!

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TPHA 2023 Awards and Recognition

Every year TPHA honors dedicated public health professionals for their contributions to TPHA and to building healthier Texas communities. During our 2023 AEC we acknowledged and honored members who have made significant contributions and who have served our association with extreme dedication.

**Fellow Recognition:** During the Fellows and Past Presidents’ Luncheon four new fellows and two who became fellows during the pandemic with framed certificates. Please welcome our new Fellow members:

- Debra Flores (2023)
- Subi Gandi (2023)
- Maram Museitif (2020)
- Lisette Osborne (2020)
- Ashley Rodriguez (2023)
- Lynette Williams (2023)

**Outstanding Service Awards:** Elizabeth Cuevas, TPHA President 2022-2023 recognized two members with the Outstanding Service Awards. Christina Aubert for exceptional support of the organization and enthusiasm for the profession and Ashley Rodriguez for profound dedication to the organization and steadfast support to grow the organization professionally.

**The President’s Award:** The President’s Award was presented to Lisette Osborne. Dr. Cuevas describes Lisette not just an exceptional leader, but also an incredible mentor who has uplifted countless professionals in their journey. Lisette’s unwavering commitment to public health has allowed her genuine warmth and guidance to extend far beyond the walls of our organization.

**The Catherine D. Cooksley Award** is presented annually to a member of the Texas Public Health Association who has demonstrated excellence in service to the association and who has a drive and passion for public health. Service examples include, but are not limited to, serving as an association officer, serving on the Executive Board or Governing Council, chairing a section, volunteering for special projects, serving on committees, assisting with the annual education conference, etc. This award is named for past-president and retired Texas Public Health Journal editor, Dr. Catherine Cooksley, who has served the association in various roles over the past 42 years.

This year’s recipient was Dr. Kaye Reynolds. Kaye has been an active member of TPHA since 2003 and is a TPHA fellow. She has dedicated many years of service to the association and has held every office within the association including 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President-Elect, President, and Past President and is a current member of the Governing Council and Executive Board. In addition, Kaye serves as the Section Liaison, maintaining contact with each of the sections to assist in their operations and engagement. She also serves as the TPHA Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council for the American Public Health Association. Her dedication to TPHA doesn’t stop there, however. She can frequently be found behind the scenes in various committees working on such critical projects as Bylaws review and revision, while equally ensuring our Annual Education Conference planning is on track including making the “I am the future of public health” buttons our students received at this year’s conference.

Kaye began her public health career with the Dallas County Health Department, followed by work with the City of Houston Health Department. She served for almost 20 years as the Fort Bend County Health and Human Services Deputy Director and now serves as the Special Projects Coordinator for Fort Bend HHS.

Kaye has certainly shown excellence in service and dedication to TPHA and she is exceedingly worthy of this award. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Kaye Reynolds, TPHA 2023 Catherine D. Cooksley Excellence in Service Award recipient!

**Honorary Life Member Award:** The Honorary Life Member Award was presented to Linda Kaufman, MSN, RN. Linda has been a member of TPHA for over 20 years, joining in 2001. She has attended most, if not
all, annual meetings during this time and has served on numerous planning committees for the annual meetings and has volunteered to serve as judge for the posters and oral presentations when asked. She has been active and served in various capacities in the Public Health Nursing Section. She has been elected to multiple terms on the Governing Council and Executive Board. Even though she is now retired, she served on the Executive Board until May, 2023. Linda is also a member of additional professional organizations including American Nurses Association and Texas Nurses Association.

She has a long career in the field of public health with San Antonio Health Department and has been involved in her community for many years. Linda is an active member of her church and loves traveling and being with her family.

Linda’s dedicated service to her profession, her community and the Texas Public Health Association makes her worthy of this prestigious honor. Congratulations to our new Honorary Life Member, Linda Kaufman.

**James E. Peavy Memorial Award:** The James E. Peavy Memorial Award is presented annually to the public health worker in Texas who has made significant contributions to the advancement of public health knowledge or practice or who has demonstrated a genuine concern for the health needs of society. This award is the Texas Public Health Association’s highest accolade for outstanding health professionals; it consists of a $500.00 honorarium and plaque. The award serves as a living memorial to James E. Peavy, M.D., who served as Commissioner of Health in Texas from 1959 until his retirement in 1975. Dr. Peavy was an active member of the Texas Public Health Association for 39 years and was made an Honorary Member in 1969.

