

# *2006 Elections for the Utah Public Health Association*

## *Candidates for Board of Directors*

### *Joan Ware*

Joan Ware has degrees in English, nursing and public health. She never liked hospitals, so she has devoted her life to keeping people well, working in public health for 28 years at local, state and national levels. Joan is the former director of the Utah Department of Health's Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program. She is a lifetime member of the Utah Public Health Association (UPHA). She has worked on numerous UPHA committees, co-chaired the UPHA annual conference, and was the proud recipient of the 1995 UPHA Beatty Award. She would contribute experience, creativity, energy, and a sense of humor to the board.

### *Nathaniel L. Peterson, MPH*

Utah Department of Health/Bureau of Health Promotion, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

Earned a Master of Public Health degree from California State University, Long Beach in 2003, where my public health career officially launched. My first exposure to public health occurred at a hospital in Southern California where I was responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating a community tobacco and asthma program for youth and adults. I also spent one year at a local health department in bioterrorism preparedness and response managing a memorandum of understanding with the local department of mental health, serving as the distance learning coordinator, and developing preparedness programs for populations with special needs.

My career now takes me to the Utah Department of Health, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. Working in diabetes has truly been rewarding and for the first time in my career, I feel at home. My responsibilities in the diabetes program include monitoring the contracts of local health departments and community-based organizations, administering state certified diabetes programs, managing the Telehealth professional development program, and the pure enjoyment of working in the best diabetes program under the sun.

My rationale for wanting to serve on the board consists of the desire to contribute to the field of public health by collaborating with those who have an interest in public health and developing partnerships to strengthen activities that benefit the residents of Utah.

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**Joseph O. Jarvis**

Joseph Q. Jarvis MD MSPH received degrees in medicine and public health from the University of Utah, where he also completed training in family medicine, preventive medicine, and occupational health. Dr. Jarvis has public health experience serving as a medical officer for OSHA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as well the State Health Officer for Nevada. His clinical and academic experience includes service as a family doctor in a Salt Lake City community health center and a faculty member at the National Jewish Center in Denver and the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Dr. Jarvis currently provides consultative services in occupational and environmental medicine and is the chair of the Utah Newborn Screening Committee. He is president and co-founder of the Utah Alliance for Health Policy Solutions, a non-profit think tank organized to assist the Utah electorate find sustainable, universal health financing.

**Caren J. Frost, Ph.D., M.P.H.**

As a Research Associate Professor in the College of Social Work at the University of Utah, Caren J. Frost brings a public health and anthropological focus to her work. Over the past three years, Caren has conducted research on the psychosocial aspects of women breast cancer patients and survivors through work with the High Risk Breast Cancer Clinic at Huntsman Cancer Institute. In the area of psychosocial research on cancer, she is finishing in-depth interviews with parents from the Huntsman Cancer Institute and the Northern California Cancer Center about parental perceptions regarding minor daughter's participation in cancer-based clinical studies. As a result of her contact with Huntsman Cancer Institute colleagues, she serves on Salt Lake Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Foundation Board as Chair of the Grants Committee and Community Profile development. With Social Work colleagues, Caren has researched the quality of life issues of children with disabilities and their families through a grant by Primary Children's Medical Foundation. Caren's Ph.D. (1995) is from the University of Utah's Department of Anthropology and is in Medical, Cultural, and Applied Anthropology. Her field research for her dissertation was conducted in Morocco from 1994 to 1995, and considered how rural Moroccan women use traditional and modern medical systems and information to provide health care for their families. Her decision to complete her fieldwork in Morocco was due to her work as a Peace Corps Volunteer there in the early 1980s, when she learned Moroccan Arabic and how to successfully live in an Islamic country. After completing her Peace Corps service, she decided to obtain a master's degree in Public Health. Her area of focus for her M.P.H. was in Population and Family Health, specifically emphasizing International Maternal and Child Health program development and evaluation.

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**Jonelle Fitzgerald, BS, CHES**

Graduated from Weber State University. She has coached volleyball, basketball, and softball, and taught health and PE in the public school system. She has been working at the Wasatch County Health Department in Heber City for 7 years, 3 years as Health Promotion Director. During her time in public health, Jonelle served as Wasatch County's Safe Kids Chapter Coordinator and has chaired the ULACHES Tobacco and Cardiovascular Health Workgroups.

**Linda Bogdanow, BS, EHS**

Linda is currently working for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department as the Surveillance Manager. Linda is responsible for evaluating client's complaints, surveillance data from communicable disease sources and environmental database to determine the probably of disease transmission for analysis and disease trends. She also conducts foodborne and waterborne disease outbreak investigations and collaborates investigation efforts with Government Officials on a local, state and national level and collaborates collection of food and water samples. She is also involved in bio-terrorism planning, West Nile Virus surveillance and Small Pox Planning. Linda serves on the State Emergency Surveillance Work Group and is co-chair of the laboratory surveillance workgroup.

