



Nominee: Rendi Murphree

Statement of Interest:

Hello ISDS,

I'm writing to nominate myself for consideration for the Board of Directors election. As a CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer assigned to "fix" syndromic surveillance for the Tennessee Department of Health in 2011, I was very active in ISDS and the syndromic surveillance community of practice. I hope that some of the current Board members will remember my advocacy for BioSense improvements and dogged commitment to speaking up for the needs and rights of State and local jurisdictions.

Once I obtained funding and hired Caleb Wiedeman to run the new program in Tennessee, I continued to provide guidance but turned to other leadership roles in public health surveillance throughout the Department. The call for nomination comes at a time of transition as I am leaving CDC and Tennessee to help re/build Syndromic Surveillance at the Alabama Department of Health. Today is just my third day on the job at ADPH and I'm excited about getting back to work in syndromic surveillance.

I gained experience in nonprofit governance while serving on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Public Health Association for three years. I also served on the membership committee, strategic planning committee, and just completed a stint as scientific program chair for the TPHA annual meeting attended by more than 600 public health professionals. While I did not chair the fiscal review and performance evaluation committees for the TPHA Board of Directors, I did review budgets, audits, and evaluations as a voting member of the Board.

My CV is attached and documents the breadth of public health surveillance, practice and policy that I have led or contributed to over the last ten years. If you agree that I am a viable candidate for election, please give me a chance to edit these remarks before sharing them with a broader audience.

Best regards,
Rendi