



NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS

NJACCHO General Membership Meeting

APRIL 13, 2023

9:30AM

Business Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item	Speaker
Call to Order & Approval of Minutes (November 2022)	Chris Merkel
CEHA Update	Walter Beland
President Report	Chris Merkel
Public Health Institute	Chris Merkel
Treasurer Report	Margy Jahn
Executive Director Report	Linda Brown
Grant Updates	Adam Perper, Michael , Sylvia Bookbinder
PHACE Update	Kevin Sumner
NACCHO Update	Margy Jahn
Workgroup Updates	Chairs
Public Health Law Project (10:30-11 plus questions)	Kathleen Hoke
Open Forum	

County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Update

WALTER BELAND

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President Update

CHRIS MERKEL



Public Health Institute Update

CHRIS MERKEL

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Treasurer Update

MARGY JAHN



As of March 31, 2023

General Checking

Starting Balance **\$229,740.27**

Deposits \$ 3,875.00

Deductions \$ 2,784.71

Ending Balance **\$230,830.56**

Grant Checking

Starting Balance **\$247,242.01**

Deposits \$ 3,174,707.12

Deductions \$ 1,555,315.79

Ending Balance **\$2,266,633.34**

Money Market

Starting Balance **\$25,023,992.78**

Deposits \$ 20,720.01

Deductions \$ 3,072,314.00

Ending Balance **\$21,972,398.79**

Executive Director Update

LINDA BROWN



Grant Updates

LINDA BROWN

ADAM PERPER

LISA GULLA

SYLVIA BOOKBINDER



Workforce Development Grant Updates

Grant ends 6/30/23

Current & Completed Efforts

Adaptive Leadership – 34
participants (March 8th & 9th)

Dale Carnegie – Northern
Cohort (started March 21st)

Certified Public Manager
Program

Upcoming Programs


The PHACE of Public Health in NJ: A Collaborative
Effort for Transformation – April 20th



Emergenetics – Registration Complete

May 3rd – Turtle Back Zoo

May 4th – Rowan College at
Burlington



Preaching What You Practice: Communication
Strategies for Outbreaks – June 14th

Other Items

AAR Support is still available

Scholarships

- NACCHO Preparedness Summit (sold out)
- NJ Emergency Preparedness Conference
- Basic Course for Principles of Infection Prevention and Control

New 2 Public Health (N2PH) Residency Update

Residents

Completed Modules 1-3

- Public Health Overview
- Accountability & Performance Management
- Health Equity

Cohort has 22 Residents

Next Steps

- Continue monthly online modules
- Hold monthly live group discussions
- Continue to connect with mentors
- Start EBPH or QI project

Mentors

Thank you for the engagement!

Orientation held in February for 9 Mentors

Began monthly meetings with Residents in March

Quarterly Mentor Meeting planned for May

Supervisors

Began sending monthly updates to Supervisors

Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Updates

Funding Update

91 awards

Total funds granted - \$68,055,533

Expense Reports due:

- January (includes 10/1/22 – 1/31/23)
- February
- March

Progress reports due for Q1/Q2

Submittable concerns/issues

Year 2 Funding

Updates are expected later this month

Allocated awards will be based on Local Health Directory – date TBD

- Expected to match or exceed awards for year 1*
- *Assuming same jurisdiction served

Anticipate having the application available prior to the end of year 1 funding

Strike Team Grant Updates

April 11, 2023

Strike Team Grantee Monthly Meeting

Progress to Date



01. March Promotions

- 2 Web postings
- 1 Tweet, 12 views
- 1 email blast, 78 subscribers
- 1 Instagram post, 3 impressions, 3 views
- 2 Facebook posts, 3 impressions, 620 views
- 2 LinkedIn posts, 42 impressions, 6 shares, 2,425 views

02. March Trainings

- 20 IPC Trainings
- 1 Advanced Level Norovirus Training to Montclair Manor, March 22nd
- 5 Train the Trainer (recording views)

03. What's Next

Norovirus Training Webinar Available Asynchronously by NJDOH Request

In-Person Environmental Cleaning & Disinfection - Newark-New Community Extended Care

