



The College of Physicians of Philadelphia

SECTION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

For 2015-16, the elected members of the Steering Committee included Robert G. Sharrar, MD, MSc, Chair, George E. Downs, PharmD, Clerk, and David M. Barclay, III, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Amalia M. Issa, PhD, MPH, James D. Plumb, MD, MPH, Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD, PhD, FACS, Alice J. Hausman, PhD, MPH, and Martha C. Romney, RN, MS, JD, MPH. The Steering Committee also had representatives from the local county health departments and academic institutions that have public health programs, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, and the Philadelphia County Medical Society. This year the Section had 110 active members and was supported by the following institutions and Foundation – Arcadia University, Drexel University School of Public Health, The Thomas Skelton Harrison Foundation, La Salle University, Philadelphia County Medical Society, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Public Health Management Corporation, Temple University, Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pennsylvania, and University of the Sciences.

Highlighted events of the year include:

1. A Public Health Leadership Luncheon was held in October where leaders from the local health departments and academic centers had an opportunity to network with one another.
2. Three citywide Philadelphia Public Health Grand Rounds sessions, co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, were presented on important public health issues that affect our community. CME credits were provided through the Philadelphia County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania Medical Society. You can view video of all three sessions at [this YouTube link](#). The topics included:
Hepatitis C - Emerging Approaches for Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment
LARC – Working Together to Increase Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception for Philadelphia Women
Opioids – The Substance Abuse Epidemic in Philadelphia (also supported by the Thomas Skelton Harrison Foundation)
3. In response to Governor Wolf’s Proclamation declaring January 25-29, 2016, the first Pennsylvania Teen Health Week, the Section worked with Laura Offutt, MD (who developed the teen health resource [Real Talk with Dr. Offutt](#)), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Medical Society to educate teens about developing important health habits for long-term health.
4. The third annual Public Health Day Symposium was held at the beginning of Public Health Week when 22 public health professionals discussed the important public health work that they are doing in our community.
5. The Section co-sponsored with the College and the Thomas Skelton Harrison Foundation the Sonia Stupniker Isard Lecture on “Zika Virus: History, Emergence of Neurologic Disease, and Threat to the Americas” by Scott C. Weaver, PhD. You can view video of this lecture at [this YouTube link](#).
6. The Student Poster Session had about 100 posters describing the research work that our students are doing as part of their work for their public health degrees. The quality of the

posters gets better and better each year. The following posters were selected for recognition:

Research

Arana: Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Mammogram Utilization Among Women with

Intellectual Disabilities: A Sequential Mixed Methods Approach - Drexel

Goldshear: Prevalence and Correlates of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Among Persons

Who Inject Drugs in Camden, NJ - Drexel

Aumaier: Towards Developing a PrEP Continuum of Care for Persons Who Inject

Drugs – Drexel

Reports from the Field

Paniagua Avila: Diabetes-Related Emotional Distress in Santiago Atitlan, A Tz'utujil

Community of Guatemala – University of Pennsylvania

Health Policy

Koch: Evaluation of a Pediatric Clinic-Based Food Insecurity Screening and Referral

Program - Drexel

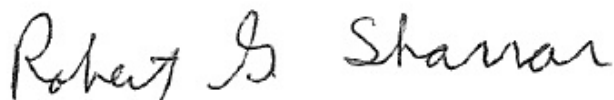
The Section awards for 2016 were given to:

- Individual Recognition Award – Amy Jessop, PhD, MPH from Prevention Point Philadelphia
- Organizational Recognition Award – Healthy NewsWorks
- Student Recognition Award - Karie Youngdahl from Thomas Jefferson University

Three members were elected to serve another two-year term on the Steering Committee. They include David Barclay, III, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FCPP, Amalia Issa, PhD, MPH, FCPP, and James Plumb, MD, MPH, FCPP.

I can assure you that there are a lot of interesting and exciting public health activities going on in our community. For those of you who are not active members of the Section, I would urge that you join and help promote the Section. I also want to remind current active members that it is time to renew your membership for FY 16-17. Application forms are available at on the [Section's web page](#); a link to pay dues online is [here](#).

Respectfully submitted,



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