

Monroe County Health Department Showcases Maternal-Fetal Telemedicine Capabilities

U.S. Senator Doug Jones and his associates visited the Monroe County Health Department July 26 to learn more about the new maternal-fetal telemedicine program, a collaborative partnership of the department with the University of South Alabama Health System, Monroe County Hospital, and local physicians.

Presenters discussed challenges in providing maternal-fetal medicine service in rural areas of southwest Alabama and ways the telehealth program allows patients to avoid traveling long distances from their communities for follow-up visits. These maternal-fetal telehealth clinics started several months ago and are held every other Wednesday at

Monroe County Health Department. Patients have expressed their appreciation for these important prenatal services, and plans are now underway to open another maternal-fetal telemedicine clinic at the Escambia County Health Department.

Telehealth is a major benefit to patients who face difficulties in accessing needed health care because of barriers. These include social determinants of health such as a lack of transportation or requirements to spend time away from work or family obligations to reach appointments at distant locations. Telehealth provides a local resource that allows the patient convenient access to important health care that they

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Participants shown, left to right, are Administrator Chad Kent, Southwestern District; April Golson, Telehealth Program manager; Cynthia Martens-Lamont, director of pharmacy/interim CEO, Monroe County Hospital; Dr. Lindsay Harbin, Family Practice/Obstetrician; U.S. Senator Doug Jones; Dr. Angela Powell, Family Practice/Obstetrician; Danny Rickert, Chief Policy Officer, USA Health System; and Ashton Hennig, manager of Outreach and Special Projects, USA Health System.

Alabama Public Health Training Network Enjoys Year-long Partnership With Region IV Public Health Training Center

Interested and enthusiastic team members from the Region IV Public Health Training Center (PHTC) at Emory University and the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) recently toured the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division studio and visited with key department personnel. The professionals met with staff members to learn more about the capabilities and functions of distance learning available through the department's award-winning Alabama Public Health Training Network (APHTN).

In July 2018, the APHTN began its partnership with the Region IV PHTC headquartered at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. APHTN has completed its first year of a four-year agreement with the center with funding provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration. During the past year, distance learning programs produced here included the following:

1. Helping Alabama Stay Healthy through Assessing for Substance Abuse: Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
2. Human Trafficking: The Nightmare Next Door
3. The Sordid Truth About Sex Trafficking
4. How "MI" am I? Working with Clients Across the Spectrum of Volunteerism
5. Chemical Warfare: A Primer for First Responders and Receivers
6. Children's Environmental Health: More than Smoke and Mold

The Region IV PHTC network includes the central office at Emory, seven community-based training partners, and three technical assistance providers including the University of Alabama at Birmingham's School of Public Health which serves as the lead evaluation unit for the region. This network works collectively to improve the ability of the public health workforce to meet national, state and local needs.

The Region-IV PHTC is one of ten regional HRSA-funded PHTCs throughout the U.S. and a member of the national Public Health Learning Network.



Division Director Ryan Easterling describes APHTN operations to (from left) Laura Lloyd, Elena Kidd and Melissa (Moose) Alperin when they toured the facility on May 30.

Alabama Department of Public Health

Mission

To promote, protect, and improve Alabama's health.

Vision

Healthy People. Healthy Communities. Healthy Alabama.

Core Values

Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, and Community.

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greatly need, but which they otherwise may have difficulty accessing due to its distance from their home.

Southwestern District Administrator Chad Kent said, “This event gave us an opportunity to showcase our public health partnership and our capabilities to provide specialty care to women at high risk for pregnancy complications. Senator Jones asked a lot of questions, and our local referring physicians spoke positively about the importance of this new service provided by our department.”

The Office of Telehealth works to promote telecommunications technologies for administrative, educational, telehealth and telemedicine services throughout the state. With this technology, patients can simply go to their county health department to have a medical appointment with a health care clinician who may be located hundreds of miles away. Patients receive the same level of care without distant trips for medical appointments.

The telehealth carts are equipped with a high definition video camera and codec, a computer, two 24-inch monitors, a Bluetooth stethoscope, and a handheld

examination camera with three lenses. All telehealth sessions are HIPAA compliant and encrypted. For these specialty appointments, an ultrasound specialist from the University of South Alabama goes to Monroe County Health Department for each of these clinics and connects the ultrasound equipment to the ADPH telehealth cart so that the specialist at USA in Mobile can see the ultrasound exam while it is being performed and talk with the technician and the patient. This simulates the same quality of care as if the patient were in the specialist’s office.

