



COUNCIL ON LINKAGES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Member Biographies

Council Chair:

C. William Keck, MD, MPH, FACPM

American Public Health Association

Dr. Keck is Professor and Chair Emeritus of the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, and former Director of Health for the City of Akron. He holds an MD degree from Case Western Reserve University, and an MPH degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. He is Past-President of the American Public Health Association, the Council on Education for Public Health, the Ohio Public Health Association, the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, the Summit County Medical Society, and currently chairs the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice. Dr. Keck is board certified in Preventive Medicine/Public Health and is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. His career has been focused on providing quality public health services, teaching community health sciences to medical and other health professional students, and linking public health practice with its academic bases.

Council Members:

Hugh Tilson, MD, DrPH

American College of Preventive Medicine

Dr. Tilson received his MD at Washington University in 1964 and his Dr.P.H. at Harvard School of Public Health in 1972. He spent fifteen years in public service including City/County Public Health Officer and Human Services Director for Multnomah County (Portland), Oregon (NACHO President, 1976), and State Public Health Director for North Carolina. His pioneering work in Portland, Oregon's "Project Health" is widely cited as a prototype for national healthcare financing under a "managed competition" model. He spent fifteen years with the Wellcome Foundation (now GSK) as a pharmacoepidemiologist, where he is widely recognized for his pioneering work with safe use of acyclovir and zidovudine. Upon his retirement from GSK in 1996, he joined the clinical faculty of UNC School of Public Health in Chapel Hill. He served on the original IOM Report on the Future of Public Health and the recent report: "The Future of the Public's Health", and has worked with and chaired several IOM Committees, most recently advising on the landmark "Future of Drug Safety" study. He is a Lifetime National Associate of the National Academies of Science. His work in therapeutics continues through his chairmanship of the national Steering Committee for the Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics (the CERTs). A founding member of the UNC Institute for Public Health, he is also a Senior Fellow for Maine's Center for Public Health, where he is credited for creating the Sagadahoc County (Bath) Maine Public Health Department, Maine's first County public health agency, which he still serves as a volunteer County Health Officer. Dr. Tilson has served on the Council on Linkages for over ten years as the representative of the American College of Preventive Medicine.

David I. Gregorio, PhD

Association for Prevention Teaching and Research

David Gregorio is Professor of Community Medicine and Director of the Master of Public Health Program at the University of Connecticut. His research and teaching focus on the etiologies of hormone-dependent tumors, methods for chronic disease surveillance and the impact of socio-economic disparities on care seeking and health outcomes. He is on the Boards of Directors of the Association of Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) and the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE, Inc.), and is a member of the Executive Committee of the APTR Council of Graduate Programs in Public Health.

Ciro V. Sumaya, MD, MPH

Association of Schools of Public Health

Dr. Sumaya is Dean of the School of Rural Public Health and holds the Cox Endowed Chair in Medicine at Texas A&M Health Science Center. Dr. Sumaya previously served as a Presidential appointee for four years at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He first served as administrator of Health Resources and Services Administration and subsequently served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Health, spearheading the federal initiative on the Future of Academic Health Centers. Prior to his federal service, Dr. Sumaya was Associate Medical Dean at The University of Texas Science Center at San Antonio. As Associate Dean he established the South Texas Health Research Center, Area Health Education Center of South Texas and a Medical Treatment Effectiveness Research Center. He also held academic positions at the UCLA School of Medicine. Dr. Sumaya earned a bachelor of arts from The University of Texas, Austin, TX and a medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX. Following a rotating internship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, he completed a pediatric residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA and a postgraduate fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases concurrent with a Master of Public Health degree at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. Dr. Sumaya has published extensively on pediatric viral infections, emerging as a leading physician-scientist in childhood infectious mononucleosis. His more recent publications focus on national health policy issues.

Susan Allan, MD, JD, MPH

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Dr. Allan served as the Public Health Director and State Health Officer for Oregon from March 2005 to February 2008. Prior to moving to Oregon, she was County Health Director for Arlington, Virginia, from 1987 until February 2005. She has been active in many capacities with the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. Her education includes an MD from Harvard Medical School, a JD from Harvard Law School, and a MPH from Johns Hopkins. She is board certified in Preventive Medicine/General Public Health, and is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. She has served on many national public health boards and committees, including the Institute of Medicine committees "Educating Public Health Professionals for the 21st Century" and "Training Physicians for Public Health Careers." Her current activities include: the Council on Education for Public Health, which accredits schools and programs of public health; the Council on Linkages between Academia and Public Health Practice; the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice of the Institute of Medicine; the Public Policy Advisory Council of the National March of Dimes; and the HHS Advisory Committee for the RAND Corporation.

