The Tennessee Public Health Association Presents

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Tackling Behaviors for Health Improvement

Cool Springs Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
Franklin, Tennessee
August 27-29, 2008
Williamson County – Discover a great place to visit, a great place to shop, and a great place to live. The history of Williamson County and Franklin, its county seat, dates back more than two centuries to their founding in 1799. Step into the past as you stroll the old-fashioned streets of Franklin and experience its rich history.

Visitors to Historic Downtown Franklin experience an award-winning Great American Main Street town. The Victorian commercial district with its beautifully renovated historic buildings is the heart of Franklin and Williamson County. Downtown Franklin offers an eclectic mix of antique shops, gift and book stores, art galleries, and clothiers.

History is alive in Williamson County and whether your interest lies in beautiful architecture or the Civil War, there is something for everyone. Must See Attractions include:

- Battle of Franklin Battlefield Sites
- Carnton Plantation
- Carter House
- Natchez Trace Parkway
- The Factory at Franklin
- Village of Leiper’s Fork

Williamson County invites you to experience all the heritage, beauty, and tradition it has to offer. For more information on all the attractions and events that Williamson County has to offer, please visit www.williamsoncvb.org.

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**Conference At-A-Glance**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2008**
- 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Epi & Biostat Section Pre-Conference Meeting
- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM TPHA Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday, August 27, 2008**
- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Conference Registration
- 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Exhibits
- 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM TPHA New Member Orientation
- 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Poster Session
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Opening General Session
- 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM Opening Session Luncheon
- 12:45 PM – 1:45 PM Plenary Session #1
- 1:45 PM – 2:00 PM President’s Welcome
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Plenary Session #2
- 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Silent Auction
- 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM Concurrent Workshops
- 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM Fun & Fitness First Half
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 PM – 8:30 PM Half Time Entertainment
- 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM Fun & Fitness Second Half

**Thursday, August 28, 2008**
- 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM Conference Registration
- 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM Exhibits
- 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 7:45 AM – 9:15 AM Nursing Section Meeting
- 8:00 AM – 9:15 AM TPHA Section Meetings
- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Silent Auction
- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Poster Session
- 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM Concurrent Workshops
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM TPHA Awards Luncheon
- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Plenary Session #3
- 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Awards Presentation
- 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM Concurrent Workshops
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- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Tailgate Party
- 8:00 PM – 12:00 PM Entertainment

**Friday, August 29, 2008**
- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM TPHA Business Meeting
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Plenary Session #4
- 10:20 AM – 11:20 AM Plenary Session #5
- 11:20 AM – 11:40 AM Adjournment
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Presiding: Glenn Czarnecki, President, TPHA

Opening Remarks: Rogers Anderson
Mayor, Williamson County
Susie Hamm
President, Southern Health Association

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM  Opening Session Luncheon – TICKET REQUIRED

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM  President’s Welcome
Glenn Czarnecki, MPA, TPHA President

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  Plenary Session #2
Russell L. Rothman, MD, MPP, Director, Program on Effective Health Communication and Deputy Director, Prevention & Control, Diabetes Research & Training Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Health literacy is the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.
Numeracy is the ability to understand and use numbers and math skills in daily life. Outcomes associated with health literacy and numeracy include: general health status, hospitalizations, emergency department use, diabetes control, immunizations, chronic disease management, and medication adherence. People with adequate general literacy can still have low health literacy. Patients with low or marginal health literacy struggle to understand medical terminology, self-care instructions, and informed consent documents. Health communication links the domains of communication and health and is recognized as a necessary element of efforts to improve personal and public health. Effective health communication helps raise awareness of health risks and solutions, provides motivation and skills needed to reduce these risks, can increase demand for appropriate health services, and affects or reinforces attitudes.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Break

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Silent Auction

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM  
Concurrent Workshops

#1 Penalty Free Diabetes Management: Keeping Up With the Latest  
Becky Gregory, MS, RD, LDN, CDE, Nutrition Coordinator, Vanderbilt Diabetes Research and Training Center and Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

*During this workshop common “myths of diabetes” and diabetes care will be discussed and clarified. The presenter will examine research that debunks commonly held myths and will discuss how the research findings translate into quality patient care.*