The Office of Telehealth provides training and technical support staff on the proper use of the custom-built telehealth carts. For the maternal-fetal telemedicine appointments, a county public health nurse assists the “distant” specialist and follows the provider’s instructions according to the ADPH Maternal-Fetal Medicine Nursing Protocol. ADPH nursing and social work protocols have been developed to provide specific guidance to ADPH staff about what will be required for these specialized telehealth appointments.

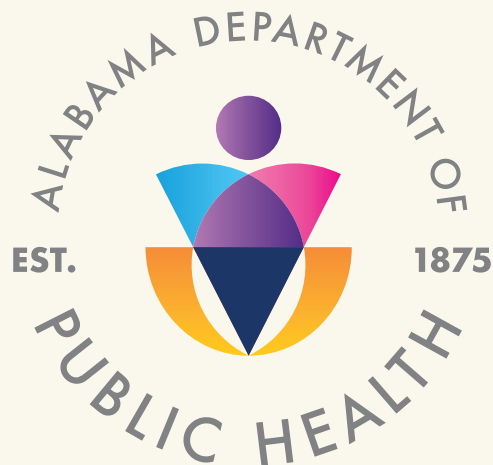
Training Room Gets Tech Updates

Training Room 982 in the RSA Tower recently received technology updates to improve its capabilities for meetings, trainings and other departmental events. A new larger screen, state-of-the-art laser projector and computer were all installed to provide a larger and clearer image in the

room. State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris provides an update during the Central Office and District Administrators Staff Meeting on June 6. District Administrators are seen taking part in the meeting from locations throughout the state via the new projector and video conferencing system.



Updated Official Seal Recognizes Department's Mission



A colorful and meaningful new official seal was unveiled to employees August 1. The seal is designed to recognize our mission of promoting, protecting, and improving Alabama's health.

People and communities are central to the department's mission, and the design of the seal depicts what the department does. The center represents a strong focus on the health and well-being of each person. Also, among the goals in re-branding our seal is building stronger partnerships within the community and within other organizations.

According to State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, "We updated our seal with a modern version to show Alabamians who we are and what we do to ensure our unified vision of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy Alabama."

Elements within the updated seal symbolize the following:

- Reinforcing the endeavor to work together and network to improve the health of diverse communities and the systems that support the department's efforts.
- Serving as a reminder of the role that science, technology, and data play in ensuring the public is accurately informed. This is shown with overlapping semicircles to create an upward movement.
- Forming a base of support and symbolizing a positive path for the people of Alabama to be informed and choose wisely.

The official seal is used as the sign of authenticity and authority on documents such as letterhead, forms, licenses, and legal notices and certificates.

Resource Fair Helps Homeless With Dental Health Needs

The Office of Oral Health and the WIC Program were among the more than 40 community and government agencies represented at an event designed to connect homeless people with resources. The Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless sponsored the resource fair July 11 at the Multiplex at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery.

Dr. Tommy Johnson, State Dental Director, noted that the department has a cooperative relationship with another organization represented, HandsOn River Region. The Office of Oral Health provided a \$25,000 grant for fiscal year 2019 to the organization to aid in funding the Pay It Forward Dental Program. Pay It Forward is a valued-based program in which expectant mothers and fathers without dental insurance coverage can exchange volunteer hours for routine dental treatment. Participants must be enrolled in the Gift of Life Program to be eligible and may volunteer at more than 200 locations in the area. Since the program began in 2017, hundreds of people have taken advantage of the program that especially benefits pregnant women.



Members of the Oral Health Office were on hand for the 9th Annual River Region Connects Resource Fair. Shown are Summer Macias; State Dental Director Tommy Johnson, D.M.D.; and Jenniifer Morris.

Excellence Recognized at Alabama Public Health Association Annual Awards Presentation

The Alabama Public Health Association recently honored several public health employees and a former employee for exceptional merit in the field of public health during its 63rd Annual Meeting and Health Education Conference, held at the Montgomery Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill in Prattville.



Daphne Jordan Baum

The Guy M. Tate Award is given annually to a public health employee, group or agency with 10 years or less in public health for outstanding service to public health. This year's award was presented to Daphne Jordan Baum, LBSW, public health social worker in Baldwin County, Southwestern District.

Those nominating her for this award repeatedly cited her warm personality

and caring approach to her work. One wrote, "Daphne has the biggest heart and cares about everyone she comes in contact with." Another wrote that Ms. Baum "treats everyone with great respect and truly makes a difference in people's lives."



