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Allison A. Adams

Kentucky Health Departments Association

Allison Adams, MPA, RN, CLC is the current President of the Kentucky Health Department Association. Allison began her career as the Public Health Director for the Buffalo Trace District Health Department in August of 2008. As the Director, she is responsible for the operation of a small multicounty health department and ensuring the delivery of a broad range of public health services to 20,000 residents.

Allison has a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine from Marietta College and a Master of Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University. She completed the Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute from the School of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. She also holds a Certificate for lactation counseling. Allison completed an associate degree in nursing in the Spring of 2016.

Prior to becoming the Public Health Director, Allison served as the community health educator for the Buffalo Trace District Health Department for 8 years. While in her role as health educator she was instrumental in building community partnerships with the goal of improving the health status of Mason and Robertson County residents.

Allison believes strongly in the value of public health and its influence in disease prevention. As the public health director, she has begun efforts to grow the capacity of her local health department to meet all aspect of public health. She sees the need to engage public health staff, local elected officials, key leaders, and the community to embrace their role in addressing the social determinants of health. Allison has made it her presidential mission in Kentucky to develop the local health department director's role of Chief Health Strategist.

Melissa Adamson

Peoria City/County Health Department

Melissa Adamson, Director of Community Health Policy & Planning/Assistant Administrator at the Peoria City/County Health Department, has over 20 years' experience in public health including developing, managing, and evaluating health communications, programming and operations. She is passionate about improving population health through investing in programs and advocating for policies that address the underlying causes of disease and build capacity to respond effectively to changing needs. She oversees several collaborative initiatives addressing community health improvement priorities.

Nelson Agbodo

Illinois Department of Public Health

Nelson Agbodo is a Health Statistician in the Division of Health Data and Policy at IDPH. He is responsible for the development of the IQuery database and coordinates data from several sources within and outside of IDPH. He has a Master's degree in Economics from University of Lome, Togo (2005) and an MPH from UIS (2012), as well as undergraduate degrees in Economics from University of Lome (2004) and Statistics in Cote d'Ivoire (2000).

Mark Angelini

Mercy Housing Lakefront

Mark Angelini, President of Mercy Housing Lakefront, has 30 years of experience in economic, community, and real estate development, including structuring of public-private partnerships, redevelopment project planning, property disposition, developer negotiation, and development management. His efforts in public, private, and nonprofit firms and institutions have revitalized numerous communities in Chicago, its suburbs, downstate Illinois, and in Milwaukee, WI. Mercy Housing Lakefront is the regional leader in providing service-enriched housing to families and individuals of limited means. MHL has developed, owns, operates, and provides services to over 8,000 residents in 5,600 units at 52 properties in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Kyle Auman

Ogle County Health Department

Kyle Auman is the Public Administrator for the Ogle County Health Department where he has been employed since 2016. Mr. Auman has created Workforce Development Plans for two health departments and is focused on addressing local gaps within the public health workforce. Mr. Auman is a member of IPHA's Public Health is Stronger Together (PHIST) Workforce Development Workgroup and hopes to have an impact on the public health workforce statewide.

Ross Black

City of Peoria

Ross Black, Director of the Community Development Department for the City of Peoria, has two decades of increasing responsibility and experience in urban planning/growth management, economic development, land use law, building safety, budgeting, fiscal impact analysis, grants management, and code enforcement. As part of his current senior leadership role, Ross engages elected officials at the local, state, and federal level, private developers and lenders, and community groups and residents around neighborhood revitalization efforts, and is working closely with the University of Illinois on its Designing Healthy Communities initiative in Peoria.

Karla Burress

Tazewell County Health Department

Karla Burress has worked in Public Health for 24 years. She is currently the Assistant Administrator of TCHD and leads the Quality Improvement program. Karla holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Food/Nutrition/Dietetics from Illinois State University.