#2 Improving Access to Health Care for the Uninsured  
Rae Bond, Executive Director, Medical Foundation of Chattanooga and Director, Project Access, Chattanooga, Tennessee

*Project Access makes health care more available to low-income, uninsured residents of Hamilton County. Project Access is coordinated by the Medical Society of Chattanooga & Hamilton County and the Medical Foundation. It brings together doctors, hospitals, medical schools, community clinics, the Hamilton County Health Department, and many other partners all for a common goal. This goal is to improve the health and well-being of the people of Chattanooga and Hamilton County.*

#3 Intersection Between Foodborne Illness Litigation and Public Health  
Drew Falkenstein, Attorney, Marler Clark, LLP, PS, Seattle, Washington

*This session will focus on federal and state laws that apply to foodborne illness litigation, including a discussion of strict liability, negligence, and punitive damages. The session will include information on agency liability in foodborne illness, both division and employee risks. Similarities and disparities between public health and litigators will be defined relating to food safety training and education, industry roles and responsibilities and preventing foodborne illness.*

#4 Recognition of Addictive Disorders in Ambulatory Care  
Robert W. Mooney, MD, Medical Director, Willingway Hospital, Statesboro, Georgia

*Addiction is one of the most costly public health problems in the United States. It is a progressive syndrome, which means that it increases in severity over time unless it is treated. Substance abuse is characterized by frequent relapse, or return to the abused substance. Substance abusers often make repeated attempts to quit before they are successful. The presenter has devoted his life to Addiction Medicine and the treatment of addicts and their family members affected by*
chemical dependence. Dr. Mooney will describe three symptoms of addictive behaviors and two tools for diagnosing addiction. Consequences of untreated addiction in the general population will also be discussed.

#5 It’s a Small World After All: Lessons Learned from Foodborne Disease Outbreak Investigations in Chicago
Susan I. Gerber, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago, Illinois

The initial focus of this workshop will be on the important steps necessary to investigate a foodborne disease outbreak. After the initial overview, examples of outbreaks investigated by the Chicago Department of Public Health will be discussed. The overarching theme will be national and international implications to local health department foodborne disease outbreak investigations.

#6 Blueprint for Action: Preventing Youth Violence in Minneapolis
Claudia Fuentes, Policy Aide, Youth & Learning, for Mayor RT Rybak, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota

In 2007, city and community leaders decided to view and attack the problem of youth violence in Minneapolis from a public health perspective. The blueprint targets individuals ages 8 to 17 who face factors that place them at higher risk to commit a crime or be a victim. This session will be a presentation of the blueprint as a common vision that seeks to bring together disparate efforts and better coordinate fragmented systems that are leaving too many youth falling through the cracks.

5:15 PM – 6:00 PM  Fun & Fitness – 1st half
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM  Dinner – TICKET REQUIRED
8:00 PM – 8:30 PM  Half-time Entertainment – TICKET REQUIRED
8:30 PM – 10:00 PM  Fun & Fitness – 2nd half

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8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  Poster Session
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM  Break
Concurrent Workshops

#7 Update from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
William Schaffner, MD, Chairman, Department of Preventive Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) consists of 15 experts in fields associated with immunization who have been selected by the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the control of vaccine-preventable diseases. The Committee develops written recommendations for the routine administration of vaccines to children and adults in the civilian population. Recommendations include age for vaccine administration, number of doses and dosing interval, and precautions and contraindications. The overall goal of the ACIP is to provide advice that will lead to a reduction in the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases in the United States, and an increase in the safe use of vaccines and related biological products. The session will include a presentation of the recent ACIP recommendations and deliberations on the expansion of influenza vaccine recommendations to include all children 5 through 18 years of age and the progress in implementation of HPV vaccine.

#8 The Power of Partnerships: Coordinated School Health and Public Health Collaborations
Facilitator: Sara Smith, State Coordinator, Office of Coordinated School Health, TN Department of Education, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists: Russell Cliché, CSH Coordinator, Hamilton County; Cheryl Shouse, Hamilton County Health Department; Anesia McDonald, CSH Coordinator, Knox County; Dr. Kathy Brown, Knox County Health Department; Elaine Jackson, CSH Coordinator, Stewart County; Shunji Brown-Woods, CSH Coordinator, Shelby County; Susan Warden, CSH Coordinator, Bledsoe County; Jan Freschette, Community Development, Sequatchie and Bledsoe Co. Health Departments

A panel discussion will be held to describe the benefits of expanding school health goals through partnership with local health departments. Panelists represent both metropolitan and rural communities. An overview of each partnership and how it has made a difference in students’ lives will be shared. Participants will gain ideas and strategies of successful partnerships/initiatives that could be implemented in their own county.