Genevieve Moore

The Virginia Kendrick Award, recognizing individuals who have provided notable service to the people of Alabama while in a supporting role in the field of public health, was presented to Genevieve Moore, an administrative support assistant in the ADPH Bureau of Information Technology, Logistics Division who has been employed there for 17 years.

"In addition to excelling at her day-to-day duties, she has demonstrated a willingness to lend a helping hand in other areas when needed," a supporter wrote. She has also educated and raised awareness at the community level for the Office of Women's Health.

The Frederick S. Wolf Award recognizes an individual who has been active in public health at the local level



Karen Crawford

and who has demonstrated efficiency, dedication and professionalism in the delivery of public health services, and who has provided unselfish community services in areas unrelated to public health. This year's winner is Karen "Puff" Crawford, administrative support assistant at the Tuscaloosa County Health Department, West Central District.

A nominator stated, "Karen has simply been the MVP in environmental health in Tuscaloosa for decades," including easing a complex changeover from a paper to an electronic system. Ms. Crawford also works with local women's and homeless shelters and supports several programs benefitting underserved populations abroad.



Miriam Gaines

Miriam Gaines, MACT, RDN, LD, FAND, was the recipient of the Ira L. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health. This award was established to recognize an individual, group or organization who, through excellence in work, has made a significant impact on some aspect of public health in Alabama. Ms. Gaines is the former director of the ADPH Nutrition and Physical

Activity Division and is dietetic internship director at the Samford University School of Public Health, where she serves as an associate professor.

Supporters praised her body of work that includes mentoring and educating dietitians, working with and leading numerous health advocacy groups, and pioneering such initiatives as Scale Back Alabama and the Alabama Obesity Task Force.

The recipient of the Anne M. Smith Public Health Nurse of the Year Award must exemplify the mission of public

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Susan Stiegler

health nursing in Alabama, which is “to assure conditions in which individuals, families, and communities can be healthy utilizing the unique expertise of public health nurses to assess, plan and implement, and prevent disease.” This year’s recipient is Susan Stiegler, B.S.N., M.P.H., assistant health officer of the Mobile County Health Department.

Throughout Ms. Stiegler’s 36-year career in public health, she has excelled in a variety of roles. Beginning as a health educator, she has led numerous departments, including immunization and primary care. She has worked to ensure that Mobile County’s high needs areas are served by clinic sites, and has served on numerous boards that have proven influential in public health matters. She served as director of Family Health Clinical Services and has been instrumental in leading teams that have won competitive national grants resulting in expanding the capacity of the Mobile County Health Department’s Primary Care Division.



Sonya Tinsley

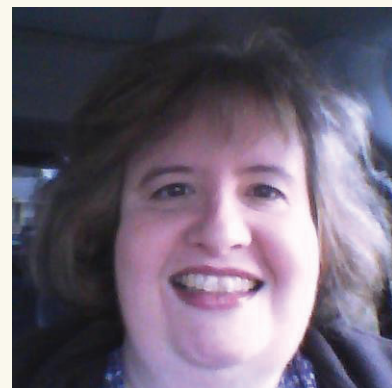
In addition to these awards, Sonya Tinsley was inducted into the association’s Hall of Fame, Class of 2019. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and advancement of the association. Nominators wrote that Ms. Tinsley, tobacco coordinator for ADPH’s Northern District, “has supported

the organization by tackling tasks big and small,” including service as treasurer and vendor manager. Described as both bright and energetic, “she continues to be a driven, compassionate advocate for public health today.”

The Alabama Public Health Association is an affiliated association of the American Public Health Association. Its website is alphassoc.org.

In Memoriam - Daphne Bates

Daphne Bates, administrative assistant for the Bureau of Family Health Services, Children’s Health programs, passed away unexpectedly on April 22, 2019. She was known for her generosity, going above and beyond to help others both personally and professionally. She had a big heart and served the state of Alabama with unsurpassed compassion for the children served through Children’s Health. Daphne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.



Easterling Honored with STAR Award

Ryan Easterling, director of the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division, right, receives the quarterly Star Award of the Bureau of Prevention, Promotion, and Support from Jamey Durham, bureau director. Supporters from four Cental Office bureaus praised Easterling’s invariable willingness to help, thoroughness, integrity, and his practice of going above and beyond. In addition, supporters said he is “a joy to work with” and “a true asset to the department.”