Christopher G. Atchison, MPA

Association of University Programs in Health Administration

Mr. Atchison is Associate Dean for Public Health Practice and Clinical Professor in Health Management and Policy at the University of Iowa, College of Public Health. In addition, Mr. Atchison is the Director of the Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, the state's designated public health laboratory. He is also the Director of the Institute for Public Health Practice, teaches the College's introduction to public health class and is course director for the MPH practicum required of all MPH candidates. Mr. Atchison also chairs the University of Iowa's Pandemic Preparedness Task Force. At the national level, Mr. Atchison served as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) during the years 1994 and 1995 and was chair of the Joint Council of Official Health Agencies. In 1998 he received ASTHO's Arthur T. McCormack Award. He has also served as chair of the board for the Public Health Foundation, member of the New York Academy of Medicine's Committee on Medicine and Public Health and served for 8 years as National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Health Leadership Initiative.

Denise Koo, MD, MPH

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Koo is Director of the Career Development Division in CDC's Office of Workforce and Career Development. This Division houses several key CDC training and workforce development programs with a total of nearly 400 trainees each year, including the Epidemic Intelligence Service, an ACGME-accredited Preventive Medicine Residency, the Public Health Prevention Service, Public Health Informatics fellowship, Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship, electives for medical and veterinary students, *The CDC Experience* fellowship in applied epidemiology for medical students, and the CDC lead for the Emerging Leader and Presidential Management Fellows Programs, as well as a new pilot Senior Executive Service fellowship. Dr. Koo is a graduate of Harvard University (BA in Biochemical Sciences), University of California, San Francisco (MD), and University of California, Berkeley (MPH in

epidemiology). Dr. Koo obtained board certification in internal medicine and preventive medicine. Dr. Koo is herself a graduate both of CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service and Preventive Medicine Residency. Previous positions at CDC have included running the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System and serving as Director of the Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics.

Diane Downing, RN, MSN

Community Campus Partnerships for Health

Ms. Downing represents Community Campus Partnerships for Health on the Council On Linkages. She has a broad public health practice background with experience at the local, state and national levels. Her experience includes Director for Local Health Standards and Evaluation Division and Maternal and Child Health Director, Indiana State Board of Health and Assistant Commissioner for Nursing and Quality Improvement, New York City Department of Health. She is currently Public Health Program Specialist/Nurse Manager for Arlington County Department of Human Services, Arlington County, Virginia. This position includes responsibility for coordinating student placements within the Public Health Division. She also holds an adjunct faculty position with Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies where she teaches public health nursing. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Nursing and a Masters Degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA and is a doctoral candidate at George Mason University College of Health and Human Services, Fairfax, VA.

Gary Gilmore, MPH, PhD, CHES

Council of Accredited Master of Public Health Programs

Since 1974, Dr. Gilmore has held a joint appointment with the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse and the University of Wisconsin-Extension where he is Professor and Director of Graduate Community Health Programs. His prior experiences were in public health and preventive medicine at the Bergen County Health Department (N.J.), and at the Preventive Medicine Unit, General Leonard Wood Hospital, U.S. Army (where he received the Army Commendation Medal in Preventive Medicine). His training in epidemiology and public health is through the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota, with additional training in epidemiology at the New England Epidemiology Institute, Tufts University. He is the founding and continuing Director of the first Master of Public Health Program (CEPH accredited) offered in the University of Wisconsin System. He served as a Fulbright Scholar at the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health in India during 1999-2000. He received the 2001 Regents Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Wisconsin System. During 1998-2004, he chaired the National Educator Competencies Update Project involving survey responses from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Along with his extensive publications since 1971, Dr. Gilmore completed the third edition of his co-authored text, Needs and Capacity Assessment Strategies for Health Education and Health Promotion, 2005, published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Boston.

Daniel Mareck, MD

Health Resources and Services Administration

Dr. Mareck entered Federal service in 2005 as the Chief Medical Officer for the National Health Service Corps in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), United States Department of Health and Human Services. He is a family medicine physician and practiced in full and part-time capacities for nineteen years. His professional experiences include twelve years as a faculty member at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He has also served as Acting Deputy Director for the Division of Medicine and Dentistry in HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions (BHP). His current position is Chief Medical Officer for BHP.

