Initiatives Promoting a Culture of Health
Texas Public Health Association

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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.
TPHA Sections

The TPHA membership is divided into sections. Each active TPHA member must choose a section upon joining, but can elect to choose more than one section for an additional fee.

- Administration & Management
- Aging & Public Health
- Community Health Worker
- Environmental & Consumer Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Education
- Oral Health
- Public Health Nursing
- Social Work
- Student
- Vital Statistics
Annual Education Conference (AEC)

- Held every year in the spring.
- Different cities across the state.
- Last year: Historic Hilton in Fort Worth
Initiatives and Partnerships

Two main foci during my Presidency:
- Public Health response to Societal Violence
- Partnership between Public Health and Planning
Initiative: Public Health Response to Societal Violence


Appointed Ad Hoc Committee to examine public health problem of societal violence.

Definition: Societal violence is an inclusive consideration of the many manifestations of violence, to include culture and diversity perspectives, and their impact on public health.
Initiative: Public Health
Response to Societal Violence

- Hot Topics Session at AEC
- The Leveraging Project
Initiative: Public Health Response to Societal Violence

The Leveraging Project:

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What’s Next?

- MPH Intern working on Lit Review for Project
- Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene to determine next steps.
- White paper?
Plan4Health is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and led by APA’s Planning and Community Health Center.

Plan4Health is a three-year project designed to strengthen the connection between the planning and public health professions.

Planning in the United States originated with a public health focus, and joined public health in the shared purpose of urban reform and disease prevention.

The two professions have diverged, but these common roots reflect shared values: the built environment impacts all aspects of our health.
Partnerships: Plan4Health

Cohort 1: Rundberg neighborhood, North Austin

Austin’s Plan4Health Pilot program, launched by the City of Austin (Texas), sought to increase physical activity and improve the local sustainable food system.

Through collaborative efforts, the initiative implemented a community-wide program to encourage the use of active transportation (bike, walk, transit) and to increase access to healthy eating through neighborhood engagement and outreach.
Partnerships: Plan4Health

Cohort 2 & 3: Tarrant County (Fort Worth)

Building on the work of existing city plans and assessments, Plan4Health Tarrant County aims to improve access to local, fresh food in southeast Fort Worth by partnering with corner stores to strengthen healthy retail policies, and by helping to launch produce pushcarts and a mobile market to serve the community.

The coalition used different strategies to achieve these outcomes:

- Promote healthy retail policies and practices to increase the availability of healthy foods in the target community.
- Improve community health and health equity outcomes of the built environment by increasing health considerations into the City of Fort Worth’s planning and zoning decision-making processes.
- Develop and deploy a communications plan to efficiently promote efforts, increase engagement, and improve dialogue among collaborating partners, stakeholders, and neighborhoods in the target area.
Partnerships:
Planners4Health

Cohort 4: Van Zandt County, Texas
Planners4Health: What’s Next?

- Sustaining the Partnership
- Tracks in each Association’s Annual Conferences
- Leadership opportunities in each Association’s governing bodies
- Other opportunities
Awardsing Innovation in Public Health

The Texas Public Health Association is pleased to announce the Dr. Ron J. Anderson Thinking Progressively for Health (TPHA) Award, formally the Thinking Progressively for Health Award. This award was renamed to honor the late Dr. Ron J. Anderson and the innovative ideas and practices he established for the public health profession. It rewards excellence and innovation in current public health practice across the state of Texas.
Dr. Ron J. Anderson TPHA Award (con’t)

- Recipient will receive:
  - a $400 cash award
  - the Dr. Ron J. Anderson Public Health Innovation Award plaque

Recipients’ projects will also be highlighted in the issue of the Texas Public Health Association Journal published following the Annual Education Conference.

For More Information and to Apply: http://www.texaspha.org/page/Awards
QUESTIONS?

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