Brian Castrucci

de Beaumont Foundation

Brian C. Castrucci, MA, is the Acting Chief Executive Officer at the de Beaumont Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to strengthen and transform public health in the United States. As Acting CEO, Castrucci is responsible for identifying and fostering visionary public health projects and contributing to the strategic design and tactical implementation of Foundation initiatives. He has ensured that public health research and practice go hand-in-hand through grants such as the Practical Playbook, the BUILD Health Challenge, the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey, and the Big Cities Health Coalition.

Castrucci seeks to bring academic rigor to public health practice and a focus on actionable outcomes to public health research. His commitment to improving population health, furthering robust collaboration between public health and primary care, and strengthening public health infrastructure in the United States is informed by a decade of experience working in state and local health departments.

As an award-winning epidemiologist and public health leader, Castrucci has published more than 50 articles in the areas of public health systems and services research, maternal and child health, health promotion, and chronic disease prevention. His recent work has focused on the public health needs of large cities, the need for better data systems, and public health system improvements. He is an editor and contributing author to *The Practical Playbook. Public Health. Primary Care.* Together published by Oxford University Press in 2015. Castrucci blogs on public health topics at the Huffington Post, where he is committed to advancing an understanding and awareness of public health issues through new media.

Castrucci graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from North Carolina State University and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in 2006. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Public Health Leadership at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's the Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Denise Chrysler

Network for Public Health Law

I have practiced public health law for over thirty years. Currently, I direct the Network for Public Health Law's Mid-States Region, located at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. The Network provides a wide range of services to assist public health agencies and practitioners and their partners to use law to improve the health of communities. I provide legal technical assistance and consulting related to the collection, use, sharing, and protection of data for public health and community intervention. I serve as a member of my local Board of Health and on Michigan's Governor's Public Health Advisory Council.

Heidi Clark

Illinois Department of Public Health

Heidi Clark is the Division Chief of Health Data and Policy at the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). She is responsible for overseeing the Center for Health Statistics, Center for Rural Health, and is involved in much of the Department's opioid data analysis. She is the Project Director for the naloxone distribution and care coordination grant in 18 counties in south-central Illinois. Additionally, Heidi coordinates reporting for the State Health Improvement Plan. Heidi received an MPH from New York University (2016) and a B.A. in Human Biology from Stanford University (2011).

Peter Corcoran

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Peter Corcoran, MPH, is an Epidemiologist and Lecturer for the Department of Population Health at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science's College of Health Professions. Mr. Corcoran does special project and research advising for the department in environmental and public health. He is currently evaluating the Lake County's Away Out Program, workforce development in long-term care, and vector biology for the spread of Malaria. Mr. Corcoran holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from John Carroll University and a Master of Public Health from Loyola University Chicago.

Cathy Coverston Anderson

McLean County Health Department

Cathy Coverston Anderson is the Assistant Director of the McLean County Health Department, Bloomington, Illinois. The 89 employees of the health department serve 173,000+ residents in the largest geographic county in the state. With over 30 years of experience in public health, she has been involved in the community health needs assessment and health improvement plan development process since the early 1990's, always in collaboration with community partners. She holds a BS in Nursing and a BA in English from the University of Minnesota, and a Master of Science degree from the Harvard University School of Public Health.

Bill Dart

Illinois Department of Public Health

Bill Dart is the Deputy Director of Policy, Planning and Statistics at IDPH. Bill has been with DPH for over seven years. He oversees the Division of Health Data and Policy, Division of Epidemiologic Studies, Division of Patient Safety and Quality, and the Division of Vital Records. Bill received an MBA from University Illinois, Springfield (1998) a BA from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Liberal Arts and Sciences (1989).

Kristin Davis

Thresholds

Dr. Kristin Davis is Director of Evaluation and oversees all internal evaluation activities at Thresholds. As the Director, she is responsible for supporting information-based decision making and improving organizational performance. Kristin has broad experience in research methods, monitoring and evaluation, and qualitative analysis. Prior to heading up the Evaluation Department, Kristin was the Assistant Research Director and was responsible for designing and overseeing non-federal grant funded research studies, with a particular focus on integrated health care and wellness.

