

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1. Your Name: Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH		
2. Your Title: President		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Harris County Public Health, TX (Executive Director)		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes X	No
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. -- See attached--		
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature: _____  _____ Date: 6/4/2018

Harris County Public Health, TX Federal Grants

Fiscal Year	Funding	Amount	
FY 15 (September 2014-August 2015)	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	\$ 471,924.00	
FY 15 (September 2014-August 2015)	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 1,260,223.00	
May 15, 2015 - September 30, 2016	Ebola Supplemental	\$ 210,036.00	
April 2016-June 2016	PHEP Supplemental	\$ 281,834.00	
April 2016-June 2016	Zika Supplemental	\$ 118,000.00	
FY 16 (July 2015-June 2016)	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	\$ 479,433.00	
FY 16 (July 2015-June 2016)	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 1,275,704.00	
FY 17 (July 2016-June 2017)	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	\$ 479,433.00	
FY 17 (July 2016-June 2017)	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 1,275,704.00	
March 1, 2017-July 31, 2018	Zika (PHPR, ELC, VC)	\$ 1,282,901.00	
FY 18 (July 2017-June 2018)	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	\$ 479,433.00	
FY 18 (July 2017-June 2018)	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 1,275,704.00	
FY 19 (July 2018-June 2019)	Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)	\$ 479,433.00	* Still pending
FY 19 (July 2018-June 2019)	Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	\$ 1,275,704.00	* Still pending
July 2018-June 2019	Zika ELC Supplemental	\$ 400,000.00	* Still pending

Umair A. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.



In 2013, Dr. Umair A. Shah was appointed Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) – a nationally recognized \$100 million agency comprised of 700 public health professionals serving the nation’s third largest county with 4.7 million people.

Dr. Shah earned his B.A. in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University and M.D. from the University of Toledo Health Science Center. He completed Internal Medicine residency, General Medicine/Primary Care fellowship, and an MPH in Management & Policy Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center. During his training, he also completed an international health policy internship at World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Switzerland.

Dr. Shah has enjoyed a distinguished career as an emergency department physician at Houston’s well-respected Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center. His journey in public health began as Chief Medical Officer of Galveston County Health District before joining HCPH to oversee its clinical health system and infectious disease portfolio. Under his leadership, HCPH has won numerous awards including recognition as Local Health Department of the Year by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in 2016 for its work in innovation, engagement, and health equity.

Sought for his practical insights, Dr. Shah has presented in both the Texas Legislature and on Capitol Hill and sits on numerous national boards and advisory groups including with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Network for Public Health Law, Trust for America’s Health, Texas Department of State Health Services, and Texas Medical Association. He is currently the president of NACCHO representing the nearly 3,000 local health departments across the U.S. and recently served as president of its Texas affiliate as well. He remains active in clinical and academic activities through various Texas Medical Center institutions.

In addition to clinical activities, Dr. Shah has participated in various leadership trainings including with the National Public Health Leadership Institute, the American Leadership Forum, and the Kresge Foundation’s Emerging Leaders in Public Health Program. He has responded to numerous large-scale emergencies such as Tropical Storm Allison; Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike; novel H1N1 influenza; the devastating earthquakes in Kashmir and Haiti; and responses to Ebola and Zika, respectively. Dr. Shah served as medical branch co-director for the 27,000 Katrina evacuees sheltered at the Houston Astrodome in 2005 and recently led Harris County’s public health efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

On a personal level, originally from Pakistan and having grown up in Cincinnati, Dr. Shah appreciates the excitement of both cricket and baseball, while (unfortunately) remaining a diehard Cincinnati Bengals football fan. His travels have taken him across the globe from London to Lahore; Athens to Auckland; Dubai to Dhaka. He is married with three children who make sure he takes family time out to enjoy movies, museums, and parks.

