From the TPHA Executive Director

A Call to Leadership

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 available) AND President-Elect.

Become a voice for public health in Texas.
Harness the energy of public health advocacy-run for office in TPHA!

President-Elect

6.06. President-elect: The office of President-elect shall be responsible for 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.

6.06.1. President-elect: For nominations to the office of President-elect, an individual shall be a member in good standing for the preceding five (5) consecutive years, a current Fellow in the Association, a present or past member of Governing Council, and a participant in two or more annual meetings.

Governing Council: Three positions available (3 year term)

GOVERNING COUNCIL

4.01. 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.

4.01.1. The President of the Association shall serve as Chair of the Governing Council.

4.02. 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.

4.03. A quorum of the Governing Council shall consist of a majority of the Council members.

4.03.1. 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.

4.03.2. 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.

4.04. 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.

4.04.1. 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.

4.05. 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:

4.05.1. The Governing Council shall establish and amend the bylaws of the Association.

4.05.2. The Governing Council shall establish the goals, policies, and procedures for the Association.

4.05.3. 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.

4.05.4. The Governing Council shall approve all resolutions of the Association and submit them to the membership for a vote.

4.05.5. The Governing Council shall elect the elective members of the Executive Board.

4.05.6. The Governing Council shall approve all new members of the Association.

4.05.7. 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.

4.05.9. The Governing Council shall approve the annual budget of the Association.

4.05.10. The Governing Council shall approve all actions of the Executive Board.

4.05.11. The Governing Council shall refer all fiscal considerations to the Executive Board for a recommendation.

4.06. 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 in Irving, Texas.

To nominate someone (or yourself), obtain their permission to be placed on the ballot then submit their name and contact information prior to January 10th to: Terri Pali TxPHA@aol.com

Please consider this very important challenge to become a leader in TPHA!
Call for Nominations for TPHA Awards

The Texas Public Health Association is proud to offer the following awards to members who have exhibited outstanding contributions for the Association or for public health interests in Texas. Members may nominate another member who they feel meets the criteria outlined in the award description.

If you have any questions, please contact the TPHA office either by phone (903)309-3380 or email txpha@aol.com

Thank you for helping us to recognize deserving public health workers.

All Nomination materials must be postmarked no later than December 31st and emailed (txpha@aol.com) to:

TPHA/Awards Committee
PO Box 9610
Longview, Texas 75608

Awards will be presented during the TPHA Annual Education Conference being held at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving.

Questions? Call TPHA (903)309-3380 or email txpha@aol.com

Honorary Life Member: One of the greatest distinctions bestowed on a member of the Texas Public Health Association is that of Honorary Membership. Any active member may nominate a prospective candidate for Honorary Membership by writing to the Awards Committee. The following criteria are required of nominees for Honorary Membership:

• Must have been an active continuous member of TPHA for at least 20 years and must have attended ten or more annual meetings.

• Must have served the Association contributing to annual and regional meeting programs, holding office within the Association, and participating on Association committees.

• Supporting documentation such as letters from employers, individuals, public citizens or community groups, schools or colleges, or businesses; news clippings, photographs; journal articles; or other documentation pertinent to the nomination.

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. The following criteria are required of all nominations:

• A 250-word (or less) description of why the nominee is deserving of this award. Descriptions should be concise and specific and should demonstrate the nominee’s work over and above job requirement.

• A one-page biographical sketch (or vita) of the nominee and a 4 x 5 glossy, black & white photograph of the nominee. • No more than 10 pages of supporting documentation such as letters from employers,
individuals, public citizen or community groups, schools or colleges, or businesses; news clippings; photographs; journal articles; or other documentation pertinent to the nomination.

- The nominee must be a member of TPHA. Nomination may be made by nominee or a sponsor. If nominated by a sponsor, sponsor must be a TPHA member and sponsor’s name must accompany the nomination.

**Legislator of the Year Award for Legislative Excellence:** This award may be presented to both a state representative and state senator who has shown special interest in public health issues. Any active TPHA member may nominate a candidate for these awards. The following guidelines have been established for nominees of these awards; nominees must have:

- Demonstrated an interest in public health issues.
- Shown a concern for the recruitment and retention of high-quality health care workers.
- Supported legislation which emphasized prevention and health promotion.
- Facilitated legislation supporting preventive health care, health care professionals, and options of health care.