2 Hour advanced level TtT Refresher and Norovirus Primer

Advanced Level *C. difficile* training requested by LTC

Reservoirs and Recognizing Risks IPC Training

March Trainings

Fox Trail Memory Care, 181 Washington Road, Princeton, NJ 08540

Hand Hygiene-March 14, 2023 at 3 pm

PPE- Gloves, Gowns & Eye Protection-March 20, 2023 at 7:30am

PPE- Gloves, Gowns & Eye Protection-March 27, 2023 at 3pm

Bear Creek Assisted Living, 291 Village Road East, West Windsor Township, NJ 08550**PPE-Gowns and Gloves, PPE-Eye Protection, and Hand Hygiene –**
March 2, 2023 at 2:30pm

Hand Hygiene - March 15, 2023 at 2:30pm

PPE-Gowns and Gloves, PPE-Eye Protection, and Hand Hygiene – March 16, 2023 at 2:30pm

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)-March 22, 2023 at 2:30pm

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection-March 29, 2023 at 2:30pm

Cornell Hall Care and Rehabilitation Center, 234 Chestnut St., Union, NJ 07083

The Concept of Infection Control Traininh -March 29, 2023 at 2:30pm

Virtual

★ ★ ★ March Trainings

Cornell Hall Care and Rehabilitation Center, 234 Chestnut St., Union, NJ 07083

The Basic Science of a Virus Training - March 22, 2023, 12:00 pm

Virtual

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Training - March 29, 2023, 12:00 pm

Virtual

South Mountain Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, 2385 Springfield Ave, Vauxhall, NJ 07088

Hand Hygiene - March 15, 2023, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - March 22, 2023, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection - March 29, 2023, 2:30pm-3:30pm

Camden County Health Department

PPE – Eye Protection, Gowns, Gloves and Respirators - March 28, 2023, 10:00 am

Virtual

Train the Trainer Viewings – March 9, 10, 13, 17, 20

★ ★ ★ March Trainings

Sunrise Assisted Living - 404 King George Rd, Basking Ridge NJ

Infection Control and Prevention in the Kitchen – March 29, 2023, 10:45 am

Fellowship Village- 8000 Fellowship Rd, Basking Ridge NJ

Infection Control and Prevention in the Kitchen – March 29, 2023, 2:00 pm

Matheny Medical Hospital – 65 Highland Ave, Peapack NJ

Infection Control and Prevention in the Kitchen – March 30, 2023, 12:15pm

Holly Manor – 84 Cold Hill Rd, Mendham Borough NJ

Infection Control and Prevention in the Kitchen – March 31, 2023, 2:00 pm

General Overview – April 18, 2023, 10 am
COVID-19 Overview, Multidose Vials

Freehold Township LTCs – Topics to Include
Concepts of Infection Control
Implicit Bias
Basic Science of Viruses
How Respiratory Droplets Spread
PPE Protection (with donning and doffing exercises)
How Viruses Spread
Asymptomatic Spread
Hand Hygiene
Environment Cleaning & Disinfection
Ventilation

Dates:

April 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm
April 14, 2023 at 11:00 am
April 25, 2023, time TBD
April 28, 2023, Tentative