Jaime Dircksen

Trinity Health

Jaime Dircksen serves as the Director for the Community Health Institute at Trinity Health. In this position, she works across the 22 state systems in collaboration with hospitals and communities to address the root causes of poor health by using innovative policy, system and environmental change strategies. Jaime also leads the Transforming Communities Initiative launched in 2016 across eight Regional Health Ministries. Jaime previously served as the Managing Deputy Commissioner at the Chicago Department of Public Health. In that role, she worked with 100s of organizations to launch Healthy Chicago 2.0, the city's first health equity plan.

Stacie Ealey

Tazewell County Health Department

Stacie Ealey received a bachelors of science from Eastern Illinois University in 2000. She has worked for the Tazewell County Health Department for 16 years, serving in her current role as the Director of Community Health for the past 13.

Kimberly S. Elliott

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Kimberly Elliott, PhD is the chair and program director for the Health Services Administration program. During her time on Rosalind Franklin, she has worked in curriculum development and her most recent accomplishment has been building their new Population Health Master of Science degree program. Dr. Elliott is part of Rosalind Franklin's research team which is currently evaluating Lake County's Away Out Program.

Dr. Elliott graduated from the University of Florida's college of Public Health and Health Professions with a doctorate in Health Services research, Management and Policy. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Wesleyan College.

During her time at UF, Dr. Elliott was involved in Medicaid reform evaluation studies for the state of Florida. Her research involved both quantitative and qualitative studies of the Medicaid enrollees' experiences with their care as well as the performances of different health plans within the state of Florida. Her personal research interest is in studying the health outcomes for children with special healthcare needs.

Jane Erickson

ReThink Health

Jane Erickson, MPA, MAIR is a Project Director at ReThink Health. Jane oversees strategy and implementation for ReThink Health Ventures, a national project that is exploring how multi-sector partnerships can accelerate their change efforts to transform health in their communities. Jane has a passion for cross-sector community change, shaped through collaborative governance. She has extensive experience leading large-scale projects, guiding grantmaking, and conducting research, and has authored multiple reports and blogs about the opportunities and challenges multi-sector partnerships for health face in their work. Prior to joining ReThink Health, she ran the grants department at the Clinton Health Access Initiative and was a Fulbright Scholar in Indonesia. Jane holds a master's degree in public administration (MPA), a master of arts in international relations (MAIR), and a certificate in public health from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, as well as a BA from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, where she is currently president of the alumnae association.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Forbes

Kane County Division of Transportation

Jackie serves as a Senior Transportation Planner for the Kane County Division of Transportation and a Senior Regional Planning Liaison for the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors. She is responsible for transportation planning and programming activities related to highway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities and projects. Prior to this position, she was the Health Planner for Kane County Health Department where she guided two community health assessments and completed an update to the Department's community health improvement plan.

Amy Fox

Tazewell County Health Department

Amy Fox is the administrator of Tazewell County Health Department. She has worked in Public Health for 27 years and has been an Administrator for 12 years. Amy has a strong background of work with schools and community coalitions. Notably, she helped to develop the Tazewell County Youth Board which is a youth leadership organization that has been active for over 25 years and the 21st Century Schools program which serves 18 participating schools and provides year around out of school time activities in Tazewell County. Most recently, she has assisted revitalizing the Partnership for a Healthy Community along with Peoria and Woodford Counties. This Partnership is charged with carrying out the work of improving our selected health priorities.

Stephanie Frank

Illinois Department of Human Services

Stephanie Frank is the Project Director for the Illinois Prevent Prescription Drug/Overdose-Related Deaths (PDO) at the Illinois Department of Human Services/ Division of Substance Abuse. PDO is a federal project that distributes naloxone in a number of high-risk counties in Illinois. The grantees in those counties train and distribute Naloxone to first responders and bystanders. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Stephanie has worked for over 30 years as a clinician, advocate, trainer and administrator in child welfare, mental health and adult and adolescent substance use. Stephanie has a Master's in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Angela Freeman

Building Healthy Urban Communities at Rush University Medical Center

Angela is the Project Manager for Building Healthy Urban Communities at Rush University Medical Center. In her role, Angela provides daily oversight and management of this grant-funded initiative designed to improve education, employment and health outcomes of Chicago's west and south sides. This project is a collaboration with the Medical Home Network (MHN) and Malcolm X City College to develop curriculum for new allied health professionals, advance more sophisticated and effective continuing education models for providers and health professionals within MHN, train an elite group of health disparities researchers and test new models of care while ensuring efficiency, cost control and high quality.