#9 Active Living: Changing Communities for the Better
David R. Bassett, Jr., Professor, Tennessee Obesity Research Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Dr. Bassett has primary research interests in the measurement of physical activity and energy expenditure in humans, the physiological effects of physical training and the relationship of the built environment to walking and bicycling levels. Results of his research will be presented in this workshop including time trends in obesity prevalence in the US, how the built environment influences physical activity, and the relationship between active commuting and obesity rates in countries on three continents.

#10 Teeth First – The Relationship of Oral Health to General Health
Beverly Largent, D.M.D., President, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Paducah, Kentucky

Early childhood caries, also known as baby bottle tooth decay, is a syndrome characterized by severe decay in the teeth of infants or young children. Its prevalence is epidemic, and the U.S. rate is highest in minority and rural populations. A large body of scientific evidence indicates
that dental caries is an infectious and transmissible disease, therefore mothers with untreated
dental disease present a very high risk to their children. In this session, Dr. Largent will present
information on carries risk assessment, predictors of decay, and dental caries management
throughout life. Participants will learn the indicators for an increased risk of dental caries
infection, methods available for the primary prevention of dental caries initiation throughout life,
and treatments available for detecting and stopping the progression of early dental caries.

#11 Response to Public Health Records Requests
Patti Waller, Epidemiologist, Marler Clark, LLP, PS, Seattle, Washington

The public depends on health departments and food regulators for protection from foodborne
illness. Such protection relies on rapid detection of outbreaks, determination of the cause of the
outbreak, and incorporation of control measures to protect the public. The careful and diligent
investigation of foodborne and waterborne outbreaks is essential for disease control and
prevention. In foodborne disease outbreaks, numerous agencies at the federal, state, and local
levels have roles and responsibilities in protecting the public’s health. These agencies also have
responsibilities to respond to resulting public health records requests. Participants in this session
will learn about laws that allow release of information and tips to handle requests and responses
successfully. Examples of agency responses to public health record requests will be given.

#12 Living Fast Forward
Steve Byrum, CEO and Primary Consultant, Byrum Consulting Group, Chattanooga, Tennessee

This is not just another session on reducing stress in the workplace. This session on stress will
intentionally move beyond “canned” approaches to stress management and outline clear metric-
based strategies that have proven successful in modern-day health care settings. Developed at
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, Texas in 2005, this presentation was honed
through numerous focus groups as well as the healthcare system’s administration before being
utilized. It has since become a quarterly presentation throughout the MHHS system.
Participants are given a chance to experience a concrete example of what a new approach to
stress presentation can look like. Strategies for a more strategic approach which can be
institutionalized will be sketched out.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Break
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM TPHA Awards Luncheon – TICKET REQUIRED
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Plenary Session #3 – Awards Luncheon Speaker

A View from the Commissioner’s Chair
Commissioner Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN
Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, Tennessee

Commissioner Cooper will share her perspective on the ‘State of Public Health’ in Tennessee. Her
talk will focus on the challenges and opportunities that public health practitioners will face in the
coming years as we strive to promote, protect, and improve the health of people living in, working in
or visiting Tennessee. Commissioner Cooper will discuss Governor Bredesen’s health care priorities
and new legislation that will impact the health of Tennesseans. Changes in organizational structure,
personnel, and new initiatives at the Department will also be discussed.

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Awards Presentation
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM Concurrent Workshops
#13 Street Smart
Officer Bill Cain, Instructor, Public Safety Coalition, Atlanta, Georgia

The information provided to seminar attendees can help reduce an individual's chance of becoming a victim by as much as 70%. This program can and will provide attendees with the knowledge of the best tactics to use while working and traveling in the community. The instructor will teach you and your group the signs and situations to be aware of, how the criminal reasons, what the criminal looks for in a victim and how a criminal picks his or her target.