Over his career, Dr. Shah has made significant contributions to both the fields of medicine and public health as a clinician, innovator, educator, and leader.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- ❖ **Executive Director, Harris County Public Health (HCPH), Houston, TX, 2013-present.**
Appointed unanimously by Harris County Commissioners Court in 2013 as Executive Director & Local Health Authority (LHA) for local public health agency serving nation's 3rd largest county with a population of 4.7 million people. HCPH was recognized by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) as recipient of its Local Health Department of the Year Award in 2016 for its innovation, engagement, & health equity work. Since 2013, HCPH has grown remarkably from a \$60 million agency with 500 staff to now a \$100 million budget with 700 public health professionals.
- ❖ **Attending Physician, Emergency Department, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Houston, TX, 1999-present (full-time & part-time).**
Served in full-time (2001-2003) and part-time (1999-2001; 2003-present) capacity in well-respected and busy Level III emergency department for one of most nation's prestigious and largest VA medical centers, providing emergency and acute medical care.
- ❖ **Deputy Director; Director, Disease Control & Clinical Prevention (DCCP) Division; Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES), Houston, TX, 2004-2013.**
Served as Deputy Director responsible for key roles in emergency response, policy, employee health, quality patient care provided in 16 clinical & preventive sites; 8 infectious disease units/chronic disease programs; overseeing 300 staff and \$25 million budget.
- ❖ **Chief Medical Officer, Galveston County Health District (GCHD), Galveston, TX, 2003-2004.**
Responsible for delivery of quality primary care at two large urban federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) with approximately 70 staff including physicians, dentists, pharmacists, mid-level providers, nurses, and support staff.
- ❖ **Attending Physician, Internal Medicine & Acute Care Medicine Locum Tenens, Prime Staff Clinical Services, Houston, TX, 1999-2002.**
- ❖ **Physician, Examination Screenings, Goodwin Medical Examinations, Pasadena, TX, 1999-2001.**

EDUCATION & TRAINING:

Education

- ❖ M.P.H. (Management & Policy) - *The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, TX, 2001.*
- ❖ M.D. - *Medical College of Ohio/University of Toledo Health Science Center, Toledo, OH, 1996.*
- ❖ B.A. (Philosophy) - *Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1992.*
- ❖ H.S. (College Preparatory/Classical) - *Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, OH, 1988.*

Post-Graduate Training

- ❖ *Primary Care Medicine and General Internal Medicine Fellowship, The University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston, TX, 1999-2001.*
- ❖ *Internal Medicine Residency, The University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston, TX, 1997-1999.*
- ❖ *Internal Medicine Internship, The University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston, TX, 1996-1997.*

Trainings, Internships, and Fellowships:

- ❖ Fellowship, Emerging Leaders in Public Health, *Kresge Foundation*, Detroit, MI, 2017-present.
- ❖ Fellowship, National Public Health Leadership Institute, *University of North Carolina*, Chapel Hill, NC, 2011.
- ❖ Leadership Fellowship (Health Care), *American Leadership Forum*, Gulf Coast Chapter, Houston, TX, 2008.
- ❖ Externship, Global Health & Public Policy, *World Health Organization (WHO)*, Geneva, Switzerland, 1996.
- ❖ Internship, Division of Hematology/Oncology, *The University of Cincinnati Medical Center*, Cincinnati, OH, 1988.

HOSPITAL/ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (current):

- ❖ Adjunct Professor, Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, *Baylor College of Medicine*, Houston, TX, 2013-present.
- ❖ Adjunct Professor, Management, Policy, and Community Health, *The University of Texas School of Public Health*, Houston, TX, 2008-present.
- ❖ Attending Emergency Department Physician, *Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center*, Houston, TX, 1999-present.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ABSTRACTS AT MEETINGS (select - 2017):

