

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
- Laura Klein, MPHA Policy & Advocacy Co-Chair

Esteemed Guests:

- Senator Kathy Sheran (DFL) District 19, Mankato
- Senator Scott Dibble (DFL) District 61, Minneapolis

In the next hour...

- Review the 2014 Legislative Session
- Discuss with panelists the possibilities for future public health advocacy

2014 Legislative Recap

- In a word: SUCCESSFUL
- Minimum wage increase ✓
- Safe Routes to School funding ✓
- E-cigarette regulations ✓
- Tan Free Teens ✓
- Steve's Law/Naloxone ✓
- Local Public Health Act Revisions ✓
- Women's Economic Security Act ✓
- Grant funding for:
 - lead poisoning prevention/healthy homes ✓
 - Health equity ✓
 - Safe harbor ✓
- Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act ✓

Our role in the success?

- Committee: sent action alerts
- Committee: organized Day on the Hill event
- Committee: signed on to numerous group letters
- Committee: developed and distributed a fact sheet on the connection between minimum wage and health

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

Next up for Legislature and Policy & Advocacy Committee

- Defending public health funding
 - SHIP
 - Public Health and Prevention Fund
- Climate change
- Alcohol tax
- Gun Control

- Potentially partnering with MPHA Policy Forum to strengthen Health in All Policies approach
- Partner with ISAI AH to promote documentary film “The Raising of America” – support healthy families with policies such as paid family leave, sick time, affordable childcare, etc.

Questions for the panel

- What made the public health achievements of the 2014 session possible?
- What public health issues do you anticipate we will be debating in 2015 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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Policy & Advocacy Committee meets every second Thursday of the month, 11:00a - 12:30p in the Court Int'l Bldg, 2550 University Ave, Saint Paul

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