#14 Selected Zoonoses of Tennessee: Prevention and Control
John C. New, Jr., DVM, MPH, DACVPM, Professor and Head, Department of Comparative Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, UT, Knoxville, Tennessee

Any disease and/or infection which is naturally “transmissible from vertebrate animals to man” is classified as a zoonosis according to the PAHO publication “Zoonoses and Communicable Diseases Common to Man and Animals.” This workshop will serve as an introduction to the concept of zoonoses and will include a discussion of the epidemiology and risk factors of selected zoonoses. Current trends in zoonosis will be discussed along with preventive and control options and measures. Information on the following zoonoses will be presented: animal bites, rabies, Bartonella (cat scratch disease), dermatophytes (ringworm) and some internal parasites.

#15 Colorectal Cancer Screening 2008: Opportunities for Intervention
Paul C. Schroy III, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, Professor of Epidemiology, Boston University School of Public Health and Director of Clinical Research, Section of Gastroenterology, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts

Colorectal cancer affects both men and women of all racial and ethnic groups, and is most often found in people aged 50 years or older. For men, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer after prostate and lung cancers. For women, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer after breast and lung cancers. Participants in this session will learn the background of the rationale for screenings as well as the new CRC screening recommendations for average risk patients. Barriers to CRC screenings and strategies to address those barriers will be discussed from the patient, provider and system perspective.

#16 Teen Videofest – An Innovative Method to Address Teen Health Issues
Yvette M. Jones, MPA, Health Education Coordinator, Tarrant County Public Health, Fort Worth, Texas

Teenagers today face a multitude of challenges and make important social and health decisions that have serious consequences for their lives, their future health, their families, and the health of the community. Teen Videofest challenges teens to speak out on aspects of teen health that directly affect them and their peers by creating videos with effective health promotion messages. Participants are provided general health categories from which to draw their topics, are encouraged to work in teams, are given high-quality VHS tapes, and must do most of the production work with no direct adult help. They also receive editing assistance from companies and organizations willing to enhance the Teen Videofest learning experience. As time permits, there will be viewing of videos.

#17 No Crystal Ball, But Maybe a Little Sense – Assessing Critical Elements in the Future of Healthcare
Steve Byrum, CEO and Primary Consultant, Byrum Consulting Group, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Decision makers need to always keep their eyes on the horizon for new opportunities and challenges. The field of health care and especially public health is ever changing. Relying on an
ongoing client base of over 60 healthcare organizations across the United States, this session will focus on new trends, both from the point of view of what is not working well and what is working well. Added attention will be given to prevailing fears and frustrations and new horizons of interest and success.

#18 Personal Preparedness for Public Health Providers
Susan Speraw, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Definitions and key research on preparedness among health professionals will be presented in this session including things that impede response to disaster, things that support response and lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. There will also be discussion of resources available on the web, various forms personal preparedness can take such as: “routine” preparedness for self and family; planning for special health care needs; and working with employers collaboratively. There will be group discussions of cases and scenarios of personal barriers and development of strategies to address those barriers.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Break

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Concurrent Workshops

#19 Infant Mortality in Tennessee: Current Status of Improvement Projects
Mike DeVoe, MD, Director, Neonatology, Professor of Pediatrics, ETSU Pediatrics, Johnson City, Tennessee

This workshop will review definition of terms for infant outcomes reporting, review the known common causes of infant mortality in Tennessee and the US and review multi-year and regional trends in infant mortality. Tennessee’s efforts to improve outcomes through regional grants, Governor’s Office efforts and the Perinatal Advisory Committee will be explored.

#20 Achieving Tobacco-Free Health Campuses
Facilitator: Howard W. Roddy, Memorial Health Care System, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Panelists: Gregory M. Duckett, Senior Vice President/Corporate Counsel, Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation; Donna Roddy, MSN, RN, Regional Nurse Liaison, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee; Jay Collum, Tobacco Education Coordinator for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department; Liz Jenkins, Assistant to Vice President for Healthy Communities and Advocacy at the Memorial Health Care System in Chattanooga

Participants attending this workshop will gain greater insight into the process for achieving tobacco-free health campuses – best practices and challenges. The diverse panel has representation from a county health department, major insurance company and hospitals. Each will discuss the challenges and achievements of efforts within their respective system to implement a tobacco-free campus.

