President's Message

UPHA is off to a great start in 2020! The Advocacy Summit is Feb 26th. I had the pleasure of visiting the State Capitol for the UPHA sponsored legislative break. Our senators and representatives were very open and willing to learn about our priorities. One lawmaker asked who are members are. I was proud to say that our members are a wonderful and diverse group of public health professionals from a wide variety of agencies and organizations. I want to acknowledge the board members who have stepped up UPHA’s advocacy game: Brittany Guerra, Carrie Butler, Christy Cushing, and Doreen Egan.

Mark your calendars for the annual Public Health Conference for Utah April 8-10th at the Provo Marriott. We also have an upcoming webinar from the Nutrition Section and a Community Health Workers event. CHWs embody the heart and soul of public health. I was honored to join in their recent bi-annual celebration of success and I truly enjoyed the display of cultural traditions through song and dance.

MemberClicks is here! Our efforts to update our membership system, led by Anna Dillingham, have been a great success. This is the time of year to renew and invite colleagues to join. See detailed membership information HERE. We hope you join us in 2020! - Sharon Talboys, UPHA Board President

Don't Miss the Public Health Conference for Utah April 8-10

When: April 8-10, 2020
Where: Provo Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

We are excited to announce the following keynote speakers:
Nubia Pena - Director, Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs
Ashley Kijowski - Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Ali Crandall - Assistant Professor of Public Health, Brigham Young University

We will also have a wide variety of breakout sessions, including a panel discussion on the progressing EVALI (e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury) health crisis.

Visit UPHA.ORG for more information, including instructions on how to become a sponsor or exhibitor. Registration will be open soon. Follow UPHA on social media to receive current updates.
Let the Board Nominations Begin!
The success of UPHA is dependent on the willingness of its membership to serve in various offices and positions. Each year, as part of the Annual Conference, new officers are elected. UPHA definitely needs you, or someone you know! Learn more about 2020 nominations.

Award Nominations are Open!
It's time to nominate your colleagues for UPHA's annual awards. Peer recognition is the best kind of recognition! Take a few minutes to share the great accomplishments of your co-workers and partners. Please submit your nominations to ivy@co.davis.ut.us by 5pm Friday, March 20th. Visit UPHA.ORG to learn about the awards.

UPHA Call for Resolutions!
Now is your opportunity to propose resolutions to be considered by the UPHA membership at our annual business meeting. The business meeting will be held on Friday, April 10th in conjunction with the Public Health Conference for Utah. If you have a resolution you would like the membership to consider, please send a draft to Anna Dillingham no later than Friday, March 20th. View examples of previously passed resolutions here. A spokesperson for the resolution must be a current, paid member of UPHA and will be expected to present the resolution during the annual business meeting. Please contact Anna if you have any questions - adillingham@utah.gov or 801-538-6434.

Now Accepting Applications for the 2020 Meghan Arnold Emerging Leader Scholarship
This annual scholarship recognizes emerging student leaders in Utah for their extraordinary contributions to the field of public health. The 2020 Meghan Arnold Award winner will receive a registration to the 2020 Public Health Conference for Utah with hotel accommodations for one night. Applications are due by March 20th. Visit UPHA.ORG to learn more.

Check out the NEW UPHA.ORG!

Section Updates

Nutrition Section

Save the Date - the Nutrition Section is kicking off National Nutrition Month on Friday, March 6th with a webinar from noon-1pm. We will discuss current public health nutrition programs in Utah. More information soon to come.

CHW Annual Conference –

April 8, 2020 - 9am-4pm - Marriott Hotel in Provo
**Advocacy Updates**

Last chance to register for the 2020 Advocacy Academy, hosted by UPHA, USOPHE, and Action Utah. This hands-on training and panel discussion will be **February 26th from 9am-2pm** at the Utah State Office Building Auditorium. CHES credits will be available. Online registration ends February 24th. [Learn more and register HERE](#).

The 2020 legislative session is in full swing! Take advantage of the recorded [UPHA Advocacy Webinar Series](#) to brush up on your advocacy skills. You can find a list of UPHA priority health issues, links to bill trackers, and tips for advocating for public health on the [UPHA Advocacy Page](#).

For the first time, Utah will participate in the Presidential Primary voting process on Tuesday, March 3rd. Learn how you can be a part of Utah's first Super Tuesday [HERE](#).

Recordings are available of the APHA and Change Lab Solutions webinar, Advocacy in the Current Political Climate. [Check them out here](#).

**Board Member Spotlight - Pam Lyon**

Pam Lyon serves as the UPHA secretary. Pam is the Administrative Program Coordinator for the Division of Public Health at the University of Utah where she manages the division's Learning Abroad Program and coordinates all Global Health activities for faculty and staff. Pam likes to travel. Her favorite vacation spot is the Caribbean. In 2013, she traveled to Ghana for three weeks with the University of Utah Jr. Global Scholars program to learn about cultural, social, and public health issues facing the people of Ghana. In her free time, Pam likes to read, listen to music, and go for walks. **Why join UPHA?** UPHA gives individuals the opportunity to work with other public health professionals and be involved in helping communities in Utah.

**Student Spotlight - David Contreras**

Davis Contreras is a student at the University of Utah. He is interested in the healthcare industry because he wants to work with a team of people focused on improving the lives of others and advocating for their well-being. David has had the opportunity to do humanitarian work in Nepal, Romania, and Uganda. His work focused on improving the quality of healthcare in rural, underserved, and low-income communities. Music is an important part of David's life and he has had the opportunity to sing in various vocal jazz and choral groups and tour throughout the world. In July, David will begin an administrative fellowship at Northwell Health in New York. His goal is to be a leader in program network development to improve access to healthcare and improve the quality of the human condition. **Why join UPHA SA?** It gives students the opportunity to engage in multidisciplinary settings where they are able to learn from a variety of people and healthcare professionals.
What Else Do You Need to Know?

1. **2020 Health Services Research Conference** - March 26, 2020 - Murray, Utah - Come share your story and help shape health services research in Utah! Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to register. Contact nick.baker@imail.org to learn more.

2. The **Get Healthy Utah Annual Stakeholder Retreat** will be March 26, 2020. Come hear from Dr. Gabriel Kaplan about why *place matters* and how we can better address social determinants of health. Register [HERE](#).

3. Check out the **APHA Health Equity fact sheets**. Topic include advancing health equity, promoting environmental justice, assuring health and educational equity, and water and health equity.

4. **National Poison Prevention Week** is March 15-21.