- ❖ “Hurricane Harvey Response.” Invited Presentation, Health Sciences & Policy Board, *National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)*, Washington, D.C., December 2017.
- ❖ “Climate & Health: A Local Perspective.” Plenary Panel Presentation, *American Public Health Association (APHA)*, Atlanta, GA, November 2017.
- ❖ “Community Health & Health Equity.” Invited Presentation, AETNA Foundation & National Association of Counties, Atlanta, GA, November 2017.
- ❖ “The Role of Public Health and Healthcare in Responses to Hurricane Harvey and Irma.” Congressional Briefing Webinar, *Trust for America’s Health (TFAH)*, Washington, D.C., October 2017.
- ❖ “The Changing HHS Landscape & Leading Forward through Uncertainty.” Plenary Panel Presentation, *Governing Magazine Health Summit*, Arlington, VA, October 2017.
- ❖ “Working Together to Create a Culture of Health: Local and State Perspectives.” Plenary Panel Presentation, *Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)*, Washington, D.C., September 2017.
- ❖ Martinez D, Murray KO, Reyna M, Arafat RR, Gorena R, **Shah UA**, Debboun M. “*The 2014 West Nile Virus Outbreak in Houston/Harris County, Texas*”, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, vol. 23(8): pp. 1372-1376, August 2017.
- ❖ “Achieving Optimal Health & Well-Being.” Invited Keynote Presentation, *National Association of Counties Annual Conference*, Columbus, OH, July 2017.
- ❖ “Advancing Health Equity at the Community Level.” Invited Panel Presentation, *NACCHO Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA, July 2017.
- ❖ “Disaster Medicine & Emergency Response in Texas.” Invited Presentation - Emergency Medicine. *Texas Medical Association (TMA)*, TexMed 2017, Houston, TX, May 2017.
- ❖ “Zika Virus - Preparing for 2017: CDC, State, and Local Response.” Plenary Panel Presentation. *NACCHO Public Health & Emergency Preparedness Summit*, Atlanta, GA, April 2017.
- ❖ “Emergency Legal Preparedness.” Invited Panel Presentation. *Georgetown University Law Center*, Washington, D.C., April 2017.
- ❖ “Global Health & Impact on Communities.” Invited Presentation - Workshop on Examining Opportunities for Future of Healthcare/Public Health Preparedness. *NASEM*, Washington, D.C., March 2017.
- ❖ “Healthy Communities - Healthy Rankings 2017.” Invited Panel Presentation. *Texas Public Health Association Annual Conference*, Fort Worth, TX, March 2017.
- ❖ “Building Healthy Communities: Counties as Partners.” Invited Keynote Presentation. *National Association of Counties Legislative Conference*, Washington, D.C., January 2017.
- ❖ **Shah UA**, Hadayia JM, Forsys LE. “*Local Health Department’s Journey Toward Health Equity*.” *Health Equity*, vol. 1: pp. 23-27, January 2017.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (*current*):

- ❖ President, *National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)*, Washington, D.C., 2017-present.
- ❖ Advisory Board Member, *Trust for America's Health (TFAH)*, Washington, D.C., 2017-present.
- ❖ Advisory Board Member, *Network for Public Health Law (NPHL)*, Minneapolis, MN, 2017-present.
- ❖ Advisory Committee Member, BEAM Project, *The deBeaumont Foundation & The University of Miami School of Business*, Bethesda, MD, 2017-present.
- ❖ Committee Member, Maternal Mortality Workgroup, *Houston Endowment*, Houston, TX, 2017-present.
- ❖ Member, COPE-WELL Project, *University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)*, Baltimore, MD, 2016-present.
- ❖ Member, Health Sciences Policy Board, *National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)*, Washington, D.C., 2016-present.
- ❖ Member, State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, *U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)*, Atlanta, GA, 2015-present (*term ends June 2018*).
- ❖ Member, Committee for Infectious Diseases, *TMA*, Austin, TX, 2015-present.
- ❖ Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, *NACCHO*, Washington, D.C., 2015-present.
- ❖ Member, Texas Legislature Public Health Funding & Policy Committee, *Texas Department of State Health Services*, Austin, TX, 2015-present.
- ❖ Member, Executive Leadership Team, Board of Directors, *Texas Association of City & County Health Officials (TACCHO)*, Austin, TX, 2014-present.
- ❖ Member, *Texas Public Health Coalition*, Austin, TX, 2013-present.
- ❖ Member, Emergency Care Committee, *Harris County Medical Society (HCMS)*, Houston, TX, 2010-present.
- ❖ Member, Communications & Health Information Committee, *HCMS*, Houston, TX, 2010-present.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS (*select*):

