

Surgeon General's Perspectives

A NEW EDITOR IN CHIEF FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS

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I am pleased to announce that Frederic E. Shaw, MD, JD, has been appointed as the editor in chief of *Public Health Reports* (PHR) after one year of service as PHR's acting editor in chief. This is the first appointment under a new agreement between the Office of the Surgeon General and CDC's Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS) that designates a CDC medical officer or senior scientist to serve as PHR's editor in chief.

Dr. Shaw graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of New Hampshire and received a medical doctorate from the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and preventive medicine. He studied law at Columbia University and Harvard University law schools, received a juris doctor from Columbia University in 1992, and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar.

In 1983, after serving three years as a medical officer in the National Health Service Corps, Dr. Shaw joined CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service as a U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Officer and later served as a staff epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis, and as the state epidemiologist at the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services. In 1992, he cofounded the New Hampshire Public Health Association and was elected its first president.

In subsequent positions, he served as staff counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; assistant health commissioner for policy and planning at the Texas Department of Health (now the Texas Department of State Health Services); and as a private consultant in Washington, D.C. Since returning to CDC in 2001, Dr. Shaw has served in several positions at the agency in infectious disease control, public health law, surveillance and informatics, and public health policy. During 2007–2010, he was editor in chief of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. Dr. Shaw is adjunct professor of health policy and management at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, where he teaches public health law and serves on the Faculty Council. His published articles and book chapters have covered topics in viral hepatitis, public health law, and health policy.

Dr. Shaw shares my desire to modernize and improve PHR while continuing its 137-year tradition of excellence in scientific communications. I want to thank my CDC colleagues who helped make the new agreement possible, especially Michael Iademarco, MD, MPH, Captain, USPHS, the CSELS director; William R. Mac Kenzie, MD, Captain, USPHS, the CSELS deputy director; Brooke Tripp, MPA, the CSELS management officer; Rachel Kaufmann, MPH, PhD, the CSELS associate director for science; and Chesley Richards, MD, MPH, FACP, director of CSELS's parent organization, the CDC Office of Public Health Scientific Services.

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