

Public Health Commission Applicant Summary Spreadsheet

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Chris Crookham	Precinct 1, Male, White, Hispanic	As Austin and Travis County continue to explode in population - and a diverse population at that - it is imperative that we put/keep health at the forefront of the community's collective thought. There are growing disparities and inequities in our community and if history is any indication of the future, these will only worsen unless we act now to mitigate and prevent them as much as possible. I would like to serve my community by offering my skills, knowlegde, and abilities to address these challenges.	Administration & Operations, Board Development, Community Networking, Education, Event Planning, Financial Management, Program Development, Public Health, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived experience with Public Health, Writing/Communication Further details in application	Purder University, B.A. Indiana University, Master of Public Affairs	City of Austin/Austin Public Health, Progam Manager III	International association of emergency managers (IAEM), Certified Emergency Manager (CEM), Building Expertise in Administration and Management (BEAM) certificate additional in application	AISD Victory tutorial - Tutor 2011 - 2022 El Buen samaritano enlish teacher 2012-2019 Big brothers Big Sisters 2011-2017	Austin public health 2011-present Attendee at numerous conferences, detailed in application Responded to mutiple public health emergencies, detailed in application
Cara Dahlhausen	Precinct 3, District 8 Female, White	I am seeking this appointment to assist in the guidance of Austin-Travis County's Public Health Commission using my professional background, education, and lived experience with underserved populations. I aim to collaborate with other public health professionals to address health disparities and public health issues within our community, especially for those who are unhoused and individuals who use drugs.	Administration & Operations, Health Care, Program Development, Public Health, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived Experience with Public Health - Data analysis - Data management - Program evaluation - Report writing	•St. Edward's University, Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Neuroscience •University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, Master of Public Health, Epidemiology	•University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School, Data Analyst, Pediatric Psychiatry and Psychology •St. Edward's University, Project Assistant	•Texas Harm Reduction Alliance, Board of Directors Member	•Four-years of volunteer work with Austin Harm Reduction Coalition facilitating syringe exchange and health services. This position worked directly with unhoused individuals and individuals who use drugs •One year of volunteer service at V'ivent Health •Texas Harm Reduction Alliance Overdose Awareness Fundraising Campaign	•Master of Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology •Knowledge and experience with common public health datasets •Knowledge of public health research models •Understanding of community care models •Knowledge in child and adolescent mental health
Jaseudia Killon	Precinct 3, District 5 Female, African-American	I am seeking this appointment because I would like to be more involved within the Austin community beyond m specific professional areas as a Public Health professionals. Additionally, I feel that I have a level of experience and expertise that would be beneficial this new Boars and Commission. My goal is to obtain more involvement locally in a variety Public Health areas and topics within the Austin area beyond the confinement of my employer. My experience in the field of Public Health has spanned over ten years in multiple sectors and levels in multiple cities that would provide some much needed diversity and expertise to this Commission and community.	Administration & Operations, Board Development, Community Networking, Education, Event Planning, Fundraising/Grant Writing, Program Development, Public Health, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations,Lived Experience with Public Health, Writing/Communication. I have specific experience working with the City of Austin's Clerk office as a person who supervises the Office of Support for the HIV Planning Council(A local Board and Commission). I have also experience with Public Health task forces and Boards that deal with a variety of Public Health topics ranging from Equity, Emergency Preparedness and Response, infectious diseases, and community planning.	University of TN at Knoxville The University of Memphis, MPA	City of Austin-Austin Public Health, Public Health Program Supervisor Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Advisor	Black Ladies in Public Health (BLIPH) National Forum for Black Public Administrators Relevant Work Experience: Former CDC Public Health Advisor, Former Contractor with Texas	Participation in the local community with HIV/AIDS advocacy, recruitment and engagement for the HIV Planning Council, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and Youth advocacy	Over ten years experience in Public Health with local health departments, nonprofits, state health agencies, and the CDC. 1. Strengthening federal, local, state, and private partnerships and capacity building; 2. Diversity, equity, and inclusion lens focus; 3. Budgeting review, negotiation, and grant deliverable tracking; 4. Planning, coordinating, and implementing public health programs and activities; 5. Assessing the impact of legislative actions on public health programs and activities; 6. Developing and disseminating public health messages with subject matter experts (SMEs); 7. Creating public health information communication products using various social media platforms.