This year, TPHA honored Dr. John Herbold with the James E. Peavy Memorial Award. Immediate Past President Elizabeth Cuevas presented the award and states, “it was my distinct honor and privilege to present the James E. Peavy Memorial Award to Dr. John Herbold. Dr. Herbold has been a mentor and friend for many years, and helped me get started in the world of public health many years ago.”

Dr. John Herbold, an eminent public health expert, is a deserving nominee for the James E. Peavy Memorial Award. His impressive background in epidemiology, veterinary medicine, and public health, coupled with his steadfast dedication to enhancing society’s health, make him an exceptional candidate for this prestigious accolade.

Our most sincere congratulations to our 2023 James E. Peavy Memorial Award recipient, Dr. John Herbold.

*To learn more about our TPHA awards and how to nominate someone you know for an award for next year, visit our website at TPHA AWARDS. It is never too early to start nominating!*

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**Other TPHA News:** TPHA leadership is pleased to report that the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National Institutes of Health’s All of Us Research Program (AoU) have awarded TPHA a grant to work over the coming year with them to promote the research program to Texas researchers, providers, and residents. Stay tuned for more details on how you can work with us on the project. Meanwhile, learn more about the AoU research program at the All of Us website. If you are part of an AoU program or know someone who is, please reach out to the TPHA AoU project coordinator, Dr. Cooksley at cdcooksley@gmail.com or Terri Pali at txpha@aol.com. As always, thanks for all you do to keep Texas healthy!
News from TPHA Boards, Committees and Sections

TPHA Editorial Board Report
Submitted by Mathias Forrester, Editor, and Osaro Mgbere, TPHA Editorial Board Chair

The Texas Public Health Association (TPHA) Editorial Board is working on compiling content for our Fall 2023 Texas Public Health Journal (TPHJ) issue that is due out in early October 2023.

Publish With Us! The TPHJ Editorial Board would like to remind 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. Most importantly, our journal has no article processing charges. Types of manuscripts appropriate for the TPHJ include public health research and practice articles, commentaries, brief reports, contributions to regular columns, and reviews of books, software, and publicly available databases. General information on the TPHJ can be found on the TPHA website at https://www.texaspha.org/page/Journal. Information for authors, including the submission guidelines, can be found at https://www.texaspha.org/page/Authors. If anyone has questions about submitting a manuscript or wants to enquire about the suitability of their research for consideration by TPHJ, they can contact the TPHJ Editorial Board at tphajournal@gmail.com.
From our TPHA Members

Submitted Katie Bradley, Staff Member, Texas Health Institute, Institution/Agency Member
11th Annual Texas Primary Care Consortium Summit | November 2-3, 2023 | Houston, TX

The Texas Primary Care Consortium (TPCC)—co-led by Texas Health Institute and Texas Medical Home Initiative—exists to facilitate collective action to advance equitable, comprehensive, and sustainable primary care for all Texans. The annual TPCC summit convenes participants from broad and diverse backgrounds across the public health and health care spectrum to address the prioritization of primary care in our health care system. Attendees are equipped with a more comprehensive understanding of today's health care challenges, best practices, lessons learned, and available resources to improve the health of Texans.

Join us for the 11th Annual TPCC Summit: Creating Stronger Primary Care Together for a Healthier Texas, taking place on November 2-3, 2023, in Houston, TX. CME and CNE credits will be offered. Learn more and register at https://cvent.me/0489nx.

Webinar | Primary Care Wins in the 88th Texas Legislative Session and Impacts on the Primary Care System | September 27, 2023 | 3 – 4 p.m.

The primary care system plays a crucial role in the overall health and well-being of communities, and legislative changes contribute to the evolving health care environment. Join TPCC for a webinar with an insightful deep dive into the outcomes of the previous legislative session and examine how the decisions made have shaped the landscape of primary care. Attendees will gain the insight to make informed decisions, implement necessary changes, and contribute to the advancement of high-quality primary care services in their communities.

Learn more and register at http://tx-pcc.org/2023-09-webinar.