James H. Baker Award Winner Tony Choate Meets ‘Gold Standard’

“**T**ony Choate is as real as they come. He works hard and gives his heart to his patients.” That description aptly summarizes the 2019 James H. Baker Exemplar Award recipient. During his tenure with the TB Control Program, Choate has had adventures that included calming down a patient or contact who wanted to punch him, providing skin tests to hundreds of workers who didn’t speak English, and working with many others in need.

Since 2004, the Division of TB Control has awarded the James H. Baker Exemplar Award to a TB Control staff member who has shown excellence above and beyond the call of duty. Jim Baker gave 41 years of dedication, excellence and commitment to the TB program.

A nominator praised Choate and wrote, “If Tony is unfamiliar with something, he researches and works to find the best way to attack the issue. He is logical and slow to anger... which works well with some cases we’ve had. He goes above and beyond, ensuring his patients are cared for and feel as if they are his only priority. His diligence to his team is gold standard.”

Early in his career and new to his job, co-workers relayed some humorous incidents. For example, he unwittingly gave a ride to patient to purchase bread and milk. Co-workers remembered that it turned out the patient was buying another substance instead. With another patient who was receiving directly observed therapy in home visits, neighbors of the patient identified Choate as someone who regularly visited the home carrying a blue bag. That’s because there was a drug raid at the home and Choate became a suspected illegal drug dealer. Fortunately for the community and state, co-workers wrote, he didn’t give up and has developed into an excellent TB registered nurse.

In addition to caring for his patients, he uses other resources if needed. For instance, a young patient’s mother received a donated washing machine through his intervention. Choate was praised for effectively communicating TB education to other facilities so they can manage their own TB testing and treatment. He presents lectures and is always helpful with training. When public health areas 1 and 2 combined to become the Northern District, he started a new role as TB registered nurse supervisor. He conducts a weekly phone conference with staff, maintains spreadsheets, and is familiar with each case or suspect within the district.

TB Division Director Pam Barrett said about this deserving award recipient, “To receive the award is a high honor and shows devotion and drive to one individual who best represents the standard of excellence that Jim set during his career.”



Dr. Elizabeth Turnipseed, left, chair of the TB Advisory Council, presents the James H. Baker Exemplar Award to Tony Choate. TB Division Director Pam Barrett is shown at right.

Employees Learn More About Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is an important form of intelligence, and speaker Kalai Mugulin made a presentation about the six emotions to become aware when he addressed a lunch and learn for Central Office employees on May 22. This event was sponsored by the iChoices Wellness Team and Office of Minority Health.



Andalusia Mother's Plea: Stop Smoking

At age 53, Hope Bigford of Andalusia has a mission. She wants her husband and daughter to quit smoking, and she is trying hard to convince them and everyone else to quit using tobacco.

That's because she's suffering from more than two dozen maladies brought on by the tobacco habit she first took up at age 12, and which began affecting her health when she was just 29. As she faces another risky aneurysm surgery, she fears she may not survive. She wants not only her family but everyone else to quit using tobacco and never start if they haven't already. She feels so strongly about this that she contacted the department to share her personal story.

"I beg of you to quit, and I'm trying to get everyone to quit. I have been through a lot of sicknesses, and if I can get one person to quit, I feel something in my life went for good," Mrs. Bigford said. "Nobody wants the pain I have 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

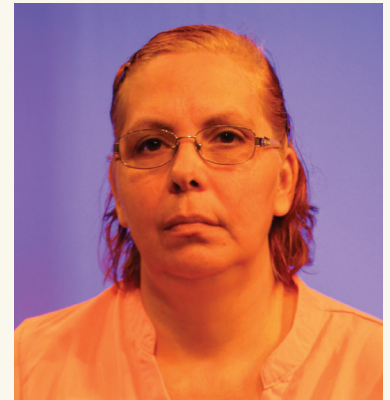
As she called for her daughter to bring her large bag of medications to her in her wheelchair, she praised her husband Steve for taking good care of her. Among her many painful and serious illnesses are the following: Parkinson's Disease, severe migraine headaches, two aneurysms, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, fibromyalgia, interstitial cystitis, and mental health issues.

The addiction to tobacco remains powerful. Even though she believes tobacco sales should not be legal,

she admits she still wants to smoke. She hasn't picked up a cigarette in the past 3 years and never smoked more than a pack a day and no longer allows anyone to smoke in her home.