Enrique Lin-Shiao	Precinct 3, District 9 Male, Asian, Hispanic	I am a biomedical scientist with training in evidence-based public health practices and experience working with underserved Latino communities. As a Costa Rican immigrant, I am able to connect and build trust with underserved Latino communities in Travis County to best understand how we can close gaps in social determinants of health and improve the health of our community. I previously volunteered at "Puentes de Salud" in Philadelphia, a clinic serving underserved and undocumented Latinos in the city through free medical attention and additional services targeting social determinants of health including tutoring, English and finance lessons, immigration counseling and training of community health-workers. I also co-led efforts to establish a CLIA-compliant COVID testing facility in 2020 to provide free testing for people without housing and underserved communities. I recently moved to Austin, since my wife joined as a Professor at UT and I look forward to serving our new community.	Administration & Operations, Board Development, Community Networking, Education, Financial Management, Health Care, Program Development, Public Health, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived Experience with Public Health, Writing/Communication. Have interdisciplinary training in biomedical sciences and public health, and currently work in Mission Related Investments at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Here, I evaluate, invest, join boards of companies and move forward new genetic therapies and cures for this disease. In the past, I have also served as a project lead at "Puentes de Salud" and completed their Escolares programs geared at training health care practitioners and volunteers in social determinants of health and strategies to tackle them. My education, training and work experience provide me with relevant and diverse skills for this position. Additionally, as a Spanish native speaker and an immigrant myself I can connect and build trust with underserved Latino populations in our County to best understand their needs. Lastly, I am a co-producer and co-host of the podcast "Caminos en Ciencia" a podcast in Spanish geared towards increasing Latina/o representation in STEM.	•Technical University of Munich (Germany), 2007-2013, Bachelor in Engineering Physics (2007-2011), Master in Biophysics (2011-2013) •University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences and Certificate in Public Health, 2013-2019	•Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Senior Associate in Mission Related Investments •BridgeBio Pharma, Associate in Asset Acquisitions	I also completed 12+ years of biomedical and genetic research and worked in gene editing at UC Berkeley in the lab of Jennifer Doudna, Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2020, from 2019-2021. In 2020 I co-led and co-established a CLIA compliant COVID diagnostics lab from scratch, onboarded and trained over 50 volunteers and helped provide free diagnostics for underserved populations. During time at Penn, I founded the Penn Science Diplomacy and Policy Group focused on providing consulting and establishing partnerships related to local and global health. Through my time at Penn and my training, I came to realize that immigrant health is global health and to really improve the health of immigrant populations, we need to understand their social context, customs, diets, etc.	Beyond establishing a COVID diagnostics lab, I created resources (videos, audios, small articles) in Spanish - in relevant social media platforms - during the pandemic, to explain and dispel misinformation in our communities. At Puentes de Salud, also worked as lead project coordinator, and co-developed a pipeline to allow undocumented children to access free emergency care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Volunteered with Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) during their Give Kids Sight Day, worked as interpreter between Spanish and Mandarin speaking parents/patients and healthcare practitioners. Also worked on the Dream Care campaign, aiming to extend CHIP to all children living in PA regardless of background and immigration status.	During my PhD tenure at Penn, obtained Certificate in Public Health. Certificate included bi-weekly seminar series and a research experience project. Project was focused on Latino immigrant health, understanding and tackling social determinants of health unique to this population (https://www.med.upenn.edu/phcp/). My PhD trained me in translating the study findings into actionable items and distill key information to provide succinct recommendations. My work at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and prior work at BridgeBio Pharma involves communicating w key stakeholders across all areas of healthcare (scientists, pharmaceutical companies, insurers, healthcare practitioners, policy makers, patients and volunteers). Through my podcast "Caminos en Ciencia" I have also further developed my communication skills.
