

March 2026 Team of the Month: TB Elimination

Which of the following criteria does your nominee most embody?

Excellence in Teamwork

Excellence in Motivation

Inspiring a Positive Attitude

Enhancing Workplace Culture

Exemplifying the Mission and Core Values of MPHD

Please provide a specific example that illustrates why you feel this team should be the MPHD Team of the Month:

Our team organized and implemented a large-scale TB testing event, reaching a population that is not routinely tested annually for tuberculosis. Several staff members arrived at 5:00 AM to set up and began testing promptly at 5:30 AM – demonstrating dedication well beyond the standard workday. Tonya, Khalid, Hope, Akia, Sara, LaDonna, Julia, Sabrina, and Billy greeted, educated, and compassionately cared for approximately 75 clients.

In addition to TB testing, the team expanded services to include syphilis, Hepatitis C, and HIV testing, aligning with guidance from the Tennessee Department of Health TB Director to strengthen comprehensive infectious disease prevention efforts.

While outreach was underway, the remaining clinic staff ensured seamless operations at the health department and successfully launched the new implementation of TB testing using QFTs processed through AEL - a transition requiring additional workflow steps, coordination, and adaptability.

We also recognize and deeply appreciate the dedication of: Dr. Shaw-KaiKai, Dr. Turner, Diedra, Lauren, Helen, Amy, Karen, April Dawn, Sandra, Khadra A, Khadra Y, Rochelle, Alvaro, William, and Talia. Their commitment kept the clinic running smoothly while embracing new processes and meeting increased demands. The team stepped up - without hesitation - to ensure both outreach and in-clinic services operated at the highest standard.

This is what TB elimination looks like in action:

- Early mornings
- Expanded access
- Equity-focused outreach
- Teamwork across roles
- Commitment to ending TB every single day

We applaud this entire team for their professionalism, flexibility, compassion, and unwavering dedication to serving our community.

Nominated by: **Sabrina Cook**

