

**Name of Nominee:**

Spoorthy Reddy

**Nominee's Employer/Agency:**

University of Colorado, Boulder

**Nominee's County of Residence:**

Jefferson

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

Health and Education Equity

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

Emerging Leaders - Associate Director (2-year Term Commitment)

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

I am an undergraduate student at the University of Colorado Boulder studying Neuroscience and Integrated Physiology with a certificate in Public Health. I am passionate about reducing the inequity in access to quality education and healthcare. My interest in public health has led me to seek out diverse experiences in the Denver community. As an events intern with the Colorado Children's Campaign, a nonprofit advocacy group, I organized several outreach events that educated voters and legislators on issues such as childcare and education. I am currently Team Lead and Case Investigator through the Americorps VISTA Summer Associate COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program. My experiences as a clinic manager at DAWN clinic (a student-run free clinic in Aurora), on the planning committee for the Boulder 9Health Fair (the largest student-run free health fair in the country), and as a medical assistant for COVID-19 testing at assisted living facilities across Broomfield, have led me to further realize the healthcare disparities that exist for marginalized individuals. These experiences have led me to seek out opportunities such as the Teach for America Spark: Education-Equity Innovation Lab, where I can play a part in reducing the inequities that exist in our state and beyond.

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

By serving on the CPHA Board, I will advocate to bring a stronger youth presence and greater diversity to CPHA. As a member of the latest cohort of Explore Public Health, I have gained a greater appreciation for the value in the unique experiences that a diverse group brings to the table. Additionally, I would like to grow the Emerging Leaders Committee through my reach at the CU Boulder undergraduate Public Health program, which currently hosts a large certificate program but offers few opportunities for students to engage in their community through public health. Students and young professionals offer key insights on a large demographic and provide innovative ideas to engage the community in all aspects of public health. By incorporating ideas from students and young professionals as well as individuals from diverse backgrounds, the CPHA Board will be better prepared to tackle the complex issues public health is tasked with.

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

As an Associate Director of the Emerging Leaders Committee, I would allow more opportunities for students and young professionals to get involved: each delegate in the ELC would be able to lead a group of individuals working on a committee-specific that could be presented at Public Health in the Rockies or at another event. I would advocate for outreach events in middle and high schools to create an awareness of public health as a potential career option, especially since it is not promoted as a future career until undergraduate or even later. I also hope to create a symposium where students can present research, network with state leaders in the field, and gain access to internships and jobs. By implementing these ideas, I hope to enrich CPHA by incorporating the unique voices and ideas of students and young professionals into the advocacy and community engagement efforts that CPHA hosts.

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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:**

3

**Event Planning:**

3

**Financial Literacy:**

1

**Grant Writing:**

2

**Legal:**

1

**Marketing/PR:**

3

**Organizational Management:**

3

**Public Policy:**

3

**Risk Management:**

1

**Strategic Planning:**

2

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

Due to the experience I have gained as an events intern with the Colorado Children's Campaign and on the planning committee of the Boulder 9Health Fair, I believe I can make the most contributions in the areas of community organizing, event planning, marketing, public policy, organizational management.

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

Due to my limited experience with accounting, financial literacy, and legal, these areas of CPHA's work would be more difficult for me to make a contribution.