A National Perspective by Dr. Aaltonen, APHA President
Dr. Aaltonen, president of APHA, recently stepped down from her role as an administrator and faculty member of Purdue University School of Nursing. She continues to serve on graduate student committees and as an advisor to Mortar Board, a senior honorary. While at Purdue, she was a member of the Teaching Academy, was awarded the university undergraduate teacher award, and listed in the Book of Great Teachers. For the past ten years, she taught an interdisciplinarian graduate course in homeland security and preparedness with two colleagues from across campus. Much of her recent research has focused on preparedness and e-government in public health. She also had the opportunity for over 20 years to take a select group of undergraduate nursing students to the Navajo Nation each year for a clinical experience in public health nursing.

Prior to joining Purdue’s faculty, Pam was a public health nurse and nursing administrator in local health departments in Minnesota, Oklahoma and Illinois. She received the Hulman Life Time Achievement in Public Health Award in 2016.

A State Perspective by Dr. Ezike, IDPH Director
Dr. Ngozi Ezike is a board certified internist and pediatrician who joined IDPH from Cook County Health where she had served for over 15 years promoting the organization’s mission of delivering integrated health services with dignity and respect regardless of a patient’s ability to pay.

She has delivered inpatient care at Stroger Hospital as well as primary and preventive care in community and school-based clinics. As Medical Director for the Austin Health Center, located on the West-side of Chicago, she engaged with the community through health initiatives involving obesity, diabetes, and breastfeeding. In her last role with Cook County Health, she served as Medical Director at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center, the largest single site juvenile detention facility in the country. She was instrumental in creating and implementing the facility’s health policies as the first step of many for coming out of federal receivership and achieving national accreditation for the detention center.

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