Martha Lujan	Precinct 1, District 1 Female, White, Hispanic	My mission when providing services is to practice trauma-informed care and remove barriers for people suffering from health, social and informed disparities. By pursuing this appointment this will increase my public knowledge to be able to uplift, be a voice for our communities and then shift the knowledge to empower our communities.	Community Networking, Education, Event Planning, Program Development, Public Health, Social Work, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived Experience with Public Health I am a skilled Mental Health Peer Support Specialist who advocates and supports our underserved communities and at-risk populations. My personal experiences have given me the knowledge and understanding of how social determinants of health can impact families for generations if not addressed. For the last 10 years, I have worked with clients who experience health disparities. I will support and assist in applying for benefit enrollment services- paperwork or online, translating paperwork, and filling out due to literacy ability to read or write.	•Texas Culinary Academy, Culinary Arts Associate of Applied Science- 2 yrs graduated •Austin Community College, Human Services Associates – 1 semester	•UT of Austin- School of Nursing, Community Health Worker/ Mental Health Peer Support Specialist •El Buen Samaritano, Community Health Worker	I am a member of NACHW-National Association of Community Health Workers	I have over 10 years of volunteering with Bridges to Life Prison Ministry, Speaking and facilitating groups in surrounding correctional facilities. I also volunteer with NAMI for Outreach events and Spanish peer support events/projects. I advocate for Domestic Violence and Sexual assault as survivor peer support.	My personal lived experiences are giving me the expertise to be able to perform my current duties as a Community Health Worker and Mental Health peer support specialist in direct services. I am able to support families to better their whole health by talking about some determinants of health involved in their lives in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

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Natalie Poindexter	Precinct 4, District 7 Female, African-American	I am seeking this appointment because I believe that my learned experience as a transplant to Austin will enhance the public health commission's scope and outcomes but also bring in solutions that have proven successful to be adapted to meet the needs of our community. I am Public Health education and have experience working the COVID-19 response for the City of Austin. As a minority woman, living in a predominantly underserved minority community I saw the needs as an employee of the City of Austin, and I see the gaps and barriers to addressing concerns now. I truly believe that my tenacity to incorporate equity and advocacy, willingness to think outside the box, and understanding of Public Health will be a welcomed voice to the commission.	Administration & Operations, Community Networking, Event Planning, Health Care, Fundraising/Grant Writing, Health Care, Program Development, Public Health, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived Experience with Public Health, Writing/Communication •Grant Audits •Qualitative & Community Based Participatory Research •Diverse Partnership Development •Research & program Design •Intersectional Change Management •Healthcare Program Planning •Staff Training & Development •Policy Interpretation & Presentation •Social Health Determinants Resolution	• Otterbein University, Bachelor of Arts, Public Health Education •Baylor University, Masters of Public Health, Community Health	•Authentic Inclusion LLC, Owner & Principal •Agilon health, Clinical Programs Manager	•Eta Sigma Gamma • Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council – MBE certified supplier • International Society for Female Professionals • American Planning Association Member	12 years of volunteer experience and community advocacy with a focus on improving access and opportunities for small businesses. 7 years of public service experience in the pre-hospital and hospital career fields. 5 year of volunteer experience as a member on advisory boards, board of directors, and committees.	City of Austin, COVID-19 pandemic response experience in Epidemiology, Immunizations, and Health Equity. Academic experience via coursework, internships, and proposal development. Professional experience as a consultant and community advocate specializing in integration, implementation, grant writing and audits, and evaluation.