April Harris

Public Health Accreditation Board

April Harris, MPH, CHES, has been with the Public Health Accreditation Board since 2016, serving as an Accreditation Specialist, primarily working with accredited health departments completing Annual Reports and reaccreditation preparation. Prior to joining PHAB's team, she worked at Three Rivers District Health Department in Kentucky for eleven years, with her work focusing on accreditation, quality improvement and community health. She received her Master's degree from the University of Kentucky.

Georgia Heise

Three Rivers District Health Department (KY)

Georgia Heise, DrPH is a Past President of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). She recently chaired the search committee that led the nationwide search for organization's new executive director. She is a co-lead for NACCHO's new Rural Health Section and serves on numerous committees. For the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), she serves on the Finance Think Tank, the Social Determinants of Health Think Tank and the Advisory Subcommittee for the Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support OSTLTS. Additionally, Dr. Heise was a part of a group of thought leaders convened under the auspices of the Public Health Leadership Forum (<http://www.resolve.org/site/healthleadershipforum>), funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to author The Department of Health and Human Services as the Nation's Chief Health Strategist: Transforming Public Health and Health Care to Create Healthy Communities. She is currently involved in another project with RESOLVE, the Public Health Leadership Form and Health Care Transformation Task Force Partnership. She was among an assembly of cross-sectoral leaders from across the country brought together by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to participate in the development of their Culture of Health work. She is a National Public Health Leadership Institute Fellow, President of the Southern Health Association and a member of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Heise is passionate about

advancing public health through accreditation, governance, and policy development. She speaks and trains nationally on these topics and others.

At home in Kentucky, Dr. Heise is the Director for Three Rivers District Health Department, one of the first health departments in the nation to achieve PHAB accreditation. Three Rivers was designated one the 2015 Best Places to Work by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Three Rivers is one of six local health departments that participated in a pilot project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study Foundational Public Health Services. Dr. Heise is involved in many initiatives across the Commonwealth. She is active with the Kentucky Health Department Association (Kentucky's SACCHO which she represents at NACCHO) and the Kentucky Public Health Association. She has been a mentor for a Balderson Award winning Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute Project and is a fellow of the institute. Dr. Heise was recently recognized as a "Rural Health Champion" by the Kentucky Office of Rural Health. She is a regular guest lecturer for the University of Kentucky's College of Public Health, where she is a member of Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society, Beta Gamma Chapter, and very active with many of the College's other projects, including the National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems.

Monica Hendrickson

Peoria City/County Health Department

Monica Hendrickson, MPH is the Public Health Administrator at the Peoria City/County Health Department and facilitates the Behavioral Health Committee for the Partnership for a Healthy Community - a tri-county community health initiative between Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties. Most recently, Ms. Hendrickson was the Epidemiologist at PCCHD and previously worked as the Director of Health Protection at Knox County Health Department from 2010-2013. Ms. Hendrickson graduated with a MPH in 2008 from the University of Michigan and a BS in 2005 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Michael Jones

Rush University Medical Center

Michael is one of the newest members to Rush's HR team. Prior to Rush, Michael was a campus recruiter at Walgreen Boot Alliance, Michael was responsible for recruitment and community engagement strategies for the East and upper Midwest regions of the United States; directly impacting the hiring strategies over 4000 stores. He led a team of eight Regional recruiters throughout the country. Michael has over eight years of communication, marketing and business strategy experience within corporate, local government and the education sector. Currently, he is responsible for building-out and leading Rush's Anchor Mission Community local hiring initiative, which aims to hire and retain individuals from geographically defined Chicago neighborhoods. In his role, Michael will take a proactive, high-touch approach to building strong talent networks in groups of long-term value and importance to Rush and will be responsible for positively impacting, monitoring, and reporting key engagement, outreach, and hiring metrics. He holds a master degree from the Northwestern University, Evanston.