#21 How to Fit Fitness into Your Schedule
Jenny Moshak, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, UT, Knoxville, Tennessee

Jenny Moshak is in her 19th year with the Lady Vols. She oversees all sports medicine, athletic training, rehabilitation, strength and conditioning, and continues to work directly with basketball. Moshak’s vision led to the creation of UT’s unique program, Team ENHANCE, which creates a healthy culture for the Lady Vol student-athletes so they can achieve personal bests in their sports and in their lives. Under her direction, the UT Women’s Athletics Department established the program to assist student-athletes in the nutritional, mental and emotional aspects of
performance, with the guidance of UT professional staff, coaches and a comprehensive group of medical experts from the private sector. She brings this same three-pronged approach to her presentation “How to Fit Fitness into Your Schedule.” Attendees will learn more about how she promotes moderation in all aspects of life as a way of bringing wellness and good living to the lives of adults and children alike.

#22 MRSA 411
Vicki Brinsko, Infection Control Coordinator, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) has been featured in the news and on television programs a great deal recently. This type of bacteria causes infections that are resistant to treatment with usual antibiotics. MRSA is becoming more prevalent in healthcare settings and occurs most frequently among patients who undergo invasive medical procedures or who have weakened immune systems and are being treated in hospitals and healthcare facilities such as nursing homes and dialysis centers. Infection control guidelines produced by CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control and Prevention Advisory Committee (HICPAC) are central to the prevention and control of healthcare infections and ultimately, MRSA in healthcare settings. This session will review current MRSA legislation across the U.S., including Tennessee. In addition, participants will receive up-to-date information on MRSA infections and prevention strategies.

#23 Aging in the Workforce
Viston Taylor, CEO, Alexian Brothers Community Services, Signal Mountain, Tennessee

The 2008 Institute of Medicine’s study The Future Healthcare Workforce for Older Americans is the focus of this workshop. Participants will become familiar with the study and understand the future demand for health services by older adults and how population trends affect the workforce. Also included will be a discussion of the State and Federal public policy changes which must be considered in view of the aging workforce.

#24 Suction Entrapment – How to Recognize and Eliminate Suction Entrapment Hazards from Pools and Spas
Ray Cronise, Vice President of Engineering, Trilogy Pools, Fayetteville, Tennessee

With the passage of the Federal Pool and Spa Safety Act, there is a renewed focus with state health officials and regulators to eliminate suction entrapment hazards from residential and public pools and spas. Unfortunately many do not fully understand underlying causes of suction entrapment and this leads to undetected hazards during inspections and incomplete code requirements. The ANSI/APSP-7 Suction Entrapment Avoidance standard addresses all five modes of entrapment and the three underlying physical causes. In this session we will review all modes of entrapment and give a clear method for recognizing and eliminating all entrapment hazards from pools and spas.

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM TPHA Board of Directors Meeting (if necessary)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Tailgate Party – TICKET REQUIRED
8:00 PM – 12:00 PM Entertainment – TICKET REQUIRED
Voluntary accreditation is a concept that is gaining momentum in the public health realm as a way of defining and striving for the optimal public health system. As leaders in the effort to promote, protect and improve the health of our residents we are charged with improving coordination, reducing redundancy and engaging in improvement of the system in its entirety. Dr. Baker has spent most of his career leading major national initiatives to strengthen the public health infrastructure including creation of Public Health Leadership Institutes and the National Public Health Performance Standards Program. From his work as Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service, to his current role as the Director of the North Carolina Institute of Public Health, he remains actively involved in policy development and consultation related to public health accreditation and quality improvement (QI). Today he will highlight the critical role of QI in the accreditation process and discuss the value of each in public health agencies, summarize national trends in both, and identify critical success factors with respect to QI and accreditation in Tennessee, which already has us years ahead of other states.
Hotel Information

All meetings, educational sessions, and special events at the 2008 TPHA Conference will be held at the Cool Springs Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Franklin, Tennessee. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Cool Springs Marriott at a special rate of $119 per night (single or double occupancy). The overflow hotel, Wingate Inn at Cool Springs, located at 1738 Carothers Parkway, is $109 per night. Reservations can be made by calling the Marriott at (615) 261-6100 or the Wingate at (615) 277-8700. Please specify you are attending the TPHA Conference. The deadline for making hotel reservations is August 4, 2008. In order to avoid a penalty, you must notify the hotel at least two weeks in advance of the conference if you have to cancel the reservation.

