

Support to create a Professional Development Committee within UPHA

Whereas the Utah Public Health Association (UPHA) is the largest association of public health professionals in Utah and is dedicated to providing education for its members, increasing public health advocacy and promoting quality public health policy; and

Whereas UPHA members include professionals from a broad cross section of public health occupations as well as community leaders and citizens who are committed to improving the health of Utahns; and

Whereas UPHA is looking to improve the benefits and resources for its members; and

Whereas the current organizational structure of UPHA does not provide a focus on members professional development in their areas of expertise; and

Whereas UPHA's efforts to obtain Continuing Education Credits problematic, inconsistent and cumbersome and could be streamlined within UPHA with a designated unit assigned to do this each year; and

Whereas the creation of professional Sections within the association could provide subject matter experts for professional development efforts.

Be it therefore resolved that:

UPHA consider creating Professional Sections as part of the organizational structure, that will bring together members of similar professional interests, be attractive to new members, and provide a network of content experts from within UPHA, who can provide the technical knowledge and information needed for advocacy and education; and

UPHA direct its Officers and Board to create the process by which members join a Section of their choice, as part of their UPHA membership; and

During 2015, UPHA Officers and Board appoint a committee to help in the development of the operational structure, section governance, and representation to the Board, and general guidance to organize Sections within UPHA; and

At the 2016 Annual Business Meeting of the Association, the necessary bylaws changes and policy statements/guidelines, creating this organizational change, will be formally presented to the membership for adoption.

Respectfully submitted by:

Officers and Board of UPHA