William "Bill" Rice	Precinct 3, District 8 Male, White	Am deeply involved in the Austin-Travis County health care system, with long experience in health informatics, health system quality and safety performance, along with a 15 year history in clinical medicine (emergency medicine), a broad experience in public policy (former White House Staff member), was deeply involved with City and County leaders and public health leadership during the pandemic, and have a great interest in optimization of resources and infrastructure to help the people of Austin and Travis County. Have also served for almost a decade on the oversight committee of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, a state agency that funds \$300M annually for cancer research and prevention services across Texas.	Administration & Operations, Board Development, Community Networking, Education, Financial Management, Health Care, Public Health, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations	•University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, BS in physiology with high honors 1794-1978 •University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio, MD 1979-1983	•St. David's Healthcare, Senior Vice President Clinical Innovation	•American Medical Association •Texas Medical Association •Travis County Medical Society	•Founding Chair and current executive board member •Austin Healthcare Council •Past Chair of corporate fundraising for the Austin Symphony	•15 years ED medicine •Long experience in senior leadership of a large health system •Participation in a current Medical Respite program for Austin/Travis County
Larry Wallace Jr.	Precinct 1 Male, African-American, Hispanic	During . the early outbreak of COVID-19, most leaders hesitated to act, gave little attention, or overly expressed an ill-equipped governmental system, whereas few leaders identified sources and methods for sustainable primary care and food services; youth support; COVID-19 testing; and mental health support. As a proven frontline leader and advocate I want to continue my fight on our communities' behalf to improve community health and wellness levels. Too often, those with the power to influence change are invested in self-interest which is why I'm committed to identifying means and supporting work focused on overcoming systemic inequities.	Administration & Operations, Community Networking, Fundraising/Grant Writing, HealthCare, Program Development, Public Health, Strategic Planning, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived Experience with Public Health, Writing/Communication Experience supporting multiple people across various spaces during my military service.	•UT Arlington •Amberton University / Northcentral University, Master of Human Relations	•Texas State University, Instructor •Wallace Brothers & Associates, President	•Delta Mu Delta Honor Society •Golden Key International Honour Society •National Society of Leadership & Success •Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity	•Veterans Services Advisory Committee Vice Chair for the Texas Veterans Commission •Homeless Subcommittee Member for the Texas Veterans Commission •Suicide Prevention Subcommittee Member for the Texas Veterans Commission •Member for City of Austin Resiliency HUB Advisory Committee	•Ambassador to the Travis County Healthcare Division (Central Health) •Former Advisory Member for the Eastern Crescent Health Now Committee (3 counties) •Former Vice Chair at C2 Change (Youth Mental Health Services) •Former Strategic Planning Committee Chair at C2 Change (Youth Mental Health Services) •Board Chair for the African American Men's Health Clinic •Board Member for Sobering Center Austin
Jacob Whitty	Precinct 2, District 4 Male, White	As an Austin resident, I am passionate about the public health issues affecting our local community. Since moving to Austin in 2016, I have dedicated my career to supporting our local HIV prevention and care efforts. Through this work, I have become acutely aware of how stigma impacts the delivery of healthcare and services to people living with HIV and those at risk for transmission. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community myself, I am both a participant and working professionally in pertinent local community health practices in Austin. I seek this appointment to represent the diversity within the community I serve and apply my knowledge in social services to address health disparities, particularly among young Austinites. My experiences in medical social work, public health, and community engagement qualify me to be an invaluable asset to the Austin-Travis County Public Health Commission.	Community Networking, Event Planning, Health Care, Public Health, Social Work, Serving Underserved Populations, Lived Experience with Public Health, Writing/Communication •Spanish-speaker (professional proficiency) •LGBTQIA+ competency •Social media engagement	•The University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Science, Public Health (attended August 2016 – May 2020)	•Vivent Health, HIV Prevention Supervisor •Vivent Health, Clinic Case Manager	•Texas Department of State Health Services – COVID-19 Epidemiologist I (February 2020 – January 2021) •Project Transitions (Doug's House) – Residential Caregiver (June 2019 – May 2021)	•Dell Children's Medical Center – College Volunteer Program (512 total volunteer hours from January 2018 – May 2019) •Professional Star Award Nominee - Austin HIV Planning Council (May 2022)	HIV Prevention Supervisor - implement prevention programs targeting populations most at risk of acquiring HIV/HCV (men who have sex with men (MSM) and people who inject drugs). Manage the Mpowerment program, an evidence-based intervention aimed at HIV prevention in LGBTQIA+ community members through social events. Supervise and facilitate support groups for people living with HIV to build healthy relationships including MSM, women-centered, queer and trans, and Spanish-speaking only groups. As Clinic Case Manager at Vivent Health providing HIV medical case management services, collaborated extensively with patient care teams to ensure patients obtain appropriate access to care and maximize retention in care. Prior to working at Vivent Health, worked as a COVID-19 Epidemiologist for the Texas Department of State Health Services and as a resident caregiver at Doug's House with Project Transitions. As an epidemiologist, I performed COVID-19 emergency response functions including data reporting, analysis, and contact tracing. At Doug's House, a hospice and recuperative care facility for people living with HIV/AIDS, I learned firsthand how systemic social barriers affect some of Austin's most vulnerable residents. The specialization of my work includes infectious diseases, homelessness, LGBTQIA+ community, HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, Spanish-speaking populations, trauma-informed care, social determinants of health, community health,