Memory loss is one of the many consequences of her illnesses, and she often cries. Although she is close to her family, she can't remember her granddaughter's name. Later in the month she will undergo a craniotomy to repair her aneurysms. She fears this may leave her a paraplegic or even result in her death.

Smoking leads to disease and disability and harms nearly every organ system of the body. It is the leading cause of preventable death. In addition to the conditions Mrs. Bigford suffers from, tobacco has an effect on asthma, Buerger's disease, cancer, diabetes, gum disease, heart disease and stroke, HIV, pregnancy and vision loss. These are described at the Tips for Former Smokers site at <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/diseases/index.html>.



Hope Bigford suffers from a host of maladies, and she shared her life story on a video in hopes of keeping anyone else from using tobacco.

Strengthening STD Prevention and Control

STD Division employees from throughout the state participated in a comprehensive STD Division update May 29-31 at the Montgomery County Health Department. Topics covered on the full agenda included the following: an overview of the STD grant, state laboratory updates, interview techniques, field safety, staging syphilis, commonly used drugs in Alabama, linkage to care, U=U pending, cultural competency, partner services and PrEP, generating field investigation, CureMD Documentation, and QA/QC case investigation and statistics.



Caring and Observant Public Health Employees Help Locate Missing Person



Pictured, left to right, front row, Shannon Johnson, Wanda Mathis, Crystal Slawson; back row, Connie Hendon, Lisa Baldwin, Ann Thomas, Vianey Garcia.

Thanks to information provided by a caring receptionist, clerks and an interim nurse supervisor, the Shelby County Health Department in Pelham, a missing elderly woman was found two counties away.

It was late in the work day, around 4:45 p.m., when an older woman walked in to the Shelby County Health Department requesting a death certificate. She spoke very broken English, so the language line was used twice to attempt to assist her.

The staff serving her grew concerned because she seemed disoriented, and the woman said she wanted to go to a hotel as she was tired and it was too far to go to her home. She was unaccompanied and did not have a car, so the staff called a cab for her and discussed the situation with Interim Nurse Supervisor Connie Hendon. When the cab arrived, they helped the lady into the cab, got a good look at the driver, and photographed the cab.

That evening, Ms. Hendon said, she happened to be looking at her news feed on Facebook and learned that a woman was missing--she had walked off from Shelby Medical Center.

"I recognized her as the lady that was helped by our clerks," Ms. Hendon said. So she called the Alabaster Police Department to let them know that she and her colleagues had some information that might assist in locating the missing senior.

A detective from Alabaster and two Pelham police officers were at the county health department within 30 minutes. While the rest of the clerks took care of the patients seeking services, the officers interviewed Lisa Baldwin, Vianey Garcia and Ann Thompson and about what happened. Within the hour, using the information provided by these employees, the officers were able to trace the missing person to a casino in Wetumpka, and she was eventually returned safely to Shelby Medical Center.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris praised the staff members and emailed, "I appreciate the extra effort by your team!"

Ricky Elliott, director of Field Operations, and Northeastern District Administrator Mary Gomillion expressed their pride and appreciation of these employees for exemplifying public health in action.

Training

Training creates a supportive workplace. Training program allows you to strengthen those skills that each employee needs to improve. A development program brings all employees to a higher level so they all have similar skills and knowledge.

General Benefits from Employee Training and Development

- Increased job satisfaction and morale among all employees.
- Increased employee motivation.
- Helps in developing positive attitudes among all employees.
- Enhances quality and productivity, which fosters greater customer service.
- Standardized procedures will ensure peak level production.
- Less supervision reduces the need for detailed and constant supervision.
- Increased performance and improves quality of work.
- Helps in staff retention.
- Improves collaboration between workers.
- Attracts and retains great employees.



Training is necessary and important for “new hires,” but it is equally important for current employees. Training should be considered as a continuous process improvement and has a long-term benefit to the employees and employer.

“Respect the training. Honor the commitment. Cherish the results.”

If employees have any questions regarding Employee Relations training, you may contact Danita Rose, Employee Relations Officer, at (334) 206-9494.

Experts Explore Solutions in Black Belt

Sherry Bradley, director of the Bureau of Environmental Services, discussed designing sewage disposal and treatment systems for Lowndes County residents with Dr. Kevin White and other experts from throughout the U.S. on June 24. Dr. White is chair of the University of South Alabama’s Department of Civil, Coastal and Environmental Engineering. Failing and/or absent onsite sewage disposal systems in the Black Belt are getting much national news media attention, and the department is responding by assisting in the development of processes and structure to local officials about what steps must be implemented in finding a solution for the Black Belt soils.



