

# 2020 International Legislators' Forum

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## Biography



**Theresa Will** has been employed at City-County Health District (the small public health unit that provides services for approximately 10,000 residents in Barnes County ND) for more than 30 years, initially as the Home Care Coordinator, and since 2004 as the Administrator. Theresa has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master's in Public Health. Theresa has worked with numerous community projects with the goal of improving the health of the residents in the Valley City/Barnes county community. In 2013, Theresa was instrumental in organizing the Mental Health Access Coalition in Barnes County (now known as the Barnes County Behavioral Health Coalition). This group of individuals/professionals was formed to address unmet community mental health and addiction counseling needs which was indicated as a priority issue in the local Community Health Assessment.

During recent ND Legislative assemblies, Theresa provided written and oral testimony on several bills geared to address social determinants of health, including immunizations, tobacco prevention funding, and local public health funding.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic some of the local public health programs and projects have slowed or been put on hold, allowing Theresa and other CCHD staff to concentrate time and resources on the numerous activities required of public health throughout this challenging time.

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