

Guardians of the Public's Health



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- 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 AAPHP 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 AAPHP President Thomas Britt, MD, MPH, ACSM-CEP In addition to a being AAPHP 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. Britt's bio is here: [AAPHP President Britt Bio.pdf](#)