

## CAPHLD CCLHO Update 3/2/2023

### **LabAspire Program and Participants Update:**

Overall, from 2017 to 2022, there are 13 LabAspire graduates who are now serving as PHL Directors in California or in the process of becoming one.

Currently, there are two main LabAspire tracks. One is made up of fellows who already have a qualifying doctoral degree but do not have other required elements, like high-complexity laboratory supervisory experience or CA PHM certification. There are currently 4 fellows in this track who will finish in 2-3 years.

The other track is made up of fellows who largely have the high-complexity laboratory supervisory experience, CA PHM certification, and advanced degrees, but do not yet have a qualifying doctoral degree. There are currently 8 fellows in this track: 2 of which are in their last stage of a qualifying DrPH degree and who will be taking their certifying exam in 1-2 years; the other 6 in this track are new fellows that will be completing in 3-5 years.

There are also 4-5 additional prospective LabAspire professionals who are expected to start their fellowship by Fall 2023 or Spring 2024.

**AB269 Update:** CAPHLD supports AB269, which would extend the waiver for personnel conducting testing for SARS-CoV-2, but would like to broaden the language to include other public health emergencies. During the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>, CAPHLD provided a letter to Assemblymembers James Wood and Marc Berman outlining the value of this broader approach.

**CAPHLD Spring Meeting Update:** CAPHLD Spring Meeting will occur on April 27, 2023 from 9 am to 5 pm at CDPH in Richmond. Virtual attendance will be offered and further details will follow. Governor Newsom's office has been extended an invitation. If a representative attends, we will have a presentation on the history of CAPHLD and sustainability of public health laboratory services. If they are unable to send a representative, the morning session will focus on partners and collaborators. The afternoon session will be moderated discussions relevant to laboratory practice, such as genomic sequencing, water laboratory regulatory requirements, new technology and services.