

Agenda Item: I.C.

DATE: July 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Tennessee College of Public Health Update

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Tom Samuel joined the THEC staff on July 1 as Associate Executive Director of Health Affairs. His initial responsibility will be to assess the feasibility of a collaborative college of public health in Tennessee that is eligible for national accreditation. He brings to the Commission a unique set of skills and experience in this regard. He recently retired from the University of Kentucky where he was instrumental in developing the University's College of Public Health. Earlier in his career, he served in Tennessee with the Department of Mental Health, UT Center for Health Sciences, and the State Comptroller's Office.

Mr. Samuel will be formally introduced to the Commission at the July 15 meeting. He will give a brief presentation concerning the establishment of a Tennessee College of Public Health