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

APHA's 2020 Annual Meeting & Expo

### Meeting Theme: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Preventing Violence

### Submission Deadline: June 26, 2020

**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 efforts 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 by the 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. Abstracts *could* address numerous topics including:

* **Response to COVID-19** – examples of policy, system or environmental changes needed in the response and recovery of the pandemic
* ***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) Abstract Submission Form; and 2) Biographical and Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. Forms must be submitted to Teresa Garrett, teresa.garrett@nurs.utah.edu by June 15, 2020 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, 2020 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. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Teresa Garrett (teresa.garrett@nurs.utah.edu).