**Call for Abstracts: APHA Council of Affiliates Scientific Sessions**

APHA's 2021 Annual Meeting & Expo

### Meeting Theme: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Strengthening Social Connectedness

### Submission Deadline: June 15, 2021

**Public Health Systems – Transforming & Responding: Public Health 3.0**

The COVID-19 response has challenged every public health system, relationship and service across the country. The public acts of racism and discrimination reinforce the need to define racism as a public health issue in every municipality. The gun violence which plagues our communities, yet spurs no action by our elected officials, demonstrates the need for public health advocacy. Students entering into public health continue to persist in their advocacy for science, equity, and diversity as these notions are often challenged and ignored by elected officials.The events of the past year have shown the need for strong public health policies, resources and services. More than ever, it is important to transform public health so that it is no longer defined solely as the typical public health department and its traditional programs. Public Health 3.0 recognizes the importance of working across sectors to advance population health and to look for innovative solutions, social determinants of health and health equity.

The APHA Council of Affiliates is seeking abstracts that describe the role of APHA affiliates in working in the COVID-19 response and/or this new landscape to bring the role of public health to forefront. Abstracts *could* address numerous topics including:

* **Innovations and Further Pursuits Implemented due to COVID-19** – Examples of new partnerships, programs, positions or platforms that your Affiliate initiated in response to the pandemic that will continue to grow and develop in a post-pandemic world
* **Response to Health Equity & Racism** – Examples of statements, letters to the editor, opinion-editorials and other examples of advocacy and outreach to address racism and the process used to gain consensus, additions to strategic plans that include equity/racism, or other actions taken to address racism, equity and inclusion
* **Enhanced and broadened approach to public health practice** – Examples of cross-sector collaboration/partnerships; new models of public health; examples of collective action to address community challenges
* **Leveraging data and resources to address health and health equity** –Examples of communities/organizations using data for decision making; initiatives that address upstream determinates of health; innovative funding models that support public health infrastructure and/or community-level engagement work
* **Foundational public health services** –Examples of public health programs needed in every community for the public health system to work well; exemplars of knowledge, skill, ability and systems infrastructure necessary to support effective and efficient governmental public health services; exemplars of innovative funding strategies for foundational public health services
* **Other topics that address Public Health 3.0 or the response to COVID-19**

Please note that abstracts should highlight the work of Affiliates. Selected abstracts will be those that provide Affiliate members with best practices, lessons learned or other ideas that can be taken back to Affiliate membership.

To submit an abstract for consideration, please complete the attached forms: 1) Oral\_Poster Submission Form; and 2) Speaker Submission Form. Forms must be submitted to Jessica Boyer, jessica.boyer@temple.edu by June 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (ET). Confirmation of your submission will be sent within 48 hours via email. Authors will be contacted by July 15, 2021 regarding abstract selection for presentation.

Please note that all presenters must be members of APHA at the time of abstract acceptance and the annual conference and must be registered for the annual meeting in order to present. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Jessica Boyer (jessica.boyer@temple.edu). These sessions will be virtual.