Turnout Good for Butler County Health Department Prostate Cancer Screening

The Butler County Health Department, in partnership with the Urology Health Foundation, offered prostate screening for men 40 years of age and older on Saturday, May 11. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death (behind lung cancer) among men in the United States. Early detection and treatment are key factors in addressing prostate cancer.

Dr. Thomas Moody, President of the Urology Health Foundation, was among the professionals who screened men at no charge. He complimented the staff and facilities in Greenville.

One in six men will get prostate cancer sometime in his life. African American men are at special risk for

the disease, with the highest rate of prostate cancer in the world. One in four African American men will get prostate cancer sometime in his life and are 2.5 times more likely to die from the disease. A man's risk of prostate cancer is higher than average if his brother, father or uncle had the disease.

Southeastern District Administrator Corey Kirkland said, "There was a good turnout. I believe this is one of the most important services we offer and I'm very thankful to the Butler County Health Department staff and the Urology Health Foundation for making this service possible."

Nine screenings are being held at county health departments this year.



Professionals pictured here offered free prostate cancer screenings to men aged 40-75 in Greenville.

Sherri Davidson, Ph.D., M.P.H., Named Outstanding Ph.D. Student

Each year, the University of Alabama at Birmingham formally recognizes students for outstanding scholastic achievement, leadership, and service to the school and community. Sherri Davidson, Ph.D., M.P.H., interim state epidemiologist with the Bureau of Communicable Disease, was honored at the 44th annual UAB Honors Convocation and was presented the Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award. She is shown with Dean Paul C. Erwin, M.D., Dr.P.H.



Toastmaster Achutaramaiah Recognized for Outstanding Achievements

Vikash Achutaramaiah, IT manager in the Bureau of Information Technology and the Tower Toastmasters chapter vice president for public relations, has been recognized for numerous achievements in the international organization that include the following accomplishments:

- Trip Crown Award
- Maximum number of awards achieved by a member in a year (18 awards)

- First Toastmaster in District 77 to complete a path (Presentation Mastery) in Toastmaster Pathways
- Second Toastmaster out of the 53,000+ members in Region 8 to complete three paths (Presentation Mastery, Engaging Humor and Innovative Planning)

Congratulations to him and the distinguished Tower Toastmaster chapter! Employees interested in Toastmasters can visit <https://www.toastmasters.org/> to find a local chapter in their area.



Tower Toastmasters in Montgomery held a special induction ceremony and open house July 16. Shown, left to right, are Meredith Pieper, Teresa Fair, Erik Nielsen, Vikash Achutaramaiah, Phyllis Mardis, Wynn Dee Allen, Ben McGhee, Mona Martin, and LaShawn Pierce.

Public Health 101 A Success

An enthusiastic group of students, faculty and staff from the UAB School of Public Health came to the Montgomery County Health Department March 28 to be introduced to the department. The first Public Health 101 featured more than a dozen programs which staffed booths around the auditorium and employees were available to discuss the many activities conducted by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Among those making presentations to

the group were State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mary McIntyre, Chief of Staff Michele Jones, Field Operations Director Ricky Elliott, Community Affairs Director Carolyn Bern, Office of Human Resources Director Brent Hatcher, and Office of Telehealth Director Michael Smith. East Central District Administrator Richard Burleson gave introductory remarks and Dr. Paul Erwin, dean of the UAB School of Public Health, also addressed the attendees.



Retirees

The following departmental employees have retired recently:

April

Teresa Banks

Southwestern District

Sammy Bean

Health Provider Standards

Deborah Burton

West Central District

Marie Carastro

Health Provider Standards

Harry Edwards

Northeastern District

Deborah Ford

Southwestern District

Dale Lemley

Northern District

May

Alea Depaola

Financial Services

Janet Goodwin

Children's Health
Insurance Program

Alicia Hacker

Northern District

Kelley Mitchell

Health Provider Standards

Pamela New

West Central District

Verla Thomas

East Central District

June

Faye Davis

Health Provider Standards

Pauline Mallard

Northeastern District

Nancy Tempel

Northeastern
District - STD

Barbara Hosea

Southwestern District

July

Tina Allen

East Central District

Pamela Askew

East Central District

Valerie Bailey

Jefferson District

Josephine Forte

Southeastern District

John Nelson

Food/Milk/Lodging

Deborah Patton

Northeastern District

Pamela Swaim

Northeastern District

August

Laura Walker

Northern District



State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris presents a retirement certificate to Pam Barrett, director of the Tuberculosis Control Division, July 18 recognizing her 25 years of service. She is shown with Harrison Wallace, right, director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease.



