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**City of Milwaukee Health Department Director of Public Health Research and Policy Elected
President of Wisconsin Public Health Association**

Dr. Eric Gass to serve as president of state's largest membership organization for public health workers in 2015

MILWAUKEE – The Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA), an affiliate of the American Public Health Association, recently elected City of Milwaukee Health Department Director of Public Health Research and Policy Dr. Eric Gass to serve as president of the organization in 2015.

“I am proud to see Dr. Gass recognized in this manner,” said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. “This honor is a testament to his work, leadership and service to the public.”

The WPHA, Wisconsin’s largest membership organization for public health workers, seeks to build a healthier, safer Wisconsin through policy and partnership.

Dr. Gass joined the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) in January 2009, after spending more than six years at the Medical College of Wisconsin. A native of Manitowoc, Wis., Dr. Gass received his bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, his master’s degree in child development and family studies from Purdue University, and his doctorate in urban studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

At the MHD, Dr. Gass has led department’s efforts to become an Academic Health Department, building relationships with UW-Milwaukee, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Carroll University, MATC and others. In addition, Dr. Gass has been the principal investigator on the Lindsay Heights Healthy Corner Store project and the Community Health and Safety Data Hub project. He has served on the WPHA Board of Directors in several capacities since 2008.

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