Devangna "Guddi" Kapadia

MidAmerica Center for Public Health Practice

Ms. Kapadia is the assistant director of the MidAmerica Center for Public Health Practice (MCPHP) at UIC and has been working in public health workforce education and development for over 15 years. She has led multiple training projects and addressing training needs in areas of leadership, preparedness, community transformation, and social determinants of health. Ms. Kapadia brings years of experience planning, building, and delivering online/distance-based, blended, and in-person training. She also has experience configuring and adapting learning management systems for a variety of target audiences. Her work has translated academic research into practice-oriented training in a variety of formats.

Yoko Kato

Tazewell County Health Department

Yoko Kato is the Business Operations Supervisor at Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD). Her work involves fiscal and grant management. Yoko graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a BBA in Accounting.

Kimberly Keenan

The gitm Foundation

Kim Keenan, MS, MSW, LCSW, PhD received a Masters Degree in Social Work, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and adjunct professor of graduate studies at The University of Illinois. She earned her PhD in Applied Ecology from The Department of Integrated Ecology at the Institute of Global Education, in association with the United Nations Department of Public Information, Portland State University and Greenwich University. Kim is a national speaker, educator and freelance writer. Her research in the health benefits of nature has been featured in Health Environment & Research Design Journal, "Nature Contacts: Employee Wellness in Healthcare", Winter 2015. Currently, she serves as program manager, education and research director for The gitm Foundation.

Kathleen Kelly

Peoria Police Department

Kathleen Kelly is a Management Analyst at the Peoria Police Department. She is a native of Peoria and a graduate of Peoria Public Schools, and has worked with social service agencies and the medical community in her previous role as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Prairie State Legal Services. She received her Master's in Public Administration from Rutgers University in 2015 with a specialization in Community Development, and returned to Peoria to put those skills to use improving communication and integration across systems at the Department.

Sidney Kenyon

DuPage County Division of Transportation

Sidney Kenyon is the Senior Transportation Planner with the DuPage County Division of Transportation. Since he took over in October of 2016, Sid has served as the trails coordinator for the County, project manager of the Elgin-O'Hare Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and a key staff member in the development of the County's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Sid possesses a diverse public service background. Immediately prior to working at DuPage, he was the Transportation Planner for McHenry County's Division of Transportation—a role in which he served as the bike coordinator and the MCRide paratransit program administrator. Before his role with McHenry County, Sid worked in a planning capacity for the Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. Hailing from the Land of Lincoln, Sid received his BA in Geography and Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and his Masters in Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP) from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Sid resides in Forest Park with his wife, Kathryn, and in his free time he enjoys birdwatching, bonsai, and rooting for the Chicago Bears.

Amanda Kim

Illinois Department of Public Health

Amanda Kim, J.D. is Head of Strategic Health Initiatives at the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), responsible for leading all opioid-related programs and activities at the agency. She served as the IDPH lead author for the State of Illinois Opioid Action Plan and has been coordinating implementation efforts in collaboration with other state agencies. She has spearheaded IDPH efforts to obtain opioid-related federal funding, recently obtaining a \$2 million grant from SAMHSA for opioid overdose response activities in rural Illinois. Amanda received a J.D. from Harvard Law School (2009) and a B.A. in Psychology from Northwestern University (2005).

Izabela M. Krzos

Thresholds

Izabela M. Krzos is the Senior Evaluation Manager at Thresholds. Her passion for developing a data fluent culture, using data for program improvement and an interest in developing innovative dashboard reports and data visualizations is what led Izabela to the field of monitoring and evaluation. In this role, Izabela oversees the implementation of evaluation and monitoring projects at Thresholds, works with stakeholders to define project objectives, data collection methods and deliverables that shape and influence service delivery. She brings expertise in project management, survey design, and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Lari LaBello

Illinois Central College

Lari LaBello, RN, BSN, Nursing Assistant Program Director at Illinois Central College, has run the day-to-day operations for one of the largest Nursing Assistant Programs in the State of Illinois for the past seven years. An RN with almost twenty years of experience, Lari combines a working knowledge of healthcare and a passion for serving marginalized populations to equip students with a marketable skill in one semester. Lari has established relationships with the Peoria Housing Authority, Heartland Health, Neighborhood House, and many other local agencies to help eliminate barriers to student success.

