

2021 AAPHP Electronic Newsletters (from most recent)

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June 29, 2021

1) AAPHP UPDATES

a) AAPHP was successful advocating for policies in the interest of the Public Health at the Special AMA meeting June 11-16-2021. Many AAPHP members testified including but not limited to AMA Delegate Dave Cundiff MD MPH, Alternate Delegate Arleme Seid MD MPH, Resident Physician representatives Daniel Richetti MD, MBA, MS and Anna Yap MD and medical students including Sarah Smith, Anna Heffron, Ph.D. For those who missed the meeting the online forums are here: <https://www.ama-assn.org/forums/house-delegates>. (Pictures of members testifying are at the end of this ebrief.)

b) AMA Board of Trustees Health Equity Report <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2021-04/j21-bot08.pdf>

c) Article on Vaccine Strategy for Immigrants and report on short-term medical trips, which quotes AAPHP members Sarah May Smith and Anna Yap MD at <https://www.medpagetoday.com/meetingcoverage/ama/93187>

2) Member Submissions

a) Seismic Shift by G7 in Recognizing One Health as Critical to Everyone's Health [Seismic Shift by G7 in Recognizing One Health as Critical to Everyone's Health - Impakter](#)

b) Statement Following CDC ACIP Meeting from Nation's Leading Doctors, Nurses and Public Health Leaders on Benefits of Vaccination <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/06/23/statement-following-cdc-acip-meeting-nations-leading-doctors-nurses-public-health-leaders-benefits-vaccination.html>

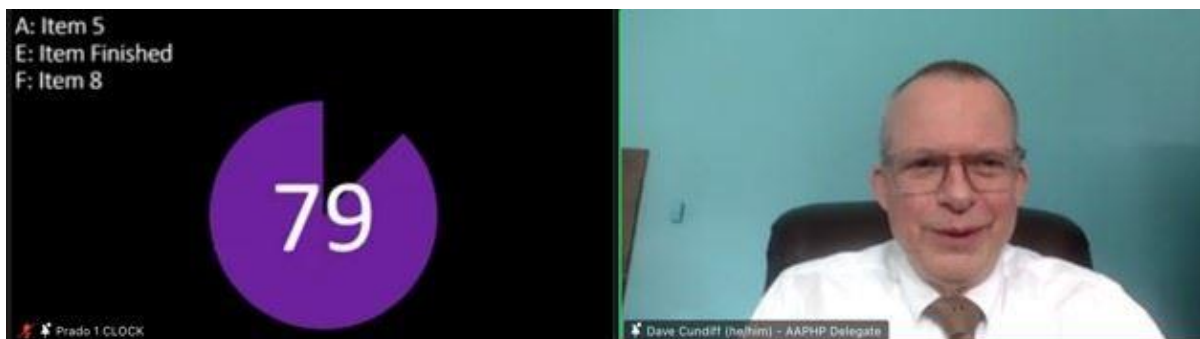
c) Physician COVID-19 Vaccination Study (Final Report) <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2021-06/physician-vaccination-study-topline-report.pdf>