Larry Jones, MA, MPH

National Association of County and City Health Officials

Mr. Jones received his BS and MA from Truman State University and his MPH from St. Louis University. He currently serves as Director of Health for the City of Independence, Missouri Health Department, a position which has held since 2001. He is also currently serving on the Robert Wood Johnson Turning Point National Collaborative for Performance Based Management, a four-year project to develop tools that will enable public health agencies at the local, state, and national level to implement Performance Based Management. Prior to joining the City of Independence Health Department in 2001, Mr. Jones worked in a number of positions in the Missouri Department of Health in Jefferson City, Missouri,

including as the Principle Assistant at the Center of Local Public Health Services, and as Deputy Director for the Division of Maternal, Child, and Family Health.

John Gwinn, PhD, MS, MPH

National Association of Local Boards of Health

Dr. Gwinn currently serves as the president of the Kent Ohio Board of Health and is the immediate past president of NALBOH. He retired from The University of Akron where he taught courses in anatomy, physiology, and toxicology. In 1999 he returned to graduate school to pursue a Master of Public Health. After retirement he developed courses in Environmental Health Science and Risk Assessment and became a Registered Sanitarian. He participated in the 2004 National Public Health Leadership Institute. Dr. Gwinn found his niche in promoting education and training for board of health members. He has been active in the Ohio Association of Boards of Health where he promotes use of the National Performance Standards. He is also a member of the Standards Workgroup for the Public Health Accreditation Board. He was a public member of the Non-pharmaceutical Community Interventions for Pandemic Influenza workgroup.

Chuck Higgins, MSEH, REHS

National Environmental Health Association

Capt. Higgins received his BS and MS in Environmental Health from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. He is a commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) and is currently the director of the Office of Public Health at the National Park Service (NPS), which assists NPS managers and staff with all public health issues occurring within the system. Capt. Higgins has 30 years of experience in public health at the local, state, and federal levels. Before his commission with PHS, Capt. Higgins served as a public health investigator with the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals, a Quality Assurance Supervisor with Safeway Stores, and a Converse County Deputy Health Officer and County Sanitarian in Wyoming. Since being commissioned with PHS, Capt. Higgins has served as a Food and Drug Administration Training Officer, Director of Consumer Health Services for Wyoming, a Senior Environmental Health Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and an NPS Regional Public Health Consultant.

Lisa Lang, MPP

National Library of Medicine

Lisa Lang is Assistant Director for Health Services Research Information of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and Head of its National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR). She is responsible for the NLM's activities to support the information needs of health services researchers and the public health workforce. She is also involved in NLM's health data standards development activities. Before joining the NLM, Ms. Lang worked in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where she was at the forefront of the agency's implementation of the public-private collaboration to promote public reporting on hospital quality of care, as well as its efforts to identify hospital quality measures for value-based purchasing. Her prior experience includes more than a decade focusing on quality and consumer protection issues as a Senior Health Policy Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, as well as a visiting fellowship at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Menlo Park, California. She received a B.A. from Stanford University in Psychology and Russian Language and a Masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Patrick Remington, MD, MPH

National Network of Public Health Institutes

Dr. Remington is a Professor in the Department of Population Health Sciences and Director of the UW Population Health Institute. He completed his MD at the University of Wisconsin, MPH at the University of Minnesota, and Epidemiology Fellowship and Preventive Medicine Residency at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. He worked as a medical epidemiologist at the CDC and as a State Epidemiologist and Chief Medical Officer for Chronic Disease at the Wisconsin Division of Health prior to joining the UW faculty. His research is related to methods used to measure the health of communities and on public health surveillance, with a focus on cancer and tobacco use. He is the Director of the UW's new Master of Public Health Program and teaches courses on public health and monitoring population health.

Jeanne A. Matthews, PhD, RN

QUAD Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations

Dr. Matthews has a longtime career in the public health field. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Nursing at Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies, as well as the nurse manager and public health program specialist at the Arlington County (VA) Public Health Division, Department of Human Services. Currently, she is serving as chair of the American Public Health Association's Public Health Nursing Section. She is also chair of the Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations and continues to publish in her field.

Vincent Francisco, PhD

Society for Public Health Education

Dr. Francisco is Associate Professor with the Department of Public Health Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he also serves as Director of the doctoral program (DrPH) in community health. Previously, Dr. Francisco was research faculty at the University of Kansas, where he was Associate Director of the KU Work Group for Community Health and Development, and co-inventor (with Fawcett and Schultz) of the Community Tool Box. Prior to the University of Kansas, Dr. Francisco served as research data coordinator in the Department of Child and Family Psychology and Psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital and the Brown University School of Medicine. Dr. Francisco also served as assistant director at a residential treatment facility for youth in New Hampshire.