Submitted by M. Kristen Peek, PhD, Dean of the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Public & Population Health, Co-host of the Upcoming 2024 TPHA Annual Education Conference

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston is excited to announce the establishment of the latest Texas school dedicated to training our future public health professionals! The past several years have highlighted the critical role that public health plays in protecting and improving the health of all people in the US, the state of Texas, and all of our respective communities. The pandemic taught us many lessons about our current public health infrastructure, including how critical our next generation of public health professionals, scientists, and scholars will be in meeting the needs of ensuring a healthy Texas and beyond. The establishment of the School of Public & Population Health at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB SPPH) was set in motion to respond to the shortage of public health professionals and to further the translation of public health research into policy and practice.
Our collectively agreed upon vision for the new school is Health Equity for All. This is what unifies us through research, education, and practice. Our mission is to lead innovative public health education, translational research, and evidence-informed practice and policy through authentic collaborations in the Gulf Coast region, Texas, and the world. Please notice the focus on authentic and gulf coast. Those words were chosen with care. We strive for collaborations where all parties are involved in the decision-making process, and we intend to impact the gulf coast area and beyond. Our values are equity, evidence-informed, inclusiveness, multidisciplinary and respect. We have three primary goals – first, we are generating research and scholarship that informs equitable public health and health systems policy, education, and practice; second, we are preparing learners, through multidisciplinary, student-centered public health education to impact health and health equity through their research and practice; and finally, we are engaging in public health practice and professional service to improve equity in health outcomes. *Our mission, vision, and values are literally painted on the walls in our hallway to remind us every day what we strive to be.*

The new school has 40 faculty, 111 students, and 11 educational programs. Our student body is quite diverse - 40% of our students are from under-represented backgrounds. The school is comprised of five departments: Biostatistics and Data Science, Bioethics and Health Humanities, Epidemiology, Population Health and Health Disparities, and Global Health and Emerging Diseases. The new school is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), and the educational programs include three accredited PhDs (Bioethics and Health Humanities, Population Health Sciences, and Rehabilitation Sciences), three Masters programs (MA in Bioethics and Health Humanities, the MS in Biostatistics, and the MS in Aerospace Medicine), and five tracks for the MPH (Bioethics, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Practice, and an MD/MPH combined degree). The Aerospace Medicine program is one of two civilian residencies in the country and is quickly expanding its connection to commercial space. We are projecting significant growth in our MPH program with new tracks coming online and the continued expansion of the MD/MPH program. The new school builds on research and education strengths across the UTMB campus, including minority aging and health, public and population health, health services, emerging disease and global health, and health disparities. We are unified by our focus on population health through both qualitative and quantitative approaches to producing health equity and investigating the interplay of individual biological and behavioral factors with the physical, social, and policy environments. Research, practice, and training activities focus on health risks, bioethics, determinants, outcomes, and interventions in both clinical and community settings. Currently we have over 22 million in total research awards, including funding from NIH, AHRQ, and NASA, among others.
Submitted by Kara Marshall, Member of TPHA’s Administration and Management Section

UTMB Special Pathogens Excellence in Clinical Treatment, Readiness, & Education (SPECTRE) announces a training opportunity. SPECTRE is offering a webinar, *Taking Care of the Special Pathogens Patient: What Can You Do Where You Are?* This webinar can be adapted to different communities or focus audiences, dependent on your facilities’ needs. The webinar provides a means to discuss practical considerations for health care institutions and partners when presented with a patient suspected of having a *special pathogen*. For inquiries: [https://redcap.link/TrainWithSPECTRE](https://redcap.link/TrainWithSPECTRE) or reach out to SPECTRE directly: spectre@utmb.edu.

Submitted by Maryam O. Funmilayo, MPH, MA, TPHA Emerging Professional and Member of the Health Education section

Maryam has several announcements to share with her fellow TPHA members:


2. I have been accepted into the Community Health Worker Certification course at Umemba Health Academy. I look forward to becoming a certified clinical community health worker and help contribute to the tremendous work that the TPHA’s CHW members do in their communities and in our state of Texas.

3. I am now certified in *Adult Mental Health First Aid USA*, through the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
Submitted by Wei Chen (Miso) Lee, PhD, TPHA Community Health Worker Section
Dr. Lee has two meeting announcements she wants to share with TPHA members. The first will be in Galveston, TX in October and the second is in conjunction with the American Public Health Association (APHA) to be held in Atlanta in November.

DMAC Workshop
Data Management and Analysis Core for Comparative Effectiveness Research on Cancer in Texas Funded by CPRIT

October 3rd, 2023 12pm-5pm
Moody Gardens Convention Center
7 Hope Blvd, Galveston, TX 77554

October 4th, 2023 Optional
UTMB
301 University Blvd, Galveston, TX 77555
For Investigators who would like to get consultations for specific projects

Presented by UTMB Health School of Public and Population Health

Lunch will be provided at 1st come 1st serve on October 3rd, 2023.

Networking Meeting hosted by APHA Committee on Health Equity (Breakfast Served!)