South Mountain Rehabilitation – April 26th TBD
C. difficile



Completed PSAs and Other Strike Team Opportunities

Bergen County

Freehold

Union Township

Ocean County

Union Township

Middlebrook Regional Health Commission

Bernards Township

Lincoln Park

Montgomery Township

Ringwood

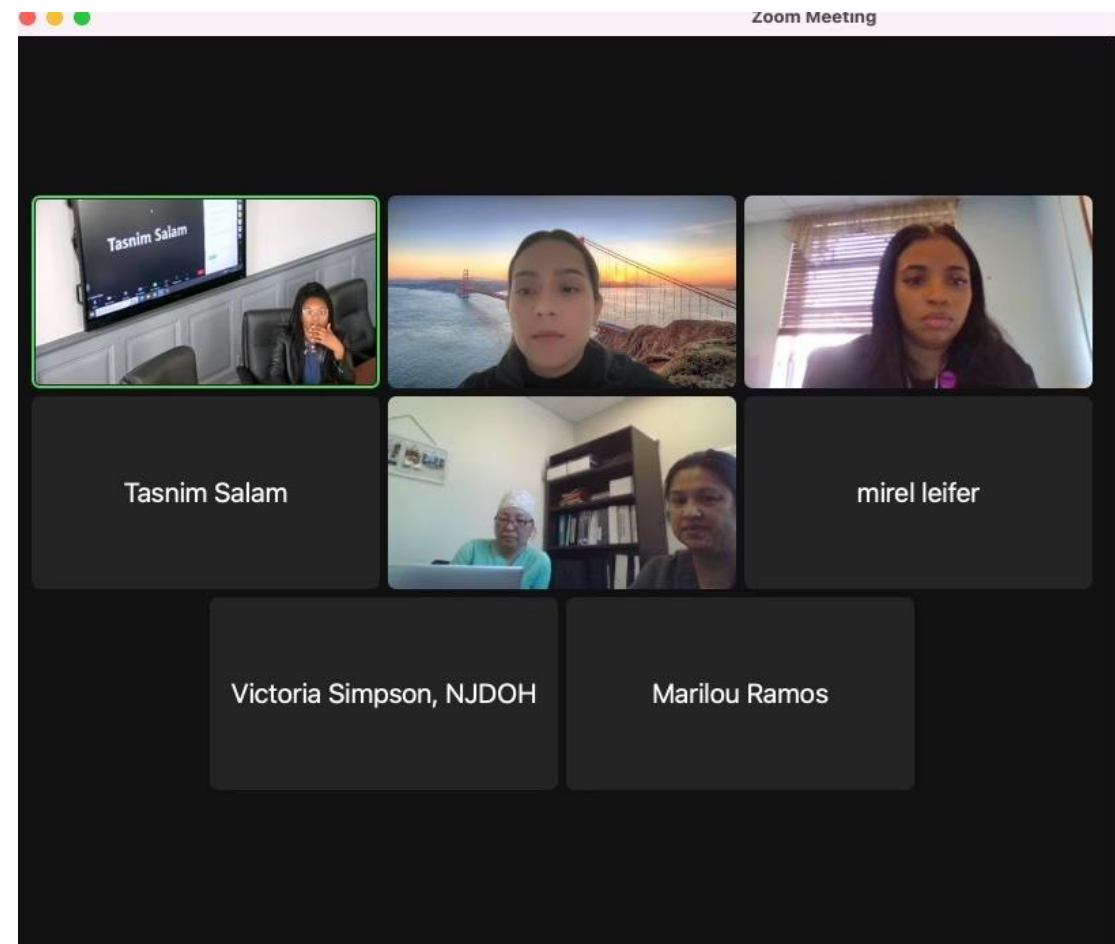
West Windsor



- All Trainers that completed the 8-hour training still have access to Canvas and all materials to provide trainings without PSAs
- Stay tuned for Summer Recruitment of next year's PSAs

Trainings, Social Media and Quotes from the Field

Union Township HD



Trainings, Social Media and Quotes from the Field

Freehold HD

 **Brett Nance, MPH** • You
Epidemiologist and Undergraduate Instructor
1h • 🌐

Freehold Area Health Department is gearing up for our first on-site Project Firstline training this Friday with [The Rehab Center at Wedgwood Gardens](#) in Freehold! [Christa Moor](#) and I are looking forward to providing a comprehensive training on various infection control topics and engaging activities. Participating facilities will even receive a complimentary bottle of Glo Germ to help with training and auditing of hand hygiene and EVS practices! 🧼🧴

If you are a long-term care facility in Freehold, Wall, Manalapan or Tinton Falls, email us at bnance@twp.freehold.nj.us and cmoor@twp.freehold.nj.us to schedule your on-site infection control training today! 📅



Trainings, Social Media and Quotes from the Field

Montgomery and Lincoln Park

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Project Firstline Infection Control Training

