

**Alberta Public Health Association
2023 Fiscal Year Annual General Meeting
Board Nominations**

1. CURRENT BOARD MEMBER STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

- **Angeline Webb – running for position of President**

Angeline is the Regional Manager of Health Policy and Health Promotion with the Canadian Cancer Society where she has been engaged in population health and public health advocacy for the last 20 years. She develops, implements, and administers all health policy development and health promotion programming for the Canadian Cancer Society in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Angeline's focus is healthy public policy and shared public health leadership. Angeline has been involved with the APHA since 2011.

- **Dr. Lars Hallstrom – running for position of Director-at-Large**

Lars is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy at the University of Lethbridge. He is a public policy specialist and has been a professor and/or endowed chair at St Francis Xavier University and the University of Alberta before coming to Lethbridge. He has worked at the intersection of public health, public policy, and the social determinants of health since 2005.

- **Derek Coe – running for position of Director-at-Large**

Derek is a graduate of the Master of Public Health program specializing in Health Promotion from the University of Alberta, and is currently working as the Deputy Manager, Personnel Support Programs (PSP) with Canadian Armed Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) in Cold Lake, Alberta. He has a diverse background in public health that includes over 10 years at CFMWS in various positions, including Health Promotion Specialist, Health Promotion Manager, Resources Coordinator, and more recently as the Deputy Manager, PSP where he has oversight of the Health Promotion Department as well as the sports and fitness facility. He has also worked as a public health planner at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment in Pueblo, Colorado working on community health campaigns, organizational strategic planning, as well as leading the grant application process for various initiatives.

2. NEW NOMINATIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

- **Jongwon (Jim) Youk – running for position of Treasurer**

Jim is a first-year University of Alberta School of Public Health Master of Public Health student specializing in climate change and human health. Jim intends to work in health policy upon graduation as he has a keen interest in systems thinking and interdisciplinary approaches to health. Since completing his BSc in Biological Sciences, Jim worked in the pharmacy and pharmaceutical industry where he became acutely aware of the barriers in accessing healthcare, particularly for

vulnerable groups. This work helped Jim gain understanding regarding the need for a multi-sectoral approach to tackling the determinates of health. Jim has experience in stakeholder/partner engagement, communication, quality improvement and data management.

Jim wants to contribute to APHA specifically because trust in public health among Albertans have seen a marked decrease in recent years. Jim believes that by following the APHA values of rigour, transparency, and inclusivity, public health can win back trust among our communities.

- **Marnie Yimeng Wang – running for position of Secretary**

Marnie is an epidemiologist with the Infectious Disease Epidemiology team at Alberta Health. Her work focuses on the surveillance of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections and respiratory viruses. As an early career professional, Marnie is eager to leverage her skills and experiences to support the APHA's efforts in championing public health and health equity in Alberta.

Marnie holds a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology and Applied Biostatistics with a Graduate Embedded Certificate in Communicable Diseases from the University of Alberta. She also completed an Honours Bachelor of Science in Global Health and Biology from the University of Toronto. Marnie has previously worked as a Student Public Health Officer with the Canadian Public Health Service, a summer research intern at the Saxon Public Health Association, and the chairperson of the campus chapter of a non-profit health and sustainable development organization. These experiences equipped her with strategic planning and leadership skills, a multi-faceted understanding of public health principles, and the analytical skills to elucidate valuable insights into population health dynamics, which she continues to apply today in the public service.

Marnie joined the APHA last year as an early career professional to stay informed about public health developments. Now, she is seeking a higher level of involvement to actively contribute to the vital mission of the APHA and do her part in strengthening public health in Alberta. Her organizational skills and demonstrated ability to contribute evidence-based perspectives align well with the role's responsibilities and make her an ideal candidate. Marnie is committed to fostering collaboration between fellow board members and upholding the APHA's mission and values.

- **Dr. James Talbot – running for the position of Director-at-Large**

Jim is a former President of the APHA serving from 2002 – 2004. Jim is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta School of Public Health and Director of Provincial Laboratory of Public Health Alberta. Jim has a Ph.D in Biochemistry, MD, and FRCP(C) Medical Microbiology. Jim is the former Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nunavut, former Deputy and Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta and was Medical Officer of Health for Capital Health. Jim's interests are in using surveillance and epidemiology to provide evidence needed to guide action to prevent or mitigate disease or injury. He also has interests in the history of public health as well as public health leadership, advocacy, Indigenous and women's health and wellness, and emergency preparedness and management.