Coworkers of Knoxye and Danny Williams honored them with a retirement reception July 31. Knoxye retired from the Bureau of Family Health Services and had worked in several bureaus during her public health career. Danny had been employed with the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division throughout his career. The couple expressed their appreciation for the privilege of working to make positive changes in people's lives.

Annual Fun Walk Encourages Fitness

Employees enjoy the annual one-mile "fun walk" around the State Capitol May 3. This year the Employee Health and Fitness Walk teamed up with National Walk@Lunch Day to promote awareness of the benefits of physical activity and improve overall employee health and wellness. This event is sponsored by the department along with the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports, ASF Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, and the State Employees' Insurance Board.



Commendations

If you would like to praise employees for their accomplishments, send letters of commendation to the State Health Officer or the employee's supervisor and a copy by e-mail to Arrol.Sheehan@adph.state.al.us for inclusion in this list. Four items are needed: the employee's name, work unit, name of the person making the commendation, and his or her city and state.

Sarah Arrington

Center for Health Statistics
from Calvin Townsend
Cary, N.C.

Patsy Beasley

Financial Services
from Debra L. McClellan
Anniston, Ala.

Georgette Blackmon

Center for Health Statistics
from Joshua Fredrickson
Foley, Ala.
from Tamesy Kirkland
Pascagoula, Miss.

Melanie Boggan

Wes Rogers
Montgomery County
Health Department
from Matt Conner
Montgomery, Ala.

Kathie Cleckler

Center for Health Statistics
from Daniele Wilkie
Mobile, Ala.

Karen Drew

Center for Health Statistics
from John York
Hoover, Ala.

Casandra Henderson

Center for Health Statistics
from Lucille Graham
Forest Hills, N.Y.

Sandra Harper

Center for Health Statistics
from Gloria Harper
Knoxville, Tenn.
from Carol Hayter
Orlando, Fla.

Chondra Hudson

Center for Health Statistics
from Toni McLarty
Fairhope, Ala.

Annette Johnson-Bell

Center for Health Statistics
from Alfreda Alexander
Clinton, Mary.

Jennifer Kujar, R.D., L.D.

St. Clair County Health Department
from St. Clair County Commission
Ashville, Ala.

Brittany Marzette

Center for Health Statistics
from Carla Gillespie
Atlanta, Ga.

Leesa Massey

Center for Health Statistics
from Charles Cadenhead
Lakeland, Fla.

Connie Morrow

Talladega County Health Department
from Abbie Baines
Talladega, Ala.

Georgia Reynolds

Center for Health Statistics
from LaVee Horne
Raleigh, Miss.
from Pearly Pearson
Seaside, Calif.

Shayla Santiago

Center for Health Statistics
from Kerry Doran
Huntsville, Ala.
from James Mullins
Leo, Ind.
from Heather Smothers
Adamsville, Ala.

Debra Starks

Center for Health Statistics
from Patricia Crosby
New Orleans, La.

Rick Thomas**Aaron Ward**

Center for Emergency Preparedness
from Charles Crawford
Montgomery, Ala.

Janelle Varner

Center for Health Statistics
from Janie Grimsley
Dothan, Ala.
from Lynette Gray-Goodman
Weymouth, Mass.
from Tru'Kessa Scott
Miami, Fla.

Tamekie Washington

Center for Health Statistics
from Penny Moore
De Kalb, Miss.

Lisa Woods

Walker County Health Department
from Ann Wilson
Jasper, Ala.

First Responders and Southeastern District Staff Learn to ‘Stop the Bleed’

In our current environment in which serious injuries result from a wide variety of causes and even mass casualty events are becoming commonplace, lives can be saved when people learn lifesaving techniques such as the basics of bleeding control until emergency aid arrives.