Miriam Link-Mullison

Illinois Public Health Association

Miriam Link-Mullison has over 35 years' experience in public health, including 20 years as director of the Jackson County Health Department. She has served as President of the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) and the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators and has been a part of many statewide planning initiatives. She currently has a contractual position with IPHA facilitating the Public Health Is Stronger Together (PHIST) Initiative and developing a statewide workforce development plan.

Amy Lulich

University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System

Amy Lulich is the Director of Health Policy and Strategy for the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System (UI Health). Her role is to monitor federal, state, and local health policy changes, analyze and communicate to internal and external audiences their potential impacts, and provide strategic guidance for UI Health leadership. She also provides programmatic leadership for initiatives related to Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act. Her current areas of focus include: payment and delivery system reform, workforce, Medicaid managed care and health system operations.

Jessica Lynch

Illinois Public Health Institute

Jess Lynch is Program Director at the Illinois Public Health Institute and has 15 years of experience in public health and community development. Since 2015, Jess has partnered with health care, public health, and community based organizations in Cook County to develop the Alliance for Health Equity, a collaborative of over 30 hospitals, 6 public health departments and regional and community partners working together to address population health priorities. Jess has experience working on a range of community health topics including labor rights for domestic workers, food security and SNAP policy, housing and economic development initiatives to address suburban poverty, obesity prevention, healthcare system reform, and climate change adaptation.

Amanda Mehl

Boone County Health Department

Amanda Mehl earned a BA from Beloit College, her MPH from the UIC and her AA from Rock Valley College. Through the completion of intensive academic studies in nursing, public health, gender studies, and modern languages as well as unique cultural internship experiences abroad, Amanda is academically and professionally motivated to address local population health. With 12 years of experience in the field, Amanda currently oversees the operations of the Boone County Health Department as their Public Health Administrator. Amanda serves on the Workforce Development Subcommittee of IAPHA and the IPHA Executive Council and is president elect for IPHNA.

Meredith Nelson

OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center

Meridith Nelson is the Director of Strategic Planning & Community Health at OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois. With over 20 years of health care experience, she has spent the last 15 years focused in health care business development, strategic planning, and decision support in not-for-profit, faith-based health systems. Current areas of responsibility and oversight include strategic planning, program development, decision support, community

health, and community benefit reporting. She holds a BS in Pharmacy from the University of Kansas, a Master's degree in Health Administration and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Iowa.

Mark Peters

St. Clair County Health Department

Mark is a public health leader serving the citizens of St. Clair County. He has 30 years of public health experience at the international, state, and local level. He holds Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Ecology and a Master's degree in Epidemiology and Community Health Planning. He has worked with the WHO in Yugoslavia and Denmark, the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health. He believes that the success of any community endeavor stands upon the art of relationship building and the capacity of partners to practice genuine collaboration. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

Julie A. Pryde

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Julie A. Pryde, MSW, MPH is the Administrator of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. She is a Fellow of the Mid-America Public Health Leadership Institute, a Licensed Social Worker, and a Certified Public Health Administrator. Julie has completed the CDC and Emory University's "Epidemiology in Action" course. She is an accomplished grant writer, researcher, and public speaker with over 10 publications including Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, Journal of Infectious Disease, Proceedings of the International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance 2011, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly, Journal of Adolescence and the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services. In addition to presenting at numerous Illinois conferences, she presented at such national conferences as the American Public Health Association, National Association of City and County Health Officials, NetSmart's Connections, International Mobile Health Conference, the US Conference on AIDS, and the National Harm Reduction Conference. Under her leadership CUPHD received national accreditation through PHAB, numerous awards, and several NACCHO Model Practice and Promising Practice Awards.