- **Dr. Aliyah Dosani – running for the position of Director-at-Large**

Aliyah is an educator and Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Health, Community and Education at Mount Royal University. Aliyah has a Ph.D (Population/Public) from the University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Community Health Science, a MPH (Health Policy Research) from University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Department of Public Health Sciences and a BN from the University of Calgary, Faculty of Nursing.

Aliyah has a wealth of education and experience in public health nursing, population and public health, health policy, health equity, and social justice. She will contribute her expertise in maternal, newborn and child health to the APHA Board.

Aliyah has experience in community and population health needs assessment, program planning and implementation, and evaluation. Aliyah is a recognized multidisciplinary collaborative team player and has local, provincial, national, and international experience in public health, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and is editor of a well-respected Canadian community health nursing textbook. As an educator, Aliyah is an excellent communicator, making complex subjects understandable.

Aliyah is concerned about the lack of voice for public health in Alberta and wants to lend her expertise to issues that involve the health and well-being of Albertans, particularly as they respect the educational and policy development needs of young families, regardless of how long they have resided in Canada and Alberta. Aliyah is a new mother who is also caring for elderly parents who has lived experience facing the challenges of the “sandwich generation”.

- **Dr. Judy Mill - running for the position of Director-at-Large**

Judy’s interest and passion for public health began in 1972 when she was a CUSO volunteer for 2 years in Zambia and then for another 2 years in Malawi, implementing a rural public health program. Judy worked as a public health nurse in Calgary, Edmonton and Zimbabwe. In addition, she was an Assistant Supervisor (1986-1992) with responsibility for communicable disease control at the Public Health Board in Edmonton. Following the completion of her PhD in 2000, she joined the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta as an Assistant Professor. She was also the Assistant Dean Graduate Studies (2005-2007) and the Associate Dean Global Health (2007-2012). After her retirement as a Professor from U of A in 2013, she contracted with the University of Illinois (Chicago) to work on a capacity building project in Rwanda. From 2014-2015 she worked as partner to the Dean, School of Nursing, University of Rwanda, as part of this project. In 2017, she returned to the University of Alberta as a sessional instructor to prepare and supervise a group of undergraduate nursing students during their final clinical experience in Ghana. She also worked as a registered nurse for Alberta Health Services from 2021-2022 providing COVID immunizations.

Judy has extensive experience in communicable disease control, in particular HIV, and immunizations, extensive leadership and management expertise and experience writing and reviewing grant proposals and peer reviewed papers.

Judy believes the image and role of public health services in Alberta has been diminished and believes that the profile and voice of public health must be raised and amplified.

- **Harman Khinda - running for the position of Director-at-Large**

Harman is a Program Analyst for the Public Health Standards Unit with the Public and Rural Health Division at Alberta Health. Harman will hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences and Business Studies from MacEwan University in June 2024, and is enrolled in the Project Management Professional (PMP) Associate certificate through the Project Management Institute. Harman is looking forward to enrolling in a Master of Public Health program in the near future to increase understanding of the health policy.

Recently, Harman was appointed to the Board of Directors of Emerging Health Leaders Edmonton Node as a Director of Membership Engagement & Social Media. Harman works with fellow board members to organize events and engage with emerging health leaders across various sectors in government, academia, technology, start-ups, health systems and private firms. As a pan-national organization with multiple nodes, this allows for reach and engagement with EHL members and emerging health leaders across the country. Harman also volunteers as a research reviewer/contributor for the Edmonton Social Planning Council and as a volunteer with the Women's Health Advisory Committee part of the Women's Health Coalition of Alberta. Harman has a particular interest in Alberta's health care delivery quality as well as health systems improvement.

Harman has a passion for strengthening the diversity of voices in the public health spaces. Harman also possess strong skills in community and stakeholder relation engagement, communications and social media, program and policy advocacy, as well as quality improvement evaluation.