News Release Date: 03-31-2023

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Montgomery Township Health Department is a proud partner of the CDC's Project Firstline, a collaborative of public health, healthcare, and academic partners focused on providing innovative and effective infection control resources to frontline healthcare workers. Project Firstline's new educational resources are designed to

help healthcare workers think critically about infection control. When you learn to recognize infection control risks, you can take action to protect your patients and yourself, no matter the situation. Learn more:

<https://bit.ly/3tByZqy>



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Montgomery Twp NJ Health Department
Also serving the boroughs of Hopewell, Pennington & Rocky Hill

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Devangi Patel

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Skillman, NJ 08558
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[Email Health Dept.](#)

Hours
Monday - Friday: 8AM - 4:30PM

Emergency

The Lincoln Park Health Department



CDC's National Training Collaborative for Healthcare Infection Control

Training Topic:
Ventilation & Environmental Remediation

Training Date:
Monday, May 8 2023

Training Times:
10AM and 4:30 PM

Training Location:
Lincoln Park Care Center, Eddie's Place

Presented by:
Mikaela Kestler, MPH
Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist



Trainings, Social Media and Quotes from the Field

This program has really improved relationships between the LHD and LTCs/SNFs that hadn't been there before.

“The Strike Team Training topics are informative, engaging, and appreciated by the staff in the Long-Term Care Facilities. The facilities benefit immensely from the reinforcement and new information the training topics provide ... these sessions have the potential to decrease infection and prevent outbreaks, increasing both the resident and staff members quality of life!”

“Strike Team/PFL did an excellent job with training the trainers as well as providing the resources to them that would be needed to deliver the information to all attendees. Facilities appreciated the variations in training duration (10-30-60 mins) and locations (virtual/in person). Training today (3/15) was also quite digestible and fitting for multiple audiences (kitchen staff, director of nursing, infection preventionist etc.)”...Our first training is already having a positive impact on these facilities as attendees mentioned how they look forward to utilizing this relationship to ask questions and request additional trainings when needed.

... have separate PowerPoints for clinical and non-clinical staff. The information on the slides is far too basic for clinical staff ... make the sessions more engaging. For instance, when I go to the facilities, I usually add a game to go along with the session, which keeps the audience interested...

PHEP Grant Updates

PHEP Coordinator Report



Document Plan Review

- Somerset (Amanda)
 - Overall PH Plans / conversion to ESF8 Formatting
- Hillsborough (Elena / Lisa)
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Retail Foods
 - COOP
 - Hazmat
 - EOP (pieces of)
 - Risk Communication
- **Newsletter April/May 2023 Timeframe**
 - Should be out by the end of the month

- **Juvenile Advisory Committee Update**
 - Roll out for PH not until July or later
- **Regional Coalition Exercises:**
 - Facilitate/ Evaluator Pediatric Burn Surge TTX Exercise
 - AAR/IP Review in process
- **Emergency Preparedness Committee**
 - Forward Progress
 - Next Meeting May 2023 (TBD)
- **Upcoming Trainings**
 - PIO Training (TBD)
 - Burn Training (TBD, end of June 2023)
 - HSEEP training at Somerset County DOH on June 5th & 6th, 2023
 - Workplace Violence Prevention Conference April 25th; 9a-4p @ Boathouse at Mercer Lake, West Windsor NJ

If I can assist in any way with your agency(s) please reach out and let me know
 Document Review
 Trainings
 Exercises
 Etc.

Contact Information
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 (908) 455-6883

PHACE Updates

KEVIN SUMNER



NACCHO Updates

MARGY JAHN



Workgroup Updates

Committee Chairs

Awards –
Megan Avallone

Bylaws –
Kevin Sumner

Finance –
Marconi Gapas

Nominating –
Stephanie Gorman

Workgroups Chairs

Advocacy

Lynette Medeiros

Communicable Disease

Megan Avallone & Sarah
Perramant

Chronic Illness & Disease

Patrick Anderson

Emergency Preparedness

Dan Regenye

Environmental & Consumer Health

Derrick Webb

Maternal & Child Health

Cynthia Weaver

Membership, Marketing and Fundraising

Lisa Gulla & Maya Lordo

Program

Chris Hellwig

Workforce Development

Chris Hellwig

Public Health Law Project

KATHLEEN HOKE

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The Network
for Public Health Law

Ideas. Experience. Practical answers.