**The Dr. Ron J. Anderson Thinking Progressively for Health Award:** The Dr. Ron J. Anderson Thinking Progressively for Health (TPHA) Award, formally the Thinking Progressively for Health Award honors the late Dr. Ron J. Anderson and the innovative ideas and practices he established for the public health profession. The award rewards excellence and innovation in current public health practice across the state of Texas.

**About the Award:**

1. Recipient will receive: a $400 cash award and the Dr. Ron J. Anderson Public Health Innovation Award plaque
2. Recipients’ projects will also be highlighted in the issue of the Texas Public Health Association Journal published following the Annual Education Conference.
3. Submissions should demonstrate how their nominee has identified creative solutions, large or small in scope, that have made a significant and positive difference in public health; suggested new ways to improve the quality of services or programming; identified novel approaches for completing work more effectively or efficiently; identified new ideas, solutions, or directions; worked to develop new approaches for problem solving; planned effectively for the successful implementation and long-term success.

**Award Criteria:**

Nominees should clearly demonstrate:

1. Improvement or increase in Efficiency, Productivity, Cost-Savings and Extraordinary achievement of health and well-being goals (individual or community)
2. Originality - Is this a new idea, or a modernized redesign of an established concept? - Is it unique to the agency where it was established? - Is it unique to the field of public health? - Is it “ahead of its time”?
3. Impact - Will it make or has it made fundamental changes in public health practice/delivery? - How will it impact the community it is being implemented in?
4. Measurability - The impact of the project is measurable (i.e. number of beneficiaries, assessment of attitude or behavioral changes, clear policy changes, etc.)
5. Applicability - Can it be generalized to the greater public health profession? - Could it lead to changes in how public health practices/processes are carried out?

**Application Process:**

Nominees should submit a written narrative addressing all of the above criteria and any supporting documentation that is relevant to the project being nominated. Narrative should also include the attached cover sheet.

All nomination materials must be postmarked no later than December 31st and mailed or scanned and emailed (txpha@aol.com) to: TPHA/Awards Committee, PO Box 9610, Longview, Texas 75608 Awards will be presented during the TPHA AEC March 30-April 1, 2020, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving

Questions call TPHA (903)309-3380 or email txpha@aol.com

**TPHA AEC Silent Auction**

TPHA will host a silent Auction again this year in conjunction with the annual education conference (AEC) to be held at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving, Tx, March 30-April 1, 2020. Silent Auctions can be so much fun and are a great way to earn money for YOUR organization.

Be creative when you are thinking about what to bring. Put your items in a basket or container with a pretty bow. I have included some ideas for baskets below. The sky really is the limit. For a copy of the donation form click HERE

For more information contact Terri Pali txpha@aol.com
For those of you not attending the AEC please mail your donation to:
TPHA
PO BOX 9610
Longview, Texas 75608
(for street address please contact Terri at (903)309-3380)

Please mail to arrive no later than March 1, 2020.
End of Year Giving

The Texas Public Health Association (TPHA) is a non-profit, state-wide association of public health professionals dedicated to public health in Texas. TPHA was organized in 1923 and is an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA).

Our Vision: A safe and healthy Texas
Our Mission: Improving the health and safety of Texas through leadership, education, training, collaboration, mentoring and advocacy.

Our organization is able to continue its mission because of your support and generosity. By contributing you'll help ensure that our work continues. Online donations are quick and easy using our secure credit card transactions. If you prefer to mail your donation please use the following address:

Texas Public Health Association
PO Box 9610
Longview, Texas 75608

We welcome donations of all sizes and payment plans – whether it's a one-time gift, a monthly contribution or part of a matching gifts program. TPHA is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Tax ID#74-6058233.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

News from TPHA Boards, Committees, Sections and Members

From the TPHA Editorial Board:

We have 4 new Editorial Board members! Please join us in welcoming them to our TPHJ editorial team.