- **Dr. Kristin Pon - running for the position of Director-at-Large**

Kristin is a resident physician in my final year of training in Public Health & Preventive Medicine at University of Calgary, transitioning to a position as Medical Officer of Health in Alberta Health Services in summer 2024. She also works part-time as a family physician at an inner-city clinic. She is dedicated to working across sectors to improve population health, including addressing inequities.

Kristin's professional experiences have helped her develop skills in communication, media relations, advocacy, government engagement, community engagement, policy analysis, and governance. She has worked in bringing together diverse stakeholders bridging, community engagement and bridging across sectors and disciplines. She has experience in applying community-based approaches to intersectoral program planning and evaluation, volunteer and clinical work serving people experiencing homelessness over the last 15 years, and leading projects within the public health system such as engaging over 40 stakeholders across multiple governmental ministries, community organizations, and academic and healthcare institutions across Canada, to develop a population-based approach to assessing connections between housing and health.

Kristin's work in advocacy, health public policy and government relations includes evaluating federal cannabis policy and providing recommendations from the provincial public health perspective, working at the interface of environmental public health and healthy built environment at the municipal-level, and conducting policy analysis on community health worker programs in Canadian Indigenous and newcomer populations. She has also advocated to provincial and federal elected officials on topics such as mental health, opioid poisonings, and health system reform.

Kristin brings experience in governance, strategic planning, and media relations through prior board and committee positions on the Alberta College of Family Physicians Board of Directors, Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta Community Wellness Committee and Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity Committee, Public Health Physicians of Canada Resident Council, and acting in a strategy consulting role for the Communicable Diseases group at Fraser Health Authority. Kristin also has training in leadership, advocacy, and media relations through the Alberta Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association, and Canadian Society of Physician Leaders. She also has experience engaging media on various topics including injury prevention, sexual health, and communicable diseases.

Kristin seeks to build a credible, unified voice for public health and to coordinate across disciplines and organizations to tackle complex public health problems. Kristin hopes to strengthen public health networks, build common understanding, and collectively communicate more effectively on public health issues. Kristin has lived in Alberta for nearly 25 years and has worked in various towns and cities across the province including working closely with several unique equity-deserving communities.

- **Dr. Stephanie Montesanti - running for the position of Director-at-Large**

Stephanie is an Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Health System Integration in the University of Alberta's School of Public Health. As a health policy and systems scholar within the field of population and public health, Stephanie advances critical actions to reorient health systems towards health equity and strengthen connections between health systems and communities. Her work is conducted alongside Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, clinicians, community agencies, and health system decision-makers through continuous engagement in the co-creation of solutions.

Stephanie has a strong track record of providing evidence-informed advice to municipal, provincial, and federal governments, health authorities, and civil society organizations. She participates on several advisory committees providing expert advice including, the Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI)'s Program Advisory Committee made up of UofA cross-faculty representatives. The committee represents member interests and advises WCHRI's executive director on programs and operations. At a national level, Stephanie is a member of Healthcare Excellence Canada's Primary Care Advisory Committee to shape a program to strengthening primary care access in northern, rural, and remote communities.

Stephanie is also a Board Member for the New Canadians Health Centre, a comprehensive primary health care clinic for refugees and newcomers in Edmonton, where she contributes as an engaged scholar working with structurally vulnerable populations to advance health equity. From this experience, Stephanie has gained a deep understanding of Bylaws that guide the Board's actions and decisions. As a member of the Board of Directors she also chairs the nomination committee.

Stephanie was appointed as a Women's Health Research Ambassador for the Alberta Women's Health Foundation and recipient of the 2022 Peace in Families Award by the United Cultures of Canada Association in recognition of her outstanding work to end domestic violence in Alberta.

She is often sought out to lead commissioned research, rapid reviews or develop evidence-based products for not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous tribal councils, provincial health authorities, and advocacy groups such as the Alberta Medical Association.

Stephanie was raised in Toronto, Ontario where she completed her Masters and PhD degrees. She has a master's degree in medical anthropology from the University of Toronto and PhD in interdisciplinary health policy. She also has applied public health and health systems work experience prior to the start of her faculty appointment in the U of A School of Public Health. She has also worked for the Association of Ontario Health Centres from 2010-2012, Public Health Ontario from 2012-2013, and Alberta Health Services (under the supervision of Dr. Ardene Robinson-Vollman) from 2013-2015.