Objective: This networking event will include an icebreaker that allows everyone to know each other’s work in the equity field followed by a breakout activity. Each table will be given a case for discussion. By working together as a team, we learn new insights but also contribute our knowledge to solving problems and achieving health equity.

Time: 8-10am (ET), Monday, Nov 13, 2023
Location: APHA Annual Conference Atlanta Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta #B206
Cost: Free, breakfast will be served with a limited number so please register in advance
RSVP by September 30, 2023: https://utmb.us/96f
Contact: Dr. Wei-Chen Lee, weilee@utmb.edu
Know more about CHEQ: https://utmb/us/a0m
Submitted by LaShonda M. Malrey-Horne, MPH, MCHES, Director of TPHA Institutional Member, Waco-McLennan County Public Health District

Dear Local Public Health Professionals,

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District is thrilled to announce the upcoming Plug into Equity Conference, dedicated to exploring and advancing equity in our community. We would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us for this transformative event.

Date: November 8, 2023
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Waco Convention Center

The Plug into Equity Conference will be a dynamic gathering of thought leaders, professionals, and advocates committed to fostering a more inclusive and equitable society. This conference aims to explore and advance equity in our community by delving into critical topics surrounding equity, diversity, and social justice.

This conference will offer valuable insights and actionable strategies to promote equity in various domains, including education, healthcare, workplace, and community development. It will provide a platform for meaningful conversations, networking opportunities, and collaboration among attendees who share a common goal of driving positive change.

Join us for meaningful conversations, networking opportunities, and collaboration among attendees who share a common goal of driving positive change. We are currently finalizing our lineup of exceptional speakers, who are experts in their respective fields and have made significant contributions to advancing equity and social justice. You can expect thought-provoking discussions, innovative ideas, and practical solutions that can be implemented in your personal and professional spheres.

Save the date on your calendar and stay tuned for further updates regarding registration details, conference agenda, and featured speakers. We anticipate high interest and limited seating, so early registration is strongly recommended to secure your spot at this impactful event. Pre-registration is now open and registration starts October 1–October 20.

At the Plug into Equity Conference, we believe that by coming together and harnessing our collective knowledge and experiences, we can create a more just and inclusive world. Your presence and active participation will contribute to the success of this conference and the realization of our shared vision.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Plug into Equity Conference and working alongside you to drive meaningful change. Together, let’s make a difference! Please contact us at (254) 750-5459 with questions or if you have problems with the pre-registration link.
Pandemic Preparedness and Response

Online Certificate Program

About the Program

The Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI) is pleased to offer a no-cost certificate program designed for those interested in learning more about and participating in public health preparedness efforts.

Upon completion, participants should have a practical understanding for potential pandemic pathogens, how they are detected, and how to be better prepared for the next pandemic. A capstone tabletop exercise completes this program. Must complete the entire course series to earn certificate.

Register today at: tephi.texas.gov/registration

Courses

- Fundamentals of Epidemiology
  6.75 CE hours
  CME, NCPDD or 7.75 hours CHES, CPH, RS, SW

- Foundations of Infectious Diseases
  7 CE hours
  CHES, CPH, RS, SW

- Surveillance of Infectious Diseases
  9.25 CE hours
  CME, NCPRD, CHES, CPH, RS, SW

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response
  20.75 CE hours
  CME, NCPRD, CHES, CPH, RS, SW

- Capstone Tabletop Exercise

Program Benefits

No Cost for Texas Residents

CE Credits Available

- Free electronic textbook
- Self-paced and offered year-long
- Alerts on future public health emergencies
- Ongoing CE opportunities
Thank you to all members who submitted their news! We want to know what is happening in your part of Texas! Our next newsletter is scheduled for late November, 2023.

Start gathering the information you want to share with the Texas public health community now! Let us help you tell your colleagues about training opportunities, job opportunities, conferences, webinars, etc.! Help us keep all of our members informed about the important work being done everyday in every corner of this great state! Send your news items to us at tphajournal@gmail.com. Don’t forget to include your TPHA section affiliation, or if you are a staff member with one of our institution/agency members, please include the agency name!

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. This is a member’s newsletter, but please feel free to share it with your colleagues and encourage them to join us then we can share their announcements too!

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TPHA needs YOU to achieve our mission of “A safe and healthy Texas through leadership, education, training, collaboration, mentoring, and advocacy”!

➢ Become a leader! Run for a leadership position next year!

➢ Volunteer to serve as co-chair of our membership committee. Help us grow!

We need YOUR enthusiasm and expertise! Please contact our executive director, Terri Pali, today! info@texaspha.org