The Network for Public Health Law

Who We Are and How We Can Help

Selected Topic Resources

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Let's Q&A!!!!

Presented to the NJACCHO Learning Session

April 13, 2023

Kathi Hoke, JD

Director, Eastern Region Office

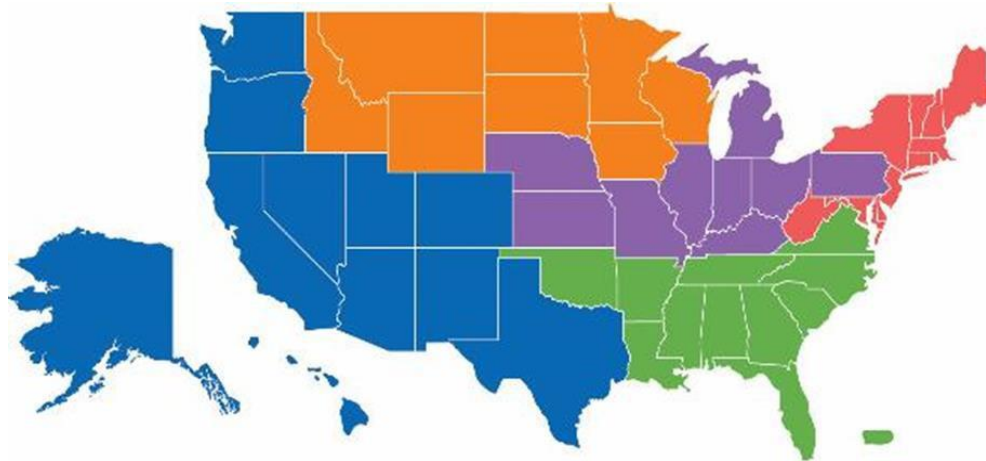
About the Network for Public Health Law

We believe in the power of public health law and policy to improve lives and make our communities safer, healthier, stronger and more equitable. We know that understanding, navigating and using law and policy can transform our communities so we work to help public health leaders, policymakers, researchers, educators, advocates and health care providers do just that.



National Reach

Through our National Office and five Region Offices, the Network provides legal technical assistance, consulting, trainings and resources to local, state, and national health agencies and organizations across the United States. *Stay tuned for upcoming changes!*



Eastern Region Office - University of Maryland Carey School of Law (Me!)

Mid-States Region Office - University of Michigan School of Public Health

Northern Region Office - Network's National Office in Edina, Minnesota

Southeastern Region Office - University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health

Western Region Office - Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Comprehensive Public Health Law Expertise

Attorneys in each Network Region have extensive knowledge of:

