Thomas C. Quade, MA, MPH President

Elected: November 2015 Term Ending: November 2018

Tom Quade is first and foremost a public health practitioner. He is currently the Health Commissioner for Marion County, Ohio. Prior to serving as the Health Commissioner for Marion, Tom served as the Deputy Health Commissioner for Summit County, Ohio. One of his duties in that role was to serve as the Accreditation Coordinator where he successfully facilitated the agency's successful PHAB accreditation journey, something he is currently repeating in Marion. Between 2000 and 2010, he served the City of Akron in a number of roles, including epidemiologist, Health Promotion Division Director, Community Health Assessment and Health Promotion Division Director, Deputy Health Director, and then Interim Director of Health for the Akron Health Department. It was during his tenure as Interim Director that he successfully guided the Akron City Health Department through its yearlong consolidation process with the Summit County Board of Health. Tom also holds a community faculty position with the Northeastern Ohio Medical University's Master of Public Health program.

In addition to serving APHA as the current President, Tom has served a previous 4 year term on the Executive Board, including one as its Chair. He participated on an APHA delegation to Taiwan. He served for many years on the Governing Council as the representative from the Ohio Affiliate. He served on the Council on Affiliates both as the representative from Region V and as the Action Board Representative to the COA. He served as the Chairperson of APHA's Affiliate Capacity Building Initiative for two years. Tom is a former Ohio Public Health Association President. In addition to his service to APHA and OPHA, he has held several national appointments including service on the board of directors of the National Board of Public Health Examiners and the board of directors of the Foundation to Advance Public Health through Certification (FAPHC). He served as the Chairperson for a National Association of County and City Health Officials workgroup on Health and Disability for two years. He is also an experienced site visitor for the Public Health Accreditation Board and has chaired multiple site visit teams.

Tom earned his MPH from Yale University in 1999 and his professional public health credential in 2008 as part of the first class. His previous public health work included work as a public health specialist for the World Health Organization in Rome, Italy where he participated on a team of public health specialists assessing and coordinating public health response during the Kosovo crisis in 1999. He served in the United State Peace Corps in the Kingdom of Nepal prior to pursuing his degree in public health. Prior to that Tom earned his MA in Counselor Education from the University of Cincinnati, following which he worked for a number of years in New Jersey in a family counseling role with families who had a member living with developmental disabilities who were at risk of out of home placement.

Tom considers his local service involvement to be supportive of what he describes as a broad community health system. His current local service includes active membership on the Marion

Black Heritage Council, Marion League of Women Voters, Marion Rotary, Marion Minority Commission, and as Chair of the Marion United Way 2016 Annual Campaign. He maintains ongoing mentoring relationships with a number of public health undergraduate and graduate students, and early career professionals. He also serves on the Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities.