

Name of Nominee:

Angela Fellers LeMire

Nominee's Employer/Agency:

CDPHE

Nominee's County of Residence:

Denver

Nominee's Self-Identified Area of Public Health Expertise:

Reproductive and Sexual Health

For which position would you like to submit a nomination?:

PHN Section Director (2-year Term Commitment)

Describe your background, education, and experience relevant to the CPHA Board. (200 words maximum):

I have a BSN from Northern Illinois University and a MS in Nursing from the University of Colorado. I have over twenty years of experience in Public Health Nursing. My nursing career started at Denver Health as a RN on a Medical-Surgical Unit, and my career has continued at Tri-County Health Department and Denver Public Health as a Nurse Practitioner specializing in sexual and reproductive health. I currently serve as the Nurse Consultant for the Colorado Family Planning Program (FPP) and recently completed an eleven-month Denver Community Leadership Forum (DCLF) Fellowship at the University Of Colorado- Denver School Of Public Affairs. I have also served as a mentor for the Colorado Public Health Mentorship Program. During my four years as Nurse Consultant for the Colorado FPP, the program has successfully increased contraceptive access using multiple strategies, thereby reducing unintended pregnancies and abortion rates significantly in Colorado.

What are your goals in serving on the CPHA Board? (150 words maximum):

My goals in serving on the CPHA Board are to explore and expand leadership opportunities in public health nursing, as well as to gain the experience in serving as a board member of a highly regarded public health organization. I look forward to increasing membership and involvement of nurse practitioners, nurses and nursing students across Colorado, particularly those practicing and attending school in rural areas. BIPOC nurses are notably underrepresented in public health nursing leadership roles and continue to face daily discrimination in healthcare settings (as patients and as staff members). I look forward to working with CPHA members and stakeholders to develop strategies to eradicate racism in public health and improve BIPOC representation within CPHA. I am also interested in exploring best practices around telementoring as a strategy to improve and expand the Colorado Public Health Mentorship Program.

What specific contributions do you expect to make to CPHA? (150 words maximum):

I am applying for the Public Health Nursing Section Director Board Position at CPHA because CPHA's mission aligns with my twenty years of academic and professional work in public health. My expertise in implementing and administering reproductive health related programs, developing policies, promotion of health equity, and ability to communicate and coalition build make me uniquely and enthusiastically suited to lead CPHA in this important work. I am passionate about public health nursing and nursing leadership, and look forward to working with the rest of the CPHA membership to grow and diversify the public health nursing workforce and CPHA membership.

Please use the scale below to indicate your level of experience with the following:

- 0 No knowledge or experience
- 1 Some knowledge around this skillset but no experience putting it into action
- 2 Moderate knowledge and experience applying the skillset
- 3 Extensive knowledge and experience applying the skillset

Accounting:

0

Community Organizing:

3

Event Planning:

3

Financial Literacy:

2

Grant Writing:

3

Legal:

1

Marketing/PR:

2

Organizational Management:

2

Public Policy:

3

Risk Management:

2

Strategic Planning:

2

In which areas of CPHA do you think you could make the most contributions?:

During COVID and post-COVID, strong public health leaders are needed to continue health equity work under unique and difficult times. Recently, my four month deployment in the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) came to an end. I was assigned to work on

the Alternative Care Site (ACS) Medical Staffing Surge Team. Our team was successful in finalizing eight staffing agency contracts in less than two weeks. This work was extremely challenging, but has ensured that Colorado will have sufficient medical, nursing and allied health staff in the event that an ACS location must open to care for COVID positive patients in the future. I am participating in a newly formed Reproductive Justice (RJ) coalition forming in Colorado. This coalition will focus on assisting healthcare providers in advancing racial equity within their healthcare systems, implicit bias and cultural humility training, and facilitating the inclusion of the RJ framework in policies, practices, and education. These examples highlight two additional areas of public health in which I could make significant contributions within CPHA. Additionally, I am extremely excited to hear about CPHA's Board submitting a grant proposal to APHA to support moving the organization in becoming an anti-racist organization.

Which areas of CPHA's work would be more difficult for you to make contribution?:

My current skillset does not include financial coordination, complex budget management, accounting, or organizing large fundraising campaigns. I look forward to learning more about the PHN Section's budget and working with the team to determine effective and innovative ways of using the PHNAC funds to advance CPHA's goals. I am uniquely positioned to lead the PHN Section of CPHA. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for the opportunity.