E. Susan Amirian, PhD, MSPH, Research Scientist and Health Program Leader of the Texas Policy Lab at Rice University

Shane Nives Isaiah Fernando, PhD, MS, FRSPH, Assistant Professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center

Wei-Chen (Miso) Lee, PhD, Health Disparities Analyst, Office of Health Policy and Legislative Affairs, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

Nahid J. Rianon, MBBS, DrPH, Associate Professor of Geriatrics at the University of Texas Medical School

Our TPHJ Editorial Board works hard to maintain our high quality journal and adhere to our goal of keeping our Texas public health professionals up-to-date on public health practice and research in our great state. Please keep our journal in mind when you are considering publishing your original public health research or practice manuscript, public health practice commentary, public health brief report or book or software review. We have a team of public health professionals around the state ready to coordinate the publication of your work and a database of qualified peer reviewers who have volunteered to review it. More information at https://www.texaspha.org/page/Journal PUBLISH WITH US! tphajournal@gmail.com

Changes With our TPHJ: The Editorial Board and the Editor of the Texas Public Health Journal (TPHJ) announce an update about our publication. After careful consideration and review of our journal print and distribution process, as well as the increasing cost for printing and postage, the TPHA Editorial Board recommended and Executive Board approved a change in how members receive their TPH Journal. As you know, members have, in the past, been given the option of receiving their journal either electronically or in print version. Most of
our members elect to receive the journal in electronic format only. Beginning with the Winter 2020 issue, our TPHJ will be an online only journal. We will continue to send an email to all current members with a link to the latest issue. Additionally, all members have access to the most recent and many past journal issues on the Member Site of our website (must be logged-in as member). The online version will be in color and all links to materials mention should be active.

To clarify, this does not mean that our journal will be open access. It will only be available to current members and authors of published material. All copyrights to the journal apply and continue to be owned by the Texas Public Health Association. Our Executive Director will continue to maintain an archival copy of each issue.

Thank you to our members and our authors for allowing our journal to continue to improve and reflect on our progressive and impressive public health association! We hope you will agree that our journal is an asset to the continuing education of our Texas public health professionals. Please continue to promote our association and the member benefit of our journal to your colleagues, students and all others interested in public health.

**Update on the TPHA Policy and Advocacy Committee (acronym - Policy, Advocacy and Resolutions Committee - PARC)**

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**Strategic Philosophy** - Promote and support a safe and healthy Texas by:
- Mobilizing the TPHA Membership to Advocate and Educate to All
- Using a Health in All Policies Framework
- Considering the attainment of Health Equity in all advocacy and education efforts

The TPHA PARC presented eleven priority issues to the Governing Council in September. All issues were approved to be developed into resolution statements that will be presented to the Membership for vote prior to the 2020 Annual Education Conference March 31 - April 2. Committee members are developing the key points to state within the resolutions. Once the final resolutions are approved by the Governing Council, they will be sent to membership for a vote. Following that, an additional priority statement paper will be developed to use in advocacy efforts.

**Priority topics/issues to be presented in a resolution are:**
- Chronic conditions: including Wellness for children and adults and E-cigarettes
- Infectious Diseases: including STDs
- Emergency Preparedness
- Vaccinations: including HPV vaccine/vaccination awareness
- Gun violence: including senseless shooting and easy access to guns.
- Substance abuse epidemic: including Opioid/substance abuse epidemic
- Public Health System
- Public Health Workforce
- Medicaid Manage Care/Expansion
- Human Trafficking and Intimate Partner (Domestic) Violence: including Adverse Childhood Events
- Culturally Linguistic Standards

The **deadline for developing the draft resolutions is December 12**. If you are interested in, or have expertise within any of these topics, and would like to provide input into the resolution or priority statement papers, please contact: Executive Director - Terri Pali (txpha@aol.com) or Chair - Jennifer Smith (jenniferbsmith@earthlink.net)
Vision Care Section
Submitted by Pat Segu, O.D., F.A.A.O.
Chair, Texas Public Health Association Vision Care Section 2019-2020

Call for Short Papers
On
Eye Health Initiatives
To be published in our annual NPHW Focused Spring TPHJ Issue

Deadline January 31st, 2020

Information and Guidelines for Submitting: The Texas Public Health Journal’s editorial team traditionally includes a section in our Spring journal issue that focuses on public health programs that have been implemented or are planned for communities in Texas, as part of our celebration of National Public Health Week. This year we plan to concentrate on initiatives that revolve around improving eye health, specifically those projects or programs designed to help improve access to vision care, educational initiatives, and impact of eye health. As part of an APHA Region 6 initiative, we open up this call for short papers to the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana.

To be included, all papers must be no longer than 4 pages, including references, tables, figures, etc. and must comply with all other basic guidelines for authors found on our website at https://www.texaspha.org/page/SubmissionGuidelines.