3) Positions

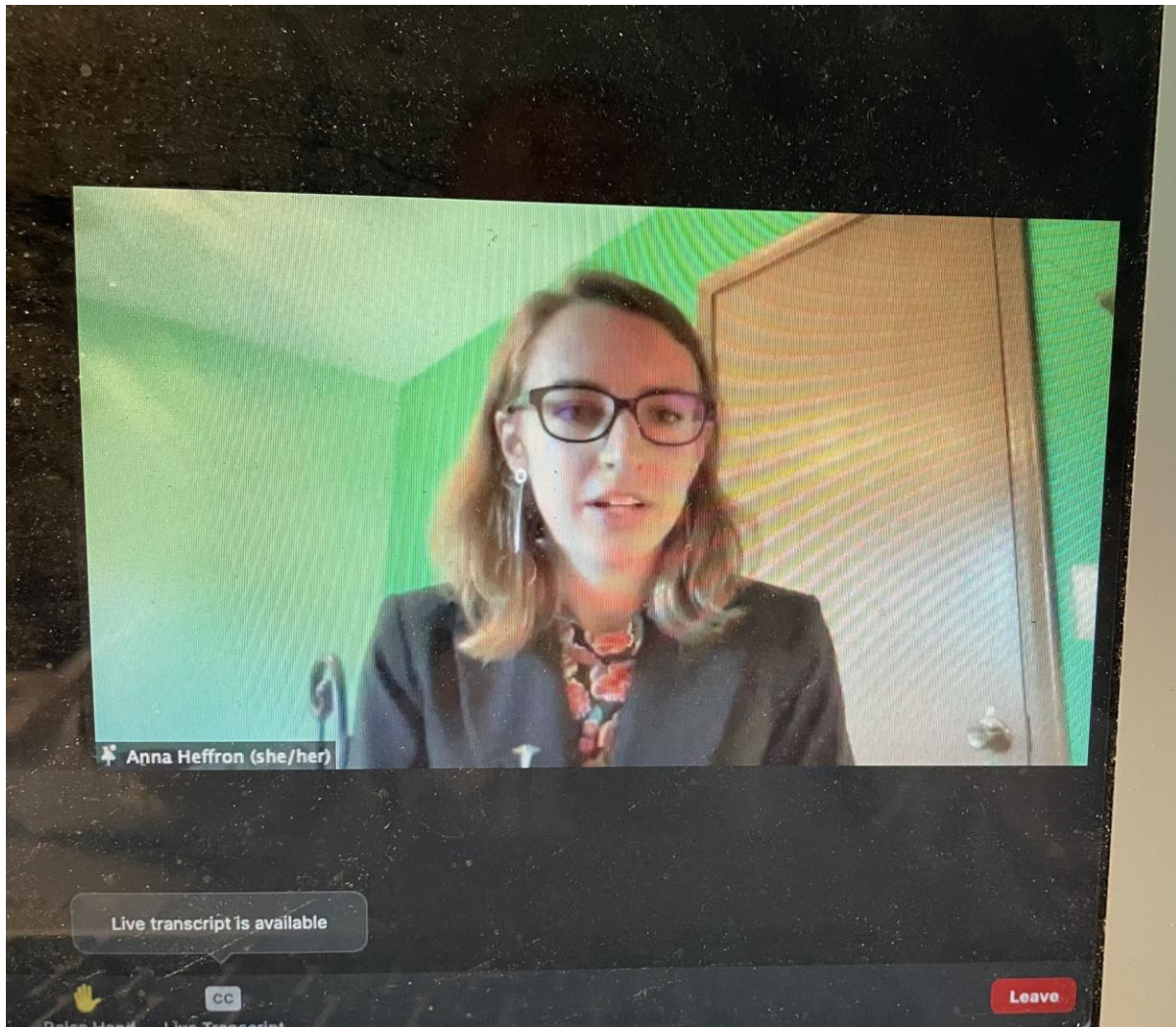
a) District Director of Health in Florence, KY for Northern Kentucky Health Department <https://govphcareers.astho.org/jobs/14878478/district-director-of-health>

b) GA District Health Director (Physician) - Augusta, GA, Clayton/LaGrange, Dalton <https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/1889032-0/district-health-director-physician-augusta-ga-clayton-lagrange-dalton>

c) Health Director - Washington Ozaukee County Public Health Department, WI Washington Ozaukee County Public Health Department, WI https://govphcareers.astho.org/jobs/14984941/?utm_source=709895







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May 25, 2021

1) AAPHP UPDATES

- a) Save the date AAPHP Annual meeting Virtually at APHA 3 pm Mountain time Sunday October 24, 2021.
- b) AAPHP signs letter supporting The Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act (H.R. 1384 / S. 445) [Microsoft Word - Letter to Leadership - MAT Act HR 1384 S 445 - Draft - 2021-05-11 ES \(squarespace.com\)](#)
- c) AAPHP Member Samuel Lin MD PhD MBA elected to the Governing Council of AMA's Senior Physician Section.

2) ABMS Comments

- a) The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) has opened draft standards for continuing certification for comments through Thursday July 8, 2021. See ["Draft Standards for Continuing Certification – Call for Comments"](#) .

3) AMA Plans/Reports

- a) The AMA's strategic plan to embed racial justice and advance health equity: <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/leadership/ama-s-strategic-plan-embed-racial-justice-and-advance-health-equity>
- b) New AMA Report on Health Care Spending - <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2021-05/prp-annual-spending-2019.pdf>

4) Positions

- a) Health Commissioner in Dayton, OH for Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County <https://govphcareers.astho.org/jobs/14853511/health-commissioner>
- b) Public Health Officer -- Physician -- Tuolumne County, CA in Tuolumne County, CA for Tuolumne County [Public Health Officer -- Physician -- Tuolumne County, CA in Tuolumne County, CA for Tuolumne County \(astho.org\)](#)
- c) COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-HLTH in Jacksonville, FL for Department of Health <https://govphcareers.astho.org/jobs/14766591/county-health-department-director-hlth>

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May 4, 2021

1) AAPHP UPDATES

- a) AAPHP members invited to suggest topics of AHRQ reviews: [Submit a Suggestion for a New Evidence Review | Effective Health Care Program \(ahrq.gov\)](#)

b) FDA bans menthol cigarettes AMA policymaking in action! <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/fda-agrees-ban-menthol-protect-african-americans>

2) Member Submissions

a) How to stop a pandemic before it starts, illustrated <https://www.politico.com/interactives/2021/preventing-the-next-pandemic/>

b) KHN: "Mental Health Services Wane As Insurers Appear To Skirt Parity Rules During Pandemic" <https://khn.org/news/article/gao-report-mental-health-services-wane-as-insurers-appear-to-skirt-parity-rules-during-pandemic/>

c) How Can the Olympics Protect 78,000 Volunteers From the Coronavirus? [How Can the Olympics Protect 78,000 Volunteers From the Coronavirus? - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/26/sports/olympics/coronavirus-volunteers.html)

d) AMA research: impact of the pandemic on Medicare spending and utilization <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/sustainability/covid-19-financial-impact-physician-practices>

