

City of Memphis



TENNESSEE

A C WHARTON, JR.
MAYOR

December 6, 2011

The Honorable Harold Collins, Chairman
Personnel, Intergovernmental & Annexation Committee
City Hall - Room 514
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Chairman Collins:

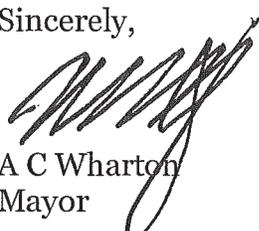
Subject to Council approval, it is my recommendation that:

Tyler Zerwekh

be reappointed to the Memphis and Shelby County Cross Connection Board with a term expiring October 31, 2014.

I have attached biographical information.

Sincerely,


A C Wharton
Mayor

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c: Council Members



City of Memphis

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION APPOINTMENT TO BOARD/COMMISSION

CROSS CONNECTION

BOARD/COMMISSION

Name: TYLER ZERWEKH Race WHITE M F

E-Mail Address: TYLER.ZERWEKH@SHELBYCOUNTYTN.GOV Fax 901-222-9049

Profession/Employer: ADMINISTRATOR / SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Business Address: 814 JEFFERSON Zip 38105 Phone: 901-222-9079

Education: BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH, DOCTORATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Name of Spouse: CASSI ZERWEKH Number of Children: 2

Home Address: 382 HOLMES CIRCLE Phone: 9015733862

City: MEMPHIS State: TN Zip: 38111

I certify that I am a resident of the City of Memphis (Unincorporated areas and surrounding counties are not considered). Yes or No If yes, how long? 4 YRS

Professional Organization/Associations:

NEHA, TPHA

Other Organizations/Association:

Other Interest:

Signature  Date 11/3/11

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EDUCATION

- 2000- 2003 University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston
School of Public Health
Degree: Doctorate in Public Health - Disease Control
Concentration: Epidemiology
- 1998-2000 University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston
School of Public Health
Degree: Masters in Public Health – Occupational Health
Concentration: Emergency Response
- 1993-1997 Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
Major: Psychology
Minor: Chemistry
Degree: B.A.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2008-present Administrator
Memphis and Shelby County Health Department
Environmental Health Services Bureau

Responsibilities include: Management and supervision of the four divisions under environmental public health: vector control, pollution control, environmental sanitation, and public health emergency preparedness. Develops policies, work procedures, and practices for the Bureau; directs the work of a field staff, in accordance with departmental and County policies and contracts, who inspect and license various private businesses and governmental operations whose activities have a relationship to protection of public health by the prevention of environmental health (EH) hazards and/or nuisances; develops and recommends the annual budget for the Bureau and monitors its implementation; drafts policies, code revisions, desired legislation, and reports to accomplish goals; supervises the training, orientation and evaluation of employees; conducts research, prepares and submits proposed budgets and special or recurring reports pertaining to activities of the Bureau; participates, as departmental representative, in various committees, conferences, professional meetings, and public hearings; addresses community groups on topics relating to EH protection and serves as a consultant to groups and individuals seeking information on environmental public health requirements and practices; works with community groups to further the prevention and control of EH hazards beyond what can be accomplished with traditional EH practice; assists other managers with responding to EH problems that may be encountered. Serves as the Emergency Services Coordinator for ESF-8 in the Shelby County Emergency Operations Center.

2007-2008

Regional Hospital Coordinator
Memphis and Shelby County Health Department
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program

Responsibilities include: Coordination and collaboration with the region's 19 acute care hospitals for items related to emergency preparedness. Works in collaboration with Memphis Fire Department in efficient and efficacious management of emergency room activities like ambulance/ER diversion and surge capacity. Supervises and advises the HRSA and Joint Commission activities and requirements under emergency preparedness for each of the hospital facilities. Chairs the Shelby Regional Hospital Disaster Council. Member of the Metropolitan Medical Response System Working Group. Oversees the CHEMPACK cache for the Memphis and Shelby County region. Serves as a member of the Urban Area Security Initiative working group. **Served as the Cities Readiness Initiative Coordinator for the CDC Memphis Statistical Area.**

2004-2006

Bioterrorism Epidemiologist
Hawaii Department of Health, Kauai District Health Office
Division of Communicable Diseases

Responsibilities include: Development and implementation of all public health preparedness and response activities related to potential weapons of mass destruction for the island of Kauai. As Section Head, responsible for the daily surveillance of all reportable infectious diseases and the development and active surveillance for potential agents of bioterrorism. Initiated the Epidemic Outbreak Preparedness Committee which was responsible for the coordination of an island wide response in the event of an outbreak. Coordinated with clinical staff around the island for efficient disease reporting and effective disease surveillance. Departmental Safety coordinator. Implemented a department wide respiratory fit-testing program.

2001-2004

Safety Specialist
University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston
Environmental Health and Safety, Biosafety Division

Responsibilities include: A position requested by the Director of EHS to create and then develop bioterrorism preparedness and response efforts to the Texas Medical Center (TMC). Training of clinicians and laboratory personnel regarding the agents, clinical signs, and analysis of CDC's select list of potential bioterrorism agents. Initiated procedures for the delegation of, and testing capabilities of the TMC, and refined inter-agency communication with officers in contact with the TMC. Created a Level A Laboratory capability for ruling out anthrax mail hoaxes in the TMC. Actively participated in CDC Select Agent registration. Extensive experience in reviewing and presenting biological safety protocols to the UT-Houston Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) and Animal Welfare Committee (AWC). Experience with IRB/CPHS and biological agent approval. Regular biological and safety laboratory inspections.

1999-2000

Student Intern
Bureau of Laboratory Services
Houston Department of Health and Human Services

Responsibilities include: This position was part of a practicum completed during the summer that ended as a position that entailed setting up the clinical laboratory response to bioterrorism. Tasks included creating and revising assays for PCR, Fluorescent Antibody Microscopy, phage lysis for potential BT agents. General microbiological work, including culturing, isolation, identification, and research of infectious agents regarding newer techniques. Created written

protocols for the management, analysis, transportation, and storage of agents for response to bioterrorism. Member of Bioterrorism Preparedness Committee.

1999-2001

Graduate Research Assistant, Laboratory Manager
Centers for Infectious Diseases
University of Texas – School of Public Health, Houston, TX

Responsibilities include: lab work involving serologic testing for various infectious agents including STD's: RPR, ELISA, PCR, ALT, and Western blot techniques, maintenance of lab equipment, data entry, procurement of lab supplies, assistance in various activities. Experience in fieldwork regarding federally funded studies.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.