



Overarching NPHA Advocacy and Policy Priorities

The mission of the Nevada Public Health Association (NPHA) is to serve as the voice for public health in Nevada in order to improve health and achieve health equity in Nevada. In keeping with its mission and our vision of a healthy Nevada, NPHA organizes its advocacy and policy activities around five overarching advocacy and policy priorities:

- Building public health infrastructure and capacity
- Creating health equity
- Ensuring the right to health and health care
- Promoting evidence-based policymaking
- Advocating for Health in All Policies

As an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA), NPHA's overarching goals and related advocacy efforts are closely aligned with APHA's advocacy and policy agenda.

2022 NPHA Advocacy Agenda

During 2022 and consistent with NPHA's overarching advocacy and policy goals, NPHA will focus its advocacy efforts on the following issue areas and current policy priorities:

- Advocating for permanent sources of flexible funding for public health to address current and emerging threats to public health, including pandemic preparedness
- Building public health capacity, infrastructure, and preparedness in Nevada, including the establishment of independent city, county or regional health districts in rural areas of the state
- Supporting efforts to expand and diversify dedicated revenue streams to support public health, health care, and human services in Nevada
- Ensuring access to affordable, high-quality clinical and preventive health services for all Nevada residents, including oral health services, substance use treatment, and behavioral health care
- Supporting policies and budget recommendations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change, including implementation of the State Climate Strategy
- Advocating for education on reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, and healthy relationships in Nevada's public schools

- Advocating for sustained and stable funding for evidence-based tobacco and e-cigarette prevention and control, and comprehensive smoke-free workplaces
- Supporting evidence-based gun violence prevention and firearm safety measures, including advocacy for the enforcement of existing policy on background checks on all gun purchases
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through the support of nutritious eating and active living, including policy that supports the creation of built environments and complete streets that integrates physical activity into daily life, increases access to healthy foods, and eliminates food deserts
- Protecting and promoting maternal, child, and adolescent health in Nevada, including advocacy for increased access to reproductive services for women
- Supporting efforts to increase access to recommended immunizations for all ages and efforts to address vaccine hesitancy and misinformation
- Support for evidence-based injury prevention in Nevada, including funding for programs and policies to reduce transportation-related injuries
- Advocating for HIV and sexually transmitted infections modernization and reform
- Supporting efforts to mitigate and reduce intimate partner violence and domestic violence
- Supporting the spectrum of prevention and treatment for mental and behavioral health disorders, including addiction and substance use disorders
- Promoting an effective public health framework for regulating legal cannabis sales and use in Nevada
- Advocating for funding and policy to ensure a qualified and culturally-competent public health, behavioral health, and clinical workforce
- Advocating for policy measures that address health equity and the social determinants of health in Nevada

NPHA has the flexibility to educate, inform and act, when appropriate, on other pressing public health issues that may not easily be categorized under the overarching NPHA advocacy and policy priorities and our 2022 advocacy agenda and current policy efforts.

NPHA Advocacy and Policy Committee

The NPHA Board of Directors established its Advocacy and Policy Committee (APC) to oversee the development and implementation of the association's advocacy, legislative, and policy activities.

For additional information about the Nevada Public Health Association and the work of the NPHA Advocacy and Policy Committee in 2022, visit www.nphaonline.org or contact NPHA Policy Director, Dr. John Packham at john.f.packham@gmail.com.

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