Happy February! As many of you know, there is a holiday this month that celebrates LOVE!

Here are some things that I LOVE about UPHA:

1. UPHA is a trusted public health organization that has been in existence for over 100 years.
2. UPHA supports me by giving me a voice to advocate for important public health issues.
3. UPHA provides me with professional development and continuing education.
4. UPHA collaborates with other organizations to accomplish mutual goals.
5. UPHA is comprised of passionate and caring people who want to make a difference.
6. I enjoy connecting with colleagues at the annual Utah Conference for Public Health.
7. There are many opportunities to serve with like-minded people on an amazing board.

We have been working with an agency who offered their services to us pro bono, to dive deeper into our brand and determine what is the SOUL of UPHA. We distilled it down to this: Our Communities, Our Health. I am so grateful to be in a leadership position at such a venerable organization during these challenging times for public health! I hope you all will join me by joining UPHA and working together to make Utah a better, healthier place.

During this month (and all months) reach out to someone you love and let them know how much they mean to you. Love makes the world go round.

Register for the UPHA Virtual Public Health Conference
UPHA
2022 VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE FOR UTAH
ADAPTING TO A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH
MARCH 22-24, 2022

Registration
Registration is now open. Early bird prices are available until February 12th.

Abstracts
Abstract applications for presentations and poster sessions are being accepted until Feb 1st.

Participants
The Conference is ideal for people working in:
- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Healthcare
- Environmental Health
- Community Health Workers
- Students

Visit UPHA.ORG for more information
During the January UPHA Board Meeting the Board voted to recommend proposed amendments to the UPHA Bylaws to be discussed at the virtual UPHA Annual Meeting scheduled on Tuesday March 22, 2022 from 1-3pm. Other than various technical amendments, there are three significant proposed changes. You can review the changes and learn more about the UPHA bylaws on the UPHA website.

If you have any questions, please contact UPHA Vice President Christy Cushing ccushing@utah.gov

Nominate UPHA Board and Committee Members


Submit nominations here: https://forms.gle/EhKw6X9RsJedFCPj7

UPHA's 2022 Award Nominations are Now Open!

Please take a moment today to nominate an individual, group, or organization who has made a significant contribution to public health in Utah by Monday, February 28 at 5 p.m.

For nomination information visit https://www.upha.org/get-involved/awards/

2021 Community Grant Winners

The Fiscal Unit received many competitive grant applications the past few months, and, after careful consideration and evaluation, the UPHA Board is pleased to announce the following recipients of community grants.

$1,000 awardees:

- Community Garden Implementation and Nutrition Education Program Planning for Refugees in Utah County
- LifeStart Village: A self-sufficiency housing program for single-parent families
- PIK2AR: Empowered Living Services 24/7 Emergency Pantry Launch

$500 awardees:

- The Martha Hughes Cannon Initiative: Vaccine Advocacy
- Create Better Health Cooking Series

Thank you to all those who submitted an application, and please continue to improve the lives of people living in our communities. Applications for 2022 community grants will open this fall, and more information will be provided closer to that time.

National Poison Prevention Week
National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) is March 20-26, 2022. The purpose of NPPW is to bring awareness to the dangers of poisoning and promote prevention tips and strategies in an effort to reduce poison exposures. Poisoning is the number one cause of unintentional injury death in the United States and in Utah and can happen at any age. Join Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) in spreading poison prevention information. Order free materials to share with others, give a poison prevention lesson in your community, download activity sheets for kids and share 16 tips to prevent poisonings in people of all ages. Connect with the UPCC on social media @utahpoison to learn more during #NPPW22 and throughout the year. Program the poison help number (1-800-222-1222) into your phone today. Together we can make a difference! For questions contact Sherrie Pace, sherrie.pace@hsc.utah.edu

What Else You Need to Know

- APHA's ongoing webinar/event [calendar](https://www.apha.org/calendar)
- Connect with UPHA on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://twitter.com), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com)
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