



Peter Stevenson has worked in recreational sports, fitness and wellness for more than 20 years across the country. So he jumped at the chance to be more involved in community-based health work in New Orleans and become the chair of the Tulane Prevention Research Center's (PRC) Community Advisory Board (CAB). "So many people around the table, working on the same goal," Stevenson said of his fellow CAB members. "It's going to change the community."

This spring, Stevenson was elected the new chair of the Tulane PRC CAB, which guides the center's research and community-engagement programs in New Orleans.

Stevenson first joined the CAB in 2012. At the time, he'd recently moved to New Orleans to work as Dillard University's Director of Recreation, Health, and Wellness and serve as an adjunct professor. Prior to that, Stevenson held positions at Florida Memorial College, Central Missouri State University, Florida International University, Jackson State University and Albany State University.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration from Bethany College and a Master of Science Degree in Physical Education, Exercise and Sports Science from Central Missouri State University. He is currently pursuing a post-graduate Education Specialist Degree in Human Services/Educational Technology from the University of Central Missouri.

Stevenson also is certified as a master personal trainer, sports nutritionist, health club manager, strength and conditioning specialist, Title IX coordinator and former chief judicial officer. Throughout his career, Stevenson has advocated for adults and children with special needs, as well as fighting childhood obesity and child abuse.

"I love working in the community," Stevenson said. "It's just my way of giving back."

Stevenson said he wanted to join Tulane PRC's CAB because of the group's focus on community-based health work and the dedication and expertise of the members.

Stevenson said he envisions the CAB becoming a greater asset in the community, furthering its work to empower communities to identify and address their needs. He also envisions the CAB learning from other boards around the country and becoming a model itself.

"I want to see us go from good to great," Stevenson said. "The CAB can be the tools to help communities."