Gieschen is part of national panel at health conference


The panel presentations took place during the American Public Health Association’s annual meeting and information conference, which was held Nov. 12 in the San Diego Convention Center.

More than 12,000 health professionals attended, making it one of possibly the largest health conferences in the nation.

The three panelists discussed their pursuit of better health as Special Olympics athletes, the barriers to health that are experienced and their thoughts on how those barriers can be removed with their guidance.

Moderating the panel was APHA Immediate Past President Tom Quade, who also serves as health commissioner for Marion County, Ohio.

Also speaking were Nadje Ruzica, director of Inclusive Health for Special Olympics International.

United States Surgeon General Jerome Adams, of Washington, D.C., was keynote speaker with the panelists. He recognized the panelists as specialists in the topic of inclusion.