Lynden Schuyler

Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS)

Lynden Schuyler is with the Public Health Associate Program, Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) with the CDC. During her tour of duty with the Boone County Health Department, she has been working in personal health, specifically chronic disease and health inequities. She has also been integral in the PHAB and MAPP processes for the department. Lynden provides research and data analysis as the Health Department strives toward greater community outreach and increasing its prevention programs. Prior to coming to CDC, Ms. Schuyler was a management and marketing consultant in the banking industry in New York City.

Karen Soderberg

Minnesota Department of Health

Ms. Soderberg is a Research Scientist at the Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Health Information Technology. In this position she coordinates and directs statewide informatics profile of adoption and use of electronic health records and secure exchange and interoperability of health information. She also supports workgroup activities of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative, including e- health information exchange, prescribing, consumer engagement, workforce, data analytics, and related priorities. She holds an MS from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, specializing in research methodology.

Craig W. Thomas

Center for State, Tribal, Local, Territorial Support (CSTLTS),
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As Associate Director for Strategy within CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (proposed), Craig Thomas, PhD, MS provides leadership and strategic direction to governmental public health agencies in adapting to new and emerging public health threats, strengthening organizational performance, and other aspects of public health practice that drive improvements in population health. In this role, he fosters the development of effective relationships,

partnerships, and strategic alliances across the governmental public health system to improve policy and program strategies for greater health impact.

Dr. Thomas joined CDC in 1998 where he has held leadership positions within a variety of public health programs including CDC's HIV and AIDS Prevention Program, The Guide to Community Preventive Services, the Public Health Preparedness and Response Program, the National Public Health Improvement Initiative, and the PHHS Block Grant. Most recently Dr. Thomas served as Director of the Division of Public Health Performance Improvement within CSTLTS, where he developed and led a division focused on providing guidance and strategic direction on a system of performance and accountability to improve STLT public health performance and health outcomes. A recognized expert in continuous quality improvement, program evaluation, systems thinking, multi-sector collaboration, and population health improvement, Dr. Thomas brings over 25 years' experience working with STLTs, local communities, non-profit organizations, national public health partners, and other federal agencies. Dr. Thomas received a PhD in applied social psychology with an emphasis in applied research methods, performance measurement, and program evaluation from the Claremont Graduate University, a master's degree in experimental psychology from California State University Fullerton, and a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of California Irvine.

Julie Trocchio

Catholic Health Association

Julie Trocchio is senior director of community benefit and continuing care for the Catholic Health Association of the United States. She coordinates CHA activities related to community benefits and tax-exemption of not-for-profit healthcare organizations and leads the association's programs for Catholic-sponsored long-term and elder care. Julie has nursing degrees from Georgetown University and the University of Maryland.

Awais Vaid

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Awais Vaid is the Director of Planning and Research and the Epidemiologist at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. He has worked at the Health District since 2004. He received his Medical Degree from India and his Masters in Public Health from Northern Illinois University. Awais is a Fellow of the Public Health Leadership Institute at UIC and also serves as member of the Institutional Biosafety Committee at the University of Illinois. He has completed the CDC and Emory University's "Epidemiology in Action" course. Awais is an accomplished grant writer, researcher, and public speaker with publications in professional journals including Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, Journal of Infectious Disease, Proceedings of the International Meeting on Emerging Diseases and Surveillance 2011, and Morbidity and Mortality Weekly. In addition to presenting at numerous Illinois conferences, he has presented at such national conferences as the American Public Health Association, National Association of City and County Health Officials, NetSmart's Connections, International Mobile Health Conference, the US Conference on AIDS, and the National Harm Reduction Conference. Under his leadership CUPHD received national accreditation through PHAB, numerous awards, and several NACCHO Model Practice and Promising Practice Awards.

Christina R. Welter

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Christina R. Welter, DrPH, MPH is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Community Health Sciences Division at the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health (UIC SPH). She also serves as Associate Director of the Doctorate in Public Health Leadership Program and the Director of the MidAmerica Center for Public Health Practice. Dr. Welter's passion and scholarship focuses on developing and evaluating comprehensive policy and systems approaches to address the structural and social determinants of health.

