



## **Proposed 2023 Annual Meeting Program Emphasis**

**(Governing Councilor must select 1 choice)**

1. **Creating the Healthiest Nation- Building Public Health Capacity to Address Contemporary Issues and Plan for the Future**

Threats to well-being including health disparities, the COVID-19 pandemic, drug overdoses, and climate change have refocused our attention on the need to improve public health infrastructure. Improved infrastructure will enable expansion of diverse platforms including prevention and health promotion efforts at the community, state, and federal level. Strengthening the public health capacity is essential to achieve APHA's mission of becoming the healthiest nation in one generation.

2. **Creating the Healthiest Nation- Addressing longstanding and emergent social and ethical challenges to public health**

Ongoing and recent challenges such as issues including the COVID-19 pandemic, drug overdoses, and climate change have highlighted growing health disparities within the United States. To enable the United States to become the healthiest nation in one generation, we must be relentless in addressing social determinants of health, health and racial equity, and issues of social justice that result in poorer health outcomes in underserved communities and a focus on social and ethical challenges to public health must be at the forefront of public health assessment, policy and programs.