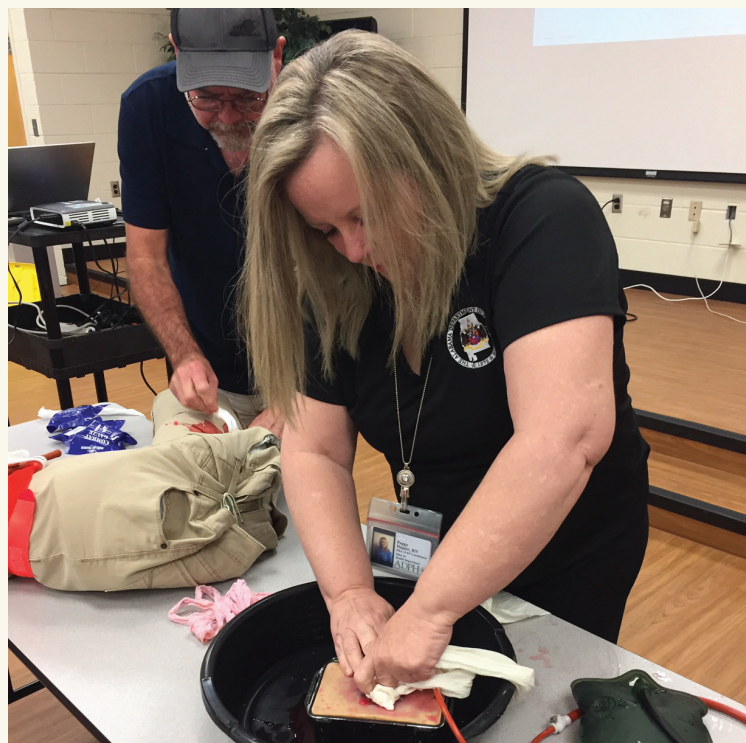
“Stop the Bleed: Bleeding Control for the Injured” was offered at the Houston County Health Department May 30. The state director of the Stop the Bleed Campaign, Jacob Fannin, was the course trainer.

In addition to 11 employees from the department, Dothan City Fire Department personnel, a deputy sheriff with the Houston County Sheriff’s Department, and representatives from the local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and the Salvation Army participated in the training.

Injury results from a wide variety of causes, including accidents or intentional harm, and in a wide variety of locations such as the home or workplace. It is important that as many people as possible survive their injuries if they sustain trauma. Bystanders may turn into first responders once they learn crucial skills such as applying the right amount of pressure to a wound.

Southeastern District Administrator Corey Kirkland said, “Everyone enjoyed the class, and I believe feel more prepared to handle an emergency.”

ADPH participants included Patricia Corbitt, Peggy Hagler, Starla Moore, Kyle Odum, Catherine Person and Cecilia Suggs. Those completing the two-hour hands-on course were given tourniquets and T-shirts.



District Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Peggy Hagler practices wound packing with simulated blood while Marshal Adams (CERT Member) practices on a dummy with simulated gunshot.



Brenda Moulton and Starla Moore simulate packing the wound with gauze.



Jacob Fannin demonstrates the use of wound packing to treat severe blood loss to Catherine Person.

Calendar of Events

September 5 • 3-3:30 p.m.

ADPH Statewide Staff Meeting

Alabama State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Harris, will address Alabama Department of Public Health employees regarding critical issues. For more information, contact the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division, (334) 206-5618.

September 25 • Time TBD

Introduction to Tele-Behavioral Health 101 (Part 1)

This program will provide introductory information on tele-behavioral health. For more information, contact the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division, (334) 206-5618.

September 26-27

Community Interventions Combatting Infant Mortality: Second Annual Infant Mortality Summit

Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill, Prattville. CEUs will be provided to nurses and social workers. Registration fee is \$40, register at Eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Samille J. Jackson, MSPH, (334) 206-9339.

October 30 • Time TBD

Tele-Behavioral Health: Assessing Patient/Provider for Fit (Part 2)

This is the second part of the tele-behavioral health program series. For more information, contact the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division, (334) 206-5618.

November 14 • 9-11 a.m.

Nurse Practitioner Training

Nurse Practitioners will be offered training via satellite and webcast for their fall program. For more information, contact Beth Allen, (334) 206-7959.

November 27 • Time TBD

Tele-Behavioral Health: Overview of Evidence Based Practices (Part 3)

This is the third part of the tele-behavioral health program series. For more information, contact the Video Communications and Distance Learning Division, (334) 206-5618.

January 31 • 10-10:30 a.m.

Share Your Smile with Alabama Photo Contest News Conference

The winner of the 2020 Share Your Smile with Alabama photo contest will be announced at a live news conference. For more information, contact Summer Macias, (334) 206-2978.

April 8-10, 2020 (Tentative dates)

63rd Annual Alabama Public Health Association Education Conference

Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill, Prattville. For more information, visit alphassoc.org.