



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Committee Meetings

Communications Committee

Meets the 1st Monday of each month over the noon hour. Meetings are held via teleconference.

President's Message



MPHA Members:

Last week, the Prevention and Public Health Fund did not fare well in the long-term under the continuing resolution enacted by the federal government. But over the short-term, the outlook is less bleak. Particularly when many feared the slashing that public health was likely to encounter.

I've mentioned in my notes before that one must always look for the silver lining – and this one might in fact be gold. Why do I say that? Because it gives public health professionals time to do one of the things we do best – advocate for what is right and good for population health. It also gives us time to better tell our story. A story of preventing disease, promoting healthy behavior and protecting populations.

Sharing our public health story must be grounded in data, from which we make informed decisions. And these data should be complemented by the stories people share about better health, livable communities and equitable circumstances.

I invite you to place a hold on your calendar for **May 17-18, 2018** for MPHA's Annual Conference in St. Cloud. I'm convinced this is going to be a great event with local and national speakers all convening around discussions of how Minnesota is creating an equitable culture of health. What better place to share your story? If you are not able to make it to the event, please take a moment to tweet your story or share on MPHA's Facebook page.

In Good Health,

Becky

Make Your Voice Heard: Partner Lobby Days Coming Up

Thursday, February 22: [Protect Minnesota's](#) Welcome Back to the Capitol Day to prevent gun violence. 10am-1pm: Visits to Representatives - Register [here](#). 2-3pm: Rally in the Rotunda - Register [here](#).

Tuesday, March 13: Minnesota Vaccine Lobby Day
Pro-vaccine advocates of all stripes will meet at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul and strategize about educating lawmakers on immunization. Register [here](#).

Thursday, March 15: Minnesota Bike Summit at the Capitol
9am-3pm at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Bicycle, active transportation, and Safe Routes to School advocates from throughout the state will gather to advocate for increased access to safe walking and biking routes in order to experience communities in an active and heart healthy way. Register [here](#).

Thursday, March 22: [Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation Coalition's](#) Day at the Capitol to protect the health and futures of our children by raising Minnesota's tobacco sales age to 21. 8am-4pm: Light breakfast and lunch provided. Register [here](#).

MPHA Governing Council Nominations

The MPHA Leadership Committee announces the call for nominations for MPHA's 2018-19 elected offices on Governing Council. Members of the Governing Council are constant ambassadors and proponents of MPHA. They ensure that the mission and vision of the organization moves forward through leadership and service. This year's openings are:

- President-Elect - 3-year commitment
- Affiliate Representative to the APHA Governing Council - 3-year term
- Member-at-Large (2) - 2-year term (1 from Greater MN)

March's meeting will be on Monday, March 5, via teleconference.

Please contact Ken Bence or Kate Murray at communications@mpha.net for more info.

Global Health

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

March's meeting will be on Thursday, March 1, at [St. Kate's St. Paul campus \(Coeur De Catherine building, Room 370, 2004 Randolph Ave, St Paul, MN 55105\)](#)

Please contact John Oswald or PaHoua Vang at globalhealth@mpha.net for more info.

Health Equity Meeting

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 15. Location varies.

Please contact Jaime Martinez or Melanie Peterson-Hickey at healthequity@mpha.net for more info.

Leadership Development

Please contact Erica Fishman or Cherylee Sherry at leadership@mpha.net for more info.

Membership

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meetings are in person with a call-in option.

March's meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21, at [St. Kate's Fonntbonne Annex, 2004 Randolph Ave, St. Paul, Rm. 232.](#)

Please contact Kim McCoy or Sarah Small at membership@mpha.net for more info.

Policy and Advocacy

ONLY MEMBERS MAY VOTE

Nominations will close at 5:00 pm on February 20. For more information, visit our MPHA [website](#) or contact leadership@mpha.net.

Changes to Facebook News Feed

Facebook has announced some major changes to individual's news feeds that will happen in the next few weeks. Users will see less content such as posts from businesses and media, including MPHA, and more posts from friends and family. We want our [Facebook](#) friends to continue seeing our posts, so we ask you to adjust your News Feed preferences to include MPHA in your See First list. Each user can select up to 30 pages to see first.

Opportunity Conference Educates on Latest LGBTQ Health Initiatives

Health care professionals and government leaders are encouraged to attend the 2018 Opportunity Conference on March 26-27, in Brooklyn Center, Minn. Organized by Minnesota-based [Rainbow Health Initiative](#), this is the largest LGBTQ health conference in the Midwest. It allows policy makers and practitioners to learn how to advance LGBTQ health from industry leaders through two full days of workshops and breakout discussions. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and participants will receive 13 credits upon completion of the conference.

Registration closes Friday, March 16.

For more information and registration, visit the [Opportunity Conference website](#).

Join the PHN Practice Council Listserv

Are you interested in issues related to the practice of Public Health Nursing? The goal of the PHN Practice Council Listserv is to promote/discuss public health nursing (PHN) practice issues through the use of social media. A few previous topics: 1) Immigrants and Refugees, 2) Opioid Use and Abuse, 3) PHN Evidence Based Practice, and 4) Return on Investment.

Sign up [here](#). Enter your email address and choose PHN Practice Council in the Facilities and Professions section.