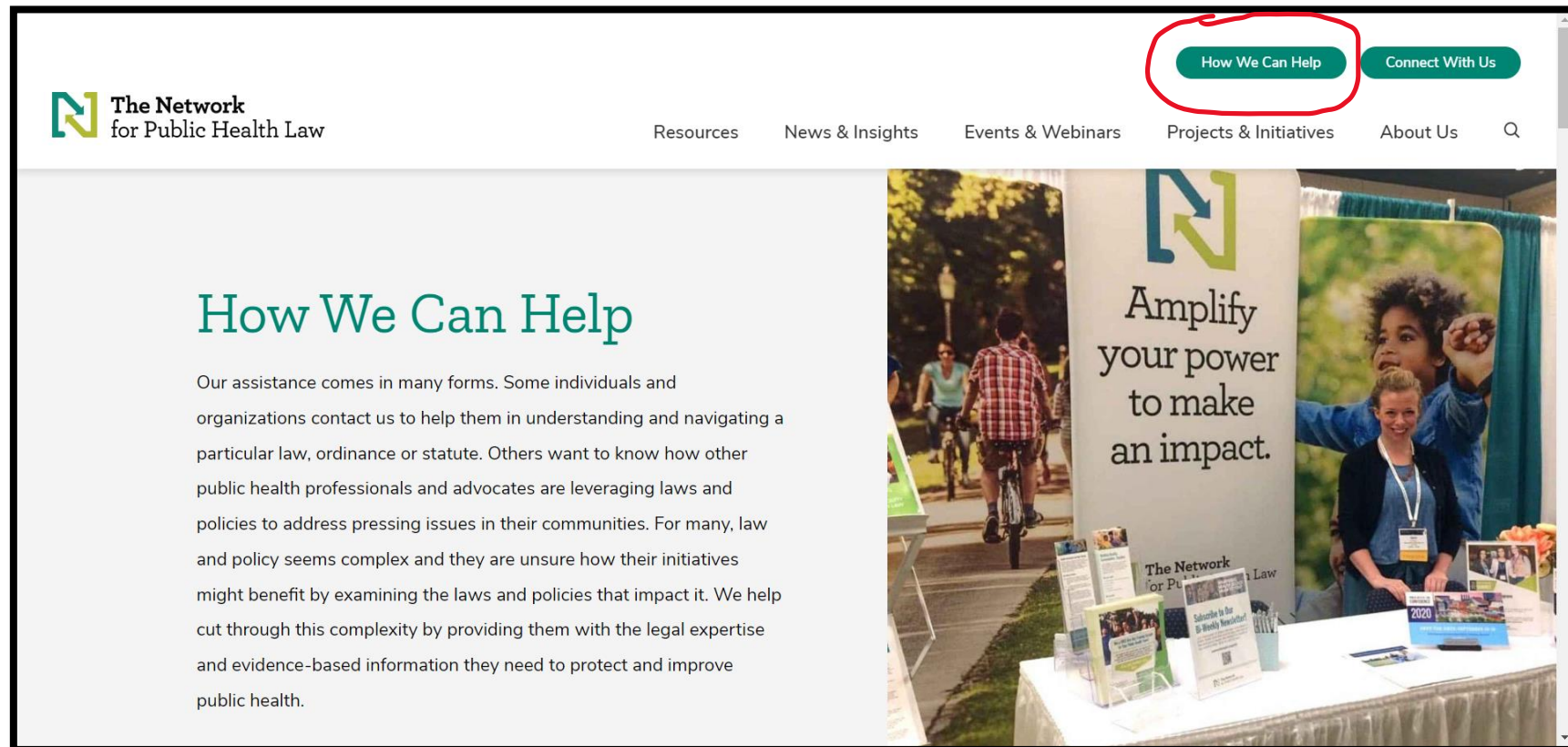
- Public health law “nuts and bolts.”
- Legal levers to advance health policy.
- Public health agency authority:
 - Constitutional, statutory, regulatory, executive orders;
 - Limits on authority;
 - Due process requirements.
- How public health agencies implement and enforce public health measures:
 - Impact on health equity;
 - Successes in other jurisdictions.
- The most promising local and national public health efforts using law and policy to improve the health of communities.

Request Assistance

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.

- understand public health law—PHL 101 trainings
- find answers to specific legal questions (TA; not direct advice)
- use law to strengthen your public health programs and policies, and address emerging public health issues
- find resources, such as legal briefs, fact sheets, surveys of laws in all 50 states, or other available data
- benefit from the best practices of others
- connect with additional experts in public health law, including attorneys in the Network's other regions

How to Access Assistance--Process



Public Health Law 101

- ✓ Federal—Tribal—State—Local
- ✓ Source and scope
- ✓ Executive—Legislative—Judicial
- ✓ Interplay; Checks and Balances
- ✓ Preemption
- ✓ Federal over State/Local; State over local; Tribal over??
- ✓ Administrative Law
- ✓ Executive branch power; Departments and Boards of Health





Reproductive Health Care Access Maternal Health Equity

Work Specific to Local Public Health Agencies (Funded by Kresge Foundation)

New Team Member: Joanna Suder, National Office, jsuder@networkforphl.org

Anyone interested in being interviewed?