- The Marriott can be accessed from I-65 South at Exit #68A, East Cool Springs Blvd.
- The Wingate Inn can be accessed from I-65 South at Exit #69 East by following Moores Lane as it curves into Carothers Blvd.

Conference Registration

Registration for the full conference includes all educational sessions and meal functions, exhibits, and the receptions and entertainment on both nights. Additional guest tickets for the evening social events can be purchased as indicated on the registration form. Pay the daily registration rate only if you will be attending the conference for fewer than three days and indicate which days you plan to attend. If you register for the full conference, do not pay the daily rate. Attendance at the conference is limited; individuals who register for the full conference will be given priority. If the conference is sold-out, your full payment will be refunded.

Cancellations and Refunds

All cancellations must be received in writing for consideration. If TPHA is notified by August 12, 2008, a full refund will be issued, less a $25 non-refundable fee, for all cancellations. No refunds will be granted after August 12, 2008.

Registration Materials

Name badges, tickets, programs, and other conference materials will not be mailed in advance. Attendees who have registered in advance can pick up their registration materials on-site at the registration area.

Continuing Education

Continuing education credit has been requested for conference attendees in the following professions: physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, certified health education specialists, dental hygienists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, environmental health specialists and social workers.

TPHA Membership

The Tennessee Public Health Association is the official professional organization for those engaged or interested in public health services and is the voice for public health in Tennessee. Endorsed by the Tennessee Department of Health, TPHA is an organization where different disciplines work together to secure administrative policies and legislative actions that will afford all Tennesseans a safer and healthier life. TPHA, an affiliate member of the American Public Health Association and the Southern Health Association, provides opportunities for health professionals representing diverse service areas to meet and share ideas in an effort to maintain high standards of quality in all aspects of public health. Membership is encouraged for any person, organization, or agency interested in the advancement of public health in Tennessee. Additional information about TPHA and the benefits of membership are located at the Association’s website: www.tnpublichealth.org.

Mail completed registration forms to: Doris Spain, TPHA Executive Director
P.O. Box 210147
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

If you have questions or need additional information, visit the TPHA website at www.tnpublichealth.org, or contact the TPHA office at (615) 646-3805 or by e-mail: dgspan@tnpublichealth.org.
Registration Application

Deadline – August 12, 2008

(Please print legibly)

Name __________________________________________________________

Degree(s) ______________________________________________________

Title ____________________________________________________________

Organization ______________________________________________________

Work Address _______________________________________________________________________________________________

Office Phone _____________________ Fax ___________________________ E-Mail ________________________________


☐ Full Conference: Includes all sessions and meals, two evening receptions, and entertainment.

Enter Amount

☐ TPHA Member $100  ($150 if postmarked after August 12, 2008) $ ____________

☐ Non-TPHA Member $125  ($175 if postmarked after August 12, 2008) $ ____________

(To become a member of TPHA, see below.)

☐ Do you plan to attend Wednesday evening activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Do you plan to attend Thursday evening activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No


☐ Single-Day Registration: If space is available – registrants for entire conference receive priority.

Do not register for individual functions if you have registered for the full conference.

TPHA Member  Non-Member

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

☐ Sessions (includes lunch) $20*  $30*  $ ____________

☐ Reception/Entertainment $35*  $40*  $ ____________

Thursday, August 28, 2008

☐ Sessions (includes breakfast & lunch) $40*  $50*  $ ____________

☐ Reception/Entertainment $35*  $40*  $ ____________

Friday, August 29, 2008

☐ Sessions (includes breakfast) $15*  $20*  $ ____________

* $10 must be added to each function if pre-registration is postmarked after August 12, 2008.

☐ Additional Tickets:  Wednesday night:_____ @ $35 each  Thursday night:_____ @ $35 each $ ____________

TPHA Membership Dues:

☐ First-time new member $10  $ ____________

☐ Renewal $25  $ ____________

Total Amount Enclosed (Make check payable to TPHA.) $ ____________

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