3) Positions

a) Duval COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-HLTH - 64000377 The Florida Department of Health is seeking an experienced public health professional to serve as the lead public health official of the Florida Department of Health in Duval

County. <https://jobs.myflorida.com/job/JACKSONVILLE-COUNTY-HEALTH-DEPARTMENT-DIRECTOR-HLTH-64000377-FL-32207/738616000/>

b) Highlands COUNTY HLTH DEPARTMNT ADMINISTRATOR-HLTH The Florida Department of Health is seeking an experienced public health professional to serve as the lead public health official of the Florida Department of Health in Highlands County <https://jobs.myflorida.com/job/SEBRING-COUNTY-HLTH-DEPARTMNT-ADMINISTRATOR-HLTH-64028064-FL-33875/735376800/>

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March 22, 2021

1)Updates

a) AAPHP Statement on stopping the hate is available here: <https://www.aaphp.org/Stop-The-Hate-Statement>

b) AAPHP endorses member Samuel Lin MD, PhD, MBA, MPA, MS Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General (Ret), USPHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Ret), for an At-Large seat on the Governing Council of our AMA's Senior Physicians Section. Balloting begins on

April 1 through April 22 (three weeks) and is open to AMA members 65 and over.

2) Member Submissions

a) NCAAP Presentation "Can Organized Medicine Take On Racism As a Public Health Issue? What's At Stake and How Do We Get There?" Mar 25, 2021 07:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada) Webinar Registration - Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9816142296273/WN_DLRGs-rVR1CLcVB0tKLW_Q

b) The Hard Lessons of Modeling the Coronavirus Pandemic <https://www.quantamagazine.org/the-hard-lessons-of-modeling-the-coronavirus-pandemic-20210128/>

c) Information about the Medical Reserve Corps, an important preparedness initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services is available here: <https://mrc.hhs.gov/pageViewFldr/Abouta>)

d) Reckoning with medicine's history of racism by Dr. [James L. Madara, MD](https://www.ama-assn.org/about/leadership/reckoning-medicine-s-history-racism) <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/leadership/reckoning-medicine-s-history-racism>

e) CAGR Issues Urgent Call to Stand Up and Don't Stand By Dionne Hart M.D. <https://psychnews.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.pn.2020.12a27>

3) Positions

a) Commissioner of Health/MD, Lexington-Fayette County (Kentucky) Health Department <https://govphcareers.astho.org/jobs/14577715>

b) Assistant Secretary Of Public Health: With The Louisiana Department Of Health Assistant Secretary Of Public Health: <https://govphcareers.astho.org/jobs/14415669/assistant-secretary-of-public-health-with-the-louisiana-department-of-health>

c) Assistant Commissioner Bureau of Communicable Disease and Outbreak Control Baltimore City Health Department https://apps.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/index.cfm?action=job_Details&JobID=72075

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January 14, 2020

1) CoViD-19 Vaccination ... Facts & Myths and other helpful COVID-19 vaccine links are available at <http://www.aaphp.org/COVIDVAC>

2) Long time member and Past Vice President Dr. Ellen Alkon passed away on December 30, 2020 shortly after resigning from our Resolution, Policy and Legislative Committee. A tribute to Dr. Alkon's life of dedication and service is posted here; <https://www.aaphp.org/alkon>. Dr. Alkon's obituary is here: [Ellen Alkon Obituary \(1936 - 2021\) - Los Angeles Times \(legacy.com\)](#)

3) In Dr. Alkon's memory, we recognize just two of our many members, Dr. Dionne Hart and Dr. Thomas Britt who will continue on. Suggestions and bios for honoring other members can be sent to vmdato@aaphp.org.

a) Current AAPHB Board Member Dionne Hart, MD, DFAPA, FASAM: Dr. Alkon's legacy includes include the actions of our organization to advance public health and advocate for the health of our communities. In that tradition, we congratulate Board Member, Dr. Dionne Hart. Dr. Hart is an adjunct assistant professor of psychiatry at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. She is a proud public health advocate who was recently named as one of the 100 most influential healthcare leaders in Minnesota. Dr. Hart is the AMA's nominee for its representative to the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare.

b) Current AAPHB President Thomas Britt, MD, MPH, ACSM-CEP In addition to a being AAPHB president, Dr. Britt is also President and CEO, Health Policy Institute, Chair, National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer - Chicago. Chair, National African American Drug Policy Coalition - Chicago, Certified Exercise Physiologist, American College of Sports Medicine; Associate Editor, International Journal of Tropical Diseases and Health/ Dr. Brit's bio is here: [AAPHB President Britt Bio.pdf](#)