Applications Open in April for Kresge's ELPH Initiative

[The Kresge Foundation](#) is partnering with the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health (UNC) to recruit and select 20 teams for the third cohort of Emerging Leaders in Public Health (ELPH). ELPH is a leadership development initiative aimed at providing local, governmental public health leaders with the knowledge and skills to lead in today's changing health care environment. Leadership teams will receive coaching and a grant up to \$125,000 from The Kresge Foundation to apply their leadership training while leading their department towards assuming a new, transformative role.

The Kresge Foundation will be accepting applications from 12 a.m. Eastern Time on April 2, 2018 through 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 30, 2018. More information about the selection criteria, application process, informational webinars and stories of previous participants can be found [here](#).

New Issue of Minnesota VitalSigns Available

The Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics is proud to announce that after a long hiatus, publication of VitalSigns – a periodic issue brief about vital statistics in Minnesota – has resumed. The newest issue provides an overview of the Minnesota Vital Statistics System. It shares recent birth and death statistics while explaining the process of collecting, analyzing and sharing vital statistics data in our state. You can download the new issue from the [VitalSigns website](#).

Adolescent Health Resource: Think, Act, Grow^R

The latest school shootings have brought the importance of adolescent health, especially their emotional well-being, into focus. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has resources and tool kits available. Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow^R (TAG) is a national call to action to improve adolescent health in the United States. TAG calls upon organizations and individuals to prioritize activities that can support the health and healthy development of all of America's 42 million adolescents. The website is found [here](#).

New Report on Indigenous Commercial Tobacco Use Released

In a Good Way: Indigenous Commercial Tobacco Control Practices is a report on strategies to reduce

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March's meeting will be on Wednesday, March 7, at the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, 2550 University Ave W, St. Paul.

Please contact Annie Halland or Laura Klein at policy@mpha.net for more info.

Save the Date

Tuesday, February 27 Mental Well-Being and Resilience Learning Community

The Minnesota Department of Health presents Rebecca J. Schlafer, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota, as she discusses Creating Family Friendly Jail Visitation Spaces on Tuesday, February 27 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

See more information and register [here](#).

Friday, March 23 Policy Forum - Who Can You Trust?

We hope to see you at the next Policy Forum in the series "Who Can You Trust?", focused on food, drugs and nutritional supplements. Friday, March 23 from 7:30-9:00am at the New Brighton Community Center.

See more information and register [here](#).

Friday, April 6 UMSPH Annual Health Disparities Roundtable

Incarceration: A Public Health Issue

As a regular event during Public Health Week, the purpose of the round table is to bring national and local speakers to campus to discuss emerging issues in health and racial equity research, policy and/or practice. Friday, April 6 from 9am-12pm in Coffman Memorial Union Theater. Find more information and register

commercial tobacco use in tribal and American Indian/Alaska Native communities prepared by ClearWay Minnesota, Truth Initiative, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota

More information can be found [here](#).

Webinar: Evaluating Current Health Risks in Agricultural Practices

Health care professionals are essential advocates for health in all areas of our society — even farming.

One of the biggest threats to rural public health comes from industrial farming practices. The medical community doesn't often engage in farming issues but there is a strong health nexus. Attendees will learn about the threats to public health from current industrial agriculture practices and how to engage in this discussion to ensure our food and farm policy addresses the health risks. Speakers will share their expertise addressing the health threats and how policy shapes these risks.

Please join the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Health Care Without Harm, and many of your peers on March 1 from 2-2:30pm to learn more and take action. Find more information and register [here](#).

MPHA Participates in Volunteer Event



Thanks to everyone who came out to [Second Harvest Heartland](#) in Golden Valley for a fun food packing event on February 3. We packed over 2,800 lbs of food!

St. Louis Park Hires Racial Equity Coordinator

St. Louis Park's newly hired racial equity coordinator seeks to change the way the city does its business. After a months-long process, the city hired Alicia Sojourner, who previously served as the racial equity consultant manager for the YWCA Minneapolis. Sojourner has received the Beat the Odds Award from the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota, the Young Alaka'i Award for working with marginalized youth and has been named to a list of inspiring women by the Minnesota Lynx basketball team. Learn about her work [here](#).

Save the Date

From Vision to Action:
How Minnesota is Creating an Equitable
Culture of Health

Annual Conference
May 17-18, 2018 | St. Cloud, MN



information and register [here](#).

**Thursday-Friday, May 17-18
MPHA Annual Conference
St. Cloud**

From Vision to Action: How Minnesota is Creating an Equitable Culture of Health

Building on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [Culture of Health](#) framework, this conference will highlight national work on this topic, including a keynote by the President of the [American Public Health Association](#), and examine how communities across Minnesota are addressing structural inequities in health services, housing, income, environmental, and social realms. See more information [here](#).

Job Corner

[Click here to view job postings on our LinkedIn page.](#)

MPHA History - Did You Know?

Minnesota Department of Health Led by MPHA Members for 10 Years Running

With the recent re-appointment of Jan Malcolm as Commissioner of Health, this important state agency has been led by 3 different commissioners since 2007 who were all MPHA members. MDH and MPHA are long-standing partners.