Dr. Welter collaborates with diverse partners to lead several national and regional leadership and practice-based research initiatives, including serving Principal Investigator for the Human Resources and Services Administration Funded Public Health Training Collaborative and the Deputy Director of the Healthy Communities through Healthy Work Initiative at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health funded UIC SPH Center for Healthy Work. She also currently serves on Illinois Public Health Association's Executive Council and is one of the founding members IPHA's new statewide Workforce Development Committee. She was previously the Deputy Director of the Prevention Services Unit at the Cook County Department of Public Health. Under her leadership, she catalyzed the establishment of several ongoing and award-winning leadership collaboratives and secured over 25 million dollars in funding to implement policy, systems and environmental changes initiatives. Dr. Welter was also a part of a research team that received the 2013 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Active Living Research Award for Translating Research to Policy.

Lesley Wolf

Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute

Lesley Wolf is the Program Director for the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute (HWLI) in the Population Health Institute's Mobilizing Action Towards Community Health (MATCH) Group at the University of Wisconsin. HWLI strengthens collaborative Leadership capacity to advance health and health equity in Wisconsin by providing systematic and accessible public and community health leadership training. Lesley has been providing coaching, training and technical assistance to build leadership capacity for HWLI communities since 2008. She works with coalitions across Wisconsin to address root causes of inequities, and center leadership of those most impacted to advance health and health equity. Prior to joining the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Lesley served as the Sales Manager for Homegrown Wisconsin Cooperative. In this role, she supported Wisconsin organic vegetable growers as a liaison to chefs in Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison and organized communities to develop localized food systems. Lesley's work is rooted in social justice and analyzing relationships and systems of power to promote social change. Lesley's program interests are the social determinants of health and health equity; grassroots community organizing; strategic planning and implementation of public health policy. Lesley also serves on the board of directors for GSAFE, a statewide organization dedicated to creating Wisconsin school communities where LGBTQ+ students can thrive.

Gary E. Zaborac

Clay County Public Health Center (MO)

Gary E. Zaborac, MS has been Director of Public Health for Clay County, Missouri since 2004. He has over 32 years in Public Health practice. He spent over 18 years in the Illinois Public Health System having worked at the Peoria City/County Health Department and The Illinois Department of Public Health. He next served as The Director of Public Health for the Mason County Health Department and then at the Fulton County Health Department.

Gary led the Clay County Public Health Center in its efforts to become a nationally accredited health department with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). In November of 2015, the Clay County Public Health Center became one of the first 100 health departments in the United States to achieve national accreditation out of over 3000 health departments in existence.

In 2014-15, Gary helped co- found the Northland Health Alliance. This health care collaborative developed the 2015 The Northland Community Health Needs Assessment, a comprehensive community health assessment effort for Clay and Platte Counties. This led to the development of a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan for both counties which is currently being implemented by the Alliance partnership.

The Clay County Public Health Center is a founding member of the Liberty Community Health Action Team (LCHAT). This partnership between Liberty Hospital, Liberty School District, Liberty Parks & Rec. and the Health Center is implementing programs and policy changes to address childhood obesity in the Liberty community. He is currently serving as Chair of this organization.

In 2014 The Clay County Public Health Center staff received a Model Practice Award at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Annual Conference for its Syndromic Surveillance program, created in partnership with Clay County School Districts. In 2007, The Clay County Public Health Center was recognized for its Strategic National Stockpile Response Plan by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and was featured in their national best practices video conference training seminar.

He is currently serving as Immediate Past Chair of the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies (MoALPHA). He also is the past Vice Chair and current Treasurer of the Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence. He is a member of the Clay County Economic Development Council's Strategic Planning Committee. He also is a member of the KC Health Collaborative. He is currently a member of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the American Public Health Association (APHA).

He is also a member of Liberty SERTOMA, a community service organization. Gary and his wife Trina are active members of Liberty First Christian Church.