- ❖ Excellence in Patient Care Award for Hurricane Harvey Response, *National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation*, New York, NY, November 2017.
- ❖ President, *Texas Association of City & County Health Officials*, Austin, TX, October 2016-September 2017.
- ❖ U.S. Congressional Staff Briefing on Emergency Preparedness, *TFAH*, Washington, D.C., June 2017.
- ❖ Commencement Address Keynote Speaker (*graduating class in public health*), *University of Texas School of Public Health*, Houston, TX, May 2017.
- ❖ Media Recognition, Top 17 Tweeters in Harris County Government (*listed as #15*), *Houston Chronicle*, Houston, TX, February 2016.
- ❖ Invitation, Buckingham Palace, Director's Circle, hosted by His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, *London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)*, London, U.K., October 2015.
- ❖ Recognition for Response Efforts in Hurricane Katrina Operations - Ten Year Commemoration, *Harris County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security*, Houston, TX, September 2015.
- ❖ Leadership Recognition, *Asian-American Health Coalition*, Houston, TX, December 2014.
- ❖ Recognition, "10 Real Houstonians We'll Need the Most in the Zombie Apocalypse." (*listed for Expertise in Health Resource Allocation*), *Houston Press*, Houston, TX September 2014.
- ❖ Recognition for Outstanding Community Leadership, *Texas State Rep. Gene Wu*, Houston, TX, August 2013.
- ❖ Service, Board of Directors, *Development in Literacy (DIL) [int'l children's education]*, Houston, TX, 2010-2013.
- ❖ Lead Facilitator, multiple community engagement sessions (Los Angeles, CA, Ft. Benton, MT, Boston, MA), *NASEM emergency preparedness projects in collaboration with U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS)*, 2011-2012.
- ❖ Recognition for Emergency Response Efforts for Hurricane Katrina Dome Operations, *Harris County Judge Robert A. Eckels*, Houston, TX, September 2005.
- ❖ Outstanding Medicine Resident Award, Dept. of Internal Medicine, *The University of Texas-Houston*, Houston, TX, 1999.

LARGE-SCALE EMERGENCY RESPONSES (*select*):

- ❖ Hurricane Harvey Response - led Harris County, TX public health response (2017)
- ❖ Zika Virus Response - led Harris County, TX public health response (2016-2017)
- ❖ Ebola Readiness/Response - led Harris County, TX public health response (2014-2015)
- ❖ Haitian Earthquake - emergency response deployment & medical direction (2010)
- ❖ Novel H1N1 Influenza Pandemic - sustained 18-month emergency health response (2009-2010)
- ❖ Hurricane Ike - emergency public health response for directly impacted community (2008)
- ❖ Human Case of Rabies - large-scale public health response to rabies-related death (2006)
- ❖ Kashmir Earthquake - infrastructure & health system support deployment (2006)
- ❖ Hurricane Rita - emergency public health response for large-scale evacuation (2005)
- ❖ Hurricane Katrina - co-director, medical branch response for 27,000 evacuees at Astrodome (2005)
- ❖ Tropical Storm Allison - emergency health response for large-scale community flood event (2001)

INTERVIEWS/MEDIA OUTLETS (*select*):

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| ❖ ABC News | ❖ Healthcare Management | ❖ Reuters News |
| ❖ All Things Considered | ❖ Houston Chronicle | ❖ Scientific American |
| ❖ Al-Jazeera America | ❖ Houston Press | ❖ Texas Insider |
| ❖ Atlantic Media | ❖ The Huffington Post | ❖ The Today Show |
| ❖ Bloomberg News | ❖ Int'l Business Times | ❖ Time |
| ❖ Brietbart News | ❖ Medscape News | ❖ US News/World Report |
| ❖ BuzzFeed News | ❖ NBC News | ❖ USA Today |
| ❖ CBS News | ❖ The New York Times | ❖ Vox Science & Health |
| ❖ CNN & CNN Money | ❖ New York Post | ❖ Wall Street Journal |
| ❖ Community Impact | ❖ Newsweek | ❖ The Washington Post |
| ❖ Face The Nation | ❖ NPR | ❖ Washington Times |
| ❖ Fox News | ❖ Politico | ❖ The Weather Channel |
| ❖ Good Morning America | ❖ Press Telegraph | ❖ Wired Magazine |
| ❖ The Guardian | ❖ Public News Service | ❖ Yahoo Finance |

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (*select*):

- ❖ Texas Association of City & County Health Officials, 2014-present.
- ❖ National Association of County & City Health Officials, 2004-present.
- ❖ American Public Health Association, 2004-present.
- ❖ Texas Medical Association, 2004-present.
- ❖ Harris County Medical Society, 2004-present.
- ❖ Galveston County Medical Society, 2003-2004.
- ❖ Society of General Internal Medicine, 2001-2002.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Medical Licensure - Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (*active to November 2018*)
- ❖ Life Support Management - Basic & Advanced Cardiac Life Support (*active to February 2020*)
- ❖ Prescriptive Authority - Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (*active to February 2019*)
- ❖ Board Certification - American Board of Internal Medicine (*active through 2012*)

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

- ❖ Traveling, Fitness/Sports, Reading & Creative Writing, Entrepreneurship, Photography, Philosophy, Community Service & Non-Profit Work, and Family-related activities.