Please send your short paper on this topic to tphajournal@gmail.com with 'TPHJ Eye Health' in the Subject line.
Community Health Worker Section
Submitted by Debra Flores, Ph.D., M.A., CCWHI

CHW Training Programs: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC)
Conference Title & Link: CHWs in the Mix: Interprofessional Collaborative Practice in the Care of Vulnerable Populations - 2019
Date: December 6-7, 2019
Time: Friday, December 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Topics: CHW programs focused on inter-professional collaborative practice, chronic disease management, behavioral health integration, and wellness programs
Location: TTUHSC Academic Event Center, 3601 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79430
Fee: Conference Fee $40 per person before December 1, 2019, Onsite registration is available for $45 (fees include evening reception and lunch)
CEUs: DSHS-certified & non-certified CEUs for CHWs and Instructors will be offered (number of hours pending)
Registration: Register online before December 1, 2019
For more information: Contact Monica Garcia at 806.743.3020 or via email at monica.r.garcia@ttuhsc.edu

Other News and Events From our TPHA Members

The Third Annual Conference on Migration and Health
Building Partnerships for Action
Health Education Center, UTMB Campus, Galveston, TX | December 9-10, 2019
Submitted by Hani Serag, MD, MPH haserag@utmb.edu

The conference provides a platform for constructive policy dialogue among relevant stakeholders to advance strategies and build partnerships to address gaps in policies, knowledge, and implementation related to:

- Policies and legislation to regulate human mobility and migration
- The health of migrants and their access to health care
- Integration of migrants in local communities
- Migration and global health emergencies
- Migration of health care personnel

PROGRAM STRUCTURE: Each of the two days (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) will include:

- Plenary sessions to share knowledge and exchange experiences around the conference themes
- Concurrent sessions for a focused discussion to identify areas of joint actions and building alliances
- Panel discussions to examine barriers to the implementation of actions that are proposed during the day
- Poster sessions and art exhibition to provide an opportunity for students, academics, civil society activists, and immigrants to present their research and projects

The conference will offer continuing education credits for physicians and nurses (CME and CNE) Breakfast and lunch will be served during the conference.
Submit abstracts at https://www.utmb.edu/migrants/call-for-abstracts (Deadline November 20, 2019)

Register at www.utmb.edu/migrants
Medication Take-Back
Submitted by Mathias Forrester mathias.forrester@gmail.com

The Texas Poison Center Network (TPCN) continues to encourage the public to properly dispose of unused medications and make efforts to prevent medication accumulation in the home. Such medications are often the source for poisonings, abuse, and misuse. As the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Medication Take-Back Day for the fall has now passed, consumers may wonder how they dispose of medications they no longer need. Many pharmacies now have medication disposal kiosks available year-round. The DEA now has a searchable database available to consumers at: takebackday.dea.gov. This tool allows searching by either entering a zip code or city and state. The search should return a list of locations that have year-round disposal kiosks available. If no locations are returned in the search, consumers may contact their local police or sheriff’s department to inquire if a disposal bin is available at that department. TPCN recommends calling any listed location to verify participation and any restrictions (such as no liquids or no sharps)

A New Podcast
Submitted by Gabriela Calvi gabycalvi@me.com

Member Gabriela Calvi launched a public health podcast in Spanish. The name of the podcast is ¡Buenos Dias Salud! The focus is to educate the Latino population by helping them understand complex health issues in easy to understand language. The intent of the podcast is to address health literacy by giving the Latino communities simple step by step instruction on how to deal with health issues. They will learn how to advocate for their health so they can make the best informed decision about their health. 

The Staff and Leaders of the Texas Public Health Association remind you that we are always searching for volunteers to serve on our committees, join our sections and run for leadership positions! Call (903)309-3380 or email our executive director, Terri Pali at txpha@aol.com for more information. Until next time, remember food safety, travel safety, get your flu shot and stay healthy!
Texas Public Health Association

96th Annual Education Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Registration Coming Soon!

You are cordially invited to join your public health colleagues in North Texas in 2020 for TPHA’s 96th Annual Education Conference. Come learn what’s new in public health in Texas, share your evidence informed programs and network with like-minded professionals.

**WHEN**
March 30 – April 1, 2020

**WHERE**
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott
8440 Freeport Parkway
Irving, TX

For more information visit [www.texaspha.org](http://www.texaspha.org)