**Candidate for the Office of Treasurer**

**Paul R. Wightman**

Paul has a received a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a member of the Utah Public Health Association (Treasurer), the American Public Health Association, and the American Society of Public Administrators. He has over 30 years of professional experience at the Utah Department of Health, in the following positions and Agencies:

INTERNET MANAGER, Office of Public Information & Marketing, Utah Department of Health

INFORMATION ANALYST SUPERVISOR & DEPARTMENT WEB MASTER, Office of Information Technology

INFORMATION ANALYST SUPERVISOR, Office of Administration, Bureau of Information Technology

MANAGEMENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, Office of Administration & Planning

ACTING DIRECTOR, Office of Management Planning

INFORMATION ANALYST SUPERVISOR, Office of Management Planning  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES COORDINATOR, Division of Community Health Services  
DIRECTOR, WIC PROGRAM, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk  
ADMINISTRATOR, WIC PROGRAM, Division of Family Health Services

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Married to Barbara Jean Evans Wightman (for more than 34 years so far!)  
Helped raise six incredible Children; now helps raise three beautiful Grandchildren (so far!)  
Enjoys (and has participated in) Sports of all kinds  
Owns a Ski Boat and LOVES Lake Powell and ANY ocean  
Officiated High School Sports in Utah for over 30 years.

**Candidate for the Office of Affiliate Representative**

**Dan Kinnersley**

Dan has worked in public health at the State and Local level for the past thirty-two years. He is currently Division Director of Community Health Services for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department.

Dan's first professional love is health education. He was an active member of the organizing committee that organized and incorporated the Health Education Association of Utah and served as that association's first president in 1983-84.

Dan has been a member of the Utah Public Health Association for 28 years, serving in many positions including President from 1994-1996, two terms on the Board, chair of two program committees and a member of several of the standing committees. In 1998, Dan was honored as UPHA's Beatty Award recipient, the Association's highest award of merit for public health service in Utah. He currently serves as UPHA's Affiliate Representative to the American Public Health Association (APHA).

Dan has served on numerous State and Local community task forces, steering committees and coalitions whose charge has been to improve and promote a better, healthier life for all ages from infants and children to adults and seniors. Dan has a B.S. degree in Health Education from the University of Utah, and a Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in health care administration from Brigham Young University. Dan and his wife Shauna are the proud parents of five children and three grandchildren.

## *Candidates to serve on the Nominations Committee*

### *Terri Sory*

Terri Sory is currently the Chronic Disease Program Manager for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department. She received her Community Health Sciences degree from the University of Utah and has worked in the public health field for over 11 years. Terri is currently immediate Past-President of the Utah Public Health Association (UPHA). She has also served as Co-Chair in the planning of the Utah Public Health Conference for three years and as member of the planning committee in 1996, 1997, and 1998. Ms. Sory has also been active in the Health Education Association of Utah (HEAU) since 1994 serving in several positions including President, Professional Board Member, and Program Committee Co-Chair. Currently Terri is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree.

### *Corbin Anderson*

Corbin has been an avid participant in the Utah Public Health Association for a number of years. During this time he has pursued his education and his profession. With a Bachelor's degree in Community Health Education and Master's degree in Organizational Management, he has worked in several capacities at the Salt Lake Valley Health Department both at the program and organizational level.

Through UPHA Corbin has served in a multitude of public health projects and advocacy roles. He has served the association at several levels including many committees, Committee Chair positions, Executive Board, Program Committee Co-Chair and most notably, serving as UPHA President. Corbin is a lifelong resident of Utah, is a current resident of Riverton City, and is the father of two children and husband of one wife.

## *Candidate for the Office of Vice President*

### *Laurie Baksh*

Laurie Baksh is the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Data Manager in the UDOH Reproductive Health Program. Before working for PRAMS, she was a study coordinator in the Maternal Fetal Medicine Department at the University of Utah, School of Medicine conducting a CDC sponsored study. Prior to that, she worked for five years in the UDOH Medicaid program.

Laurie received her bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science & Health and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Utah. Since graduating, Laurie has maintained her learning by completing courses in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology, SUDAAN, and is a recent graduate of the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute.

Laurie's interests include perinatal epidemiology and public health interventions. She has had articles and abstracts published in several peer reviewed journals.

Laurie has been a member of UPHA since 1995 and has served in various functions for UPHA including the program committee, newsletter editor (1996 - 1998, 1999 – 2001), and served on the board from 1998 - 2000.