

IPHA Annual Meeting & Conference: 75 Years of Protecting Indiana's Public Health

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75 Years of Protecting Indiana's Public Health

The Indiana Public Health Association turns 75 this year, and we want to thank you for your support throughout decades of protecting Indiana's public health. Our diamond anniversary is a significant milestone for our organization as we continue to grow our staff, membership, and impact for the public health workforce in Indiana.

In honor of our anniversary, our logo includes the colors symbolic of the ten essential public health services. These services encompass assessment, policy development, and assurance, and we recognize the role our members play within each area to protect Indiana's public health. [Logo description: The bolded letters IPHA in navy, with the title "Indiana Public Health Association" directly underneath. Surrounding the text is a circle made out of the colors of the rainbow, with the phrase "75 years of protecting Indiana's public health" curving around the inside of the circle.]

We hope you'll continue to celebrate this landmark year in IPHA's history and consider making a [\\$75 contribution in honor of 75 years](#) today!

Join us for the Health Equity Summit with Health by Design on June 23-24. More info coming soon!

Agenda

10 a.m. Welcome

10:20 a.m. Keynote Address from Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, President of the American Public Health Association

11:20 a.m. IPHA Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. Break

12:30 p.m. The Future of Public Health in Indiana: System Transformation

- Judy Monroe, MD, President of the CDC Foundation & Co-Chair of the Governor's Public Health Commission
- Pam Pontones, MA, Deputy Health Commissioner and State Epidemiologist
- Joey Vrazel, PhD, MA, Leverage Points Consulting

1:30 p.m. A Moment to be Mindful: Self-Care

- John Shepard, RN, BSN, CCRN, The IU Center for Mindful Practice

2:00 p.m. The Future of Public Health in Indiana: Workforce Development

- Shandy Dearth, MPH, Director of the Center for Public Health Practice at the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health
- Shirley Payne, PhD, MPH, Assistant Commissioner of the Public Health Protection Commission at the Indiana Department of Health
- Moderators: Jenna Bednarski, Purdue University Doctor of Nursing Practice student, and Sidney Smith, Purdue University MPH student

3:00 p.m. Meeting and Conference Adjourns

Presenters

Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, President of the American Public Health Association

Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the owner of Kaye Bender Consulting, LLC, where she works as an independent public health, organizational, and education consultant and strategist. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Public Health Association. Dr. Bender served as the President and CEO of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in Alexandria, VA, from 2009-2019. She was the Dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing prior to PHAB. She is an active member of the American Public Health Association and was recently elected President of the organization.

Judith (Judy) Monroe, MD, President of the CDC Foundation & Co-Chair of the Governor's Public Health Commission

Dr. Judith Monroe joined the CDC Foundation in February 2016 as president and CEO, following her role as a deputy director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and director of CDC's Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. Dr. Monroe currently serves on the board of directors for the Center for Global Health Innovation, was appointed by Governor Holcomb to co-chair a public health commission for Indiana, is a member of the Milken Institute's Public Health Advisory Board, the COVID Collaborative, the Advisory Council of the Pandemic Action Network and the APHA Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response.

Pam Pontones, MA, Deputy State Health Commissioner and State Epidemiologist

Pam Pontones has served at the Indiana Department of Health since 1990. Since 2009, Pam has served as State Epidemiologist, overseeing

many surveillance initiatives, data projects and outbreak responses. In February 2017, she was appointed deputy state health commissioner, assuming oversight for the Epidemiology Resource Center, Division of HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis, the Office of Public Health Performance Management (OPHPM), and the newly created Health Issues and Challenges Division. She is an agency spokesperson for infectious diseases and numerous public health issues.

[Joellen \(Joey\) Vrazel, PhD, MA, Founder and President of Leverage Points Consulting](#)

Joey Vrazel is the founder and President of Leverage Points Consulting. From 2007 - 2010, Joey worked at the Indiana Department of Health in various roles including the founding Director of the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity and Assistant Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission. Since 2016, Joey has partnered with Health by Design and later, the Indiana Public Health Association to plan, implement, and evaluate several large-scale community-based initiatives including 26 Active Living Workshops statewide, a Social Determinants of Health Landscape Assessment pilot project of Marion County, and the development of the Shifting Upstream: A Call to Action for a New Way of Working introductory webinar series.

[John Shepard, RN, BSN, CCRN, Mindfulness Program Manager at Indiana University Health](#)

John Shepard is a Registered Nurse and the Mindfulness Program Manager at Indiana University Health. His primary responsibility is to integrate mindful practices into the clinical and non-clinical settings throughout the IU Health system. In 2018, He was recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (AACN) as a Magnet Nurse of the Year for bringing mindfulness and meditation to the ICU.

John is a Certified Mindfulness Teacher and Yoga Instructor. In 2020 he established the IU Health Center for Mindful Practice. He works with both staff and patients alike in applying mindful practices to improve focus, cultivate emotional intelligence and increased self-awareness.

Shandy Dearth, MPH, Director of the Center for Public Health Practice at Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health

Shandy Dearth has spent most of her career focusing on infectious disease surveillance, emergency preparedness planning and response, and public health informatics. In the last two years while at the Fairbanks School of Public Health, she has led the COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing program for Marion County. Her past positions include directing an international public health association and being the administrator in the epidemiology department of a local health department in Indiana.

Shirley Payne, PhD, MPH, Assistant Commissioner of the Public Health Protection Commission at the Indiana Department of Health

Dr. Shirley Payne is the Assistant Commissioner of the Public Health Protection Commission at the Indiana Department of Health where she oversees the Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Public Health, Food Protection, Immunization, Lead & Healthy Homes, and Vital Records Divisions. She is an adjunct faculty member at the IU School of Public Health-Bloomington, Immediate Past-President of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs' Board of Directors, and President of the Indiana Domestic Violence Network Board.

Jenna Bednarski, IPHA Student Advisory Group Member

Jenna Bednarski is a Doctorate of Nursing Practice student at Purdue University. Although her background is in nursing, she is also passionate about public health. She enjoys engaging with members of the community, assisting with policy development, and values the

importance of preparing future generations of students to enter the workforce.

Sidney Smith, IPHA Student Advisory Group Member

Sidney Smith is a Senior Undergraduate and 4+1 MPH student at Purdue University. She is a member of IPHA's student advisory group. At Purdue, Sidney is currently involved in violence and injury prevention research and has worked on a variety of projects from employee wellbeing and satisfaction to youth drug use. She is originally from the city of Salem in Southern Indiana.

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