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Dr. Tavora Buchman Receives 3rd Annual Community Champion Award

In honor of her commitment to improving the health of Long Islanders

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (February 3, 2026) – At its last quarterly meeting of 2025, the [Long Island Health Collaborative](#) (LIHC) honored Tavora Buchman, PhD with its 3rd Annual Community Champion Award.

In 2023, the LIHC started its Community Champion Award program to annually honor one of its active individual members for their commitment to improving the health of Long Islanders in partnership with the LIHC. Janine Logan, VP of Communications and Population Health for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and director of the LIHC presented the 2025 award to Dr. Buchman at the December 11 meeting of the LIHC.

Dr. Buchman— Director of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Planning for the Nassau County Department of Health— was a founding member of the LIHC, and her commitment to the coalition has not wavered since its inception. Initial formation of the LIHC in the early 2010s was driven by New York State’s urge for hospitals and health departments to collaborate on their respective Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) and Community Health Assessments (CHAs). At that time, Dr. Buchman played a key role in representing Nassau County DOH at this collaborative table, as she does to this day.

“Collaborative participation is time commitment, and we recognize and appreciate the expertise that’s brought to this group. This year, we’d like to recognize another individual who has gone above and beyond for the Collaborative, and that individual is Dr. Tavora Buchman,” said Janine Logan. “She has been pushing us along from the data side from the very beginning, and we wanted to recognize all her contributions and assistance she has provided and continues to provide. She’s always offered a voice of reality and reason, and so we’re happy to present this honor to Tavora.”

As an epidemiologist and public health expert, Dr. Buchman’s expertise always brings an insightful perspective to the LIHC’s work. Presently, Dr. Buchman is an active participant in the LIHC’s Case Study work group. She and her staff also heavily contributed to the LIHC’s recently published [Resource Guide for Young Adults Managing a Chronic Condition](#).

“Thank you so much for the honor,” said Dr. Buchman. “It’s been a privilege to work with all of you, with the whole collaborative. I’ve met so many wonderful, really smart people along the way. We started this in 2013, and I’m so gratified—and it’s really a testament to Janine and her team keeping this moving along— because it still remains intact. [The LIHC] has expanded;

we've had funding and we've not had funding; and, yet we've been able to continue the process because of the dedication of its participants. I'm grateful for the honor, and I have to say that it's really a collaborative, it's a full team effort. Thanks to my team and the wonderful people I work with."

To learn more about the LIHC programming and the Community Champion Award, visit www.lihealthcollab.org.

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Photo Caption: Dr. Tavora Buchman Buchman, Director of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Planning for the Nassau County Department of Health

About the Long Island Health Collaborative

The [Long Island Health Collaborative](http://www.lihealthcollab.org) is a partnership of Long Island's hospitals, county health departments, physicians, health providers, community-based social and human service organizations, academic institutions, health plans, local government, and the business sector, all engaged in improving the health of Long Islanders with a focus on the reduction of chronic diseases. The LIHC initiative is overseen by the [Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council](http://www.nassausuffolkhospitalcouncil.org), the association that advocates for Long Island's hospitals.