

**Name of Nominee:**

Pamela Valenza

**Nominee's Employer/Agency:**

Clinica Tepeyac

**Nominee's County of Residence:**

Denver

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

Community Health

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

At-Large Member (1-year Term Commitment)

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

I am a family physician and the current Chief Health Officer of Clinica Tepeyac, a nonprofit independent FQHC in the Globeville neighborhood in Denver serving a predominantly underserved community. I currently serve as a non-voting member on the BOD of our organization and have 3 years previous board experience sitting on the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) BOD. I am in the process of getting my MPH in Public Health Practice with a focus on community health through UMass Amherst. My organization has and continues to advocate for health equity, and I have previously worked in other underserved areas including a youth homeless shelter, a Native American reservation in Montana, and a needle exchange program. I was also previously part of a workgroup developed out of Health Innovation in PA to support broad primary care transparency for data users through primary care measure and process alignment in partnership with payers and I am currently part of the Denver Metro STI coalition. I have a varied background across multiple public health areas and would be thrilled to join such a diverse group of individuals.

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

My interest in public health started in college with a public health elective. It has been a long journey of bridging my medical and public health interests. I would like to collaborate with a group of public health focused individuals to discuss and evaluate, and ultimately progress, community health programming and policy to improve the health of our community. I have valuable experience in the medical field as both a physician and as a leader. With my history above, and as a medical director of school-based mobile van services, experience with public health research and program planning, and as a prior member of a local county community health coalition, I would like to take the next step in my public health development and join the CPHA board.

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

In my position at Clinica Tepeyac, I oversee all clinical operations. I coordinate with community organizations and state organizations on various issues including but not limited to clinical care, population health, budgetary items, grant writing, fundraising, and health policy. I have experience in public health-based community engagement and completed a two-year internship with Denver Public Health with a focus on maternal child health during my medical residency. I have enthusiasm, dedication, and a variety of experiences that I could contribute to CPHA. I selected the at-large director position however I would be open to a different director position should you feel I would be a better fit.

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**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:**

1

**Community Organizing:**

2

**Event Planning:**

2

**Financial Literacy:**

2

**Grant Writing:**

2

**Legal:**

1

**Marketing/PR:**

1

**Organizational Management:**

2

**Public Policy:**

1

**Risk Management:**

2

**Strategic Planning:**

2

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

I believe my strengths are in organizational management, strategic planning, and community organizing.

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