

MINNESOTA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Voices for Public Health



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Meet the Panel

- Annie Halland, MPHA Policy & Advocacy Co-Chair
- (not present) Jacy Walters, MPHA Policy & Advocacy Co-Chair

Esteemed Guests:








- Majority Leader Erin Murphy (DFL) 64A
- Assistant Majority Leader Diane Loeffler (DFL) 60A



In the next hour...

- Review the 2013 Legislative Session
- Review past P&A activities and issues
- Discuss possibilities for future public health advocacy

2013 Legislative Recap

- In a word: SUCCESSFUL
- Tobacco tax 
- SHIP funding 
- Marriage Equality 
- BPA and Formaldehyde restrictions 
- Safe Routes to School funding 
- Safe Harbor funding 
- Affordable Housing 

Our role in the success?

- Committee: sent action alerts
- Committee: organized Day on the Hill event
- Committee: President Golden sent letters of support for tobacco tax and SHIP funding to Governor
- Committee: signed on to numerous group letters

- Members: called/sent messages to legislators and Governor
- Members: attended MPHA Day on the Hill

2011 and 2012

Supporting work of coalitions on:

- Affordable Care Act implementation
- SHIP funding – SHIP Coalition
- Tobacco tax – Raise it For Health

Two first-in-the-nation resolutions amongst APHA affiliates

- 2011 Health Benefits of Same Sex Marriage
- 2012 Health in All Policies

Looking back for a moment...

Highlights in “Modern” Era: 1968 – 2010

- 1968-1971: Minors Consent support building and passage
- 1972-1974: defending Minors Consent
- 2003: Defense of evidence-based research (“Women’s Right to Know”)

2011 and 2012

- Resolutions and supporting coalition work

Methods & Role: Minor's Consent

- Leadership:
 - Coalition Building
 - Media: gave quotes, Letter to Editor
 - Testimony at Legislature
- MPHA Role
 - “Experts” in field
 - Independent voice

Next up for Legislature and Policy & Advocacy Committee

- Alcohol tax
- Health Care Reform – ACA implementation continues
- Climate change
- Defending public health funding
 - SHIP
 - Public Health and Prevention Fund
 - Farm bill
- Compounding pharmacy safety bill

Questions for the panel

- What made the public health achievements of the 2013 session possible?
- What public health issues do you anticipate we will be debating in 2014 session?
- How can organizations like the Minnesota Public Health Association best augment your work?



Questions from audience (time permitting)

Contact Us

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