Post-*Dobbs* Decision

Tracking state laws on abortion access, including court decisions (dueling Mife cases)

Primers on abortion access

Federal law response

Maternal Health Equity

Law and policy pathways to equity in birth outcomes

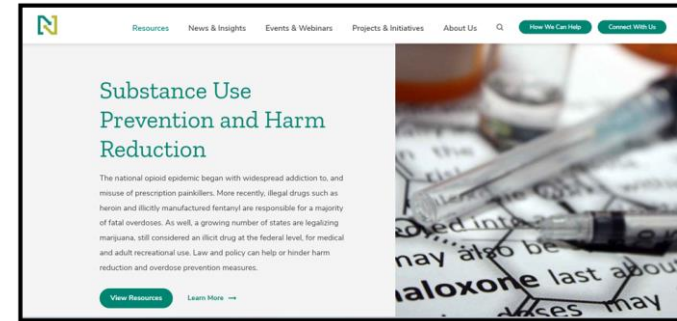
Coming Soon: State-specific factsheets on Black maternal health (NJ included!)

Networkwide Collaborative Effort

Contact Kathi Hoke at khoke@law.umaryland.edu

Substance Use and Harm Reduction Resources

- ✓ Naloxone
 - Standing orders
 - Use of Expired
 - Access for minors
 - Availability in workplaces, schools, public places
- ✓ Overdose Review Panels/Fatality Review Teams
- ✓ Removing Barriers to OAT (opioid agonist treatment)
- ✓ Paraphernalia laws
- ✓ Syringe Programs
- ✓ Good Samaritan Laws



Harm Reduction Legal Project

Lead Attorney, Corey Davis, Southeastern Region

cdavis@networkforphl.org

Protection for Public Health Officials: Threats of Harm

Nationwide, state and local public health officials working to protect the public from COVID-19 are on the receiving end of threatening and harassing conduct for simply fulfilling their duty to protect the public health. In response, the Network examined whether states and Washington, D.C., have criminal statutes to address individuals who impede public health officials' duties with such behavior. The Network developed a [50-state resource](#) outlining these statutes. There is a related [webinar](#).

Component of the Public Health Authority Work

Lead attorney, Brooke Torton, Eastern Region

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Public Health Authority



Public health agencies use their authority for more than preventing epidemics and the spread of disease; they serve many other critical functions, such as preventing injuries, testing children for lead exposure, promoting healthy behaviors, responding to disasters, advancing health equity and more. Act for Public Health provides direct support to public health departments and others through consultation, training, legal technical assistance, research, and resources to address legislation that weakens their ability to protect the communities they serve.

Act for Public Health Collaborative

Website: www.actforpublichealth.org

Network's Resource Collection

[Public Health Authority](#)

Emerging State-specific Resources (Kathi and Brooke as lead)

Network lead attorney, Darlene Briggs, National Office

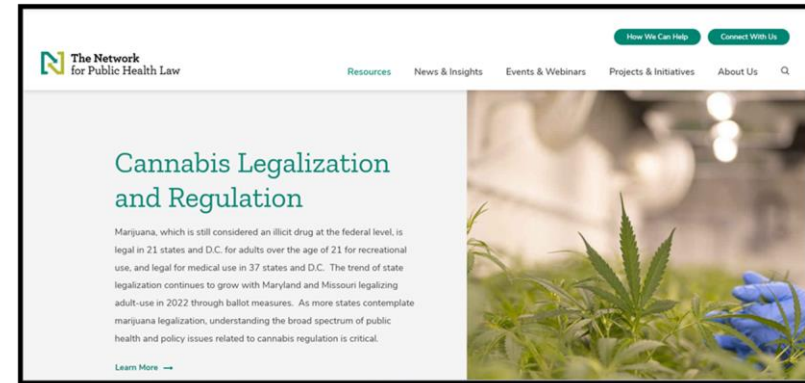
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Cannabis Resources

Cannabis Regulation Resource Collection

- ✓ State regulation of consumption sites
- ✓ Regulation of Home Grow
- ✓ State Zoning Restrictions
- ✓ THC Limits
- ✓ Product Labeling
- ✓ Packaging Requirements
- ✓ Product Standards
- ✓ Youth Access
- ✓ State Regulation of Ads

And much more!



Sign Up to Receive Cannabis Quarterly to stay up-to-date!

Lead attorney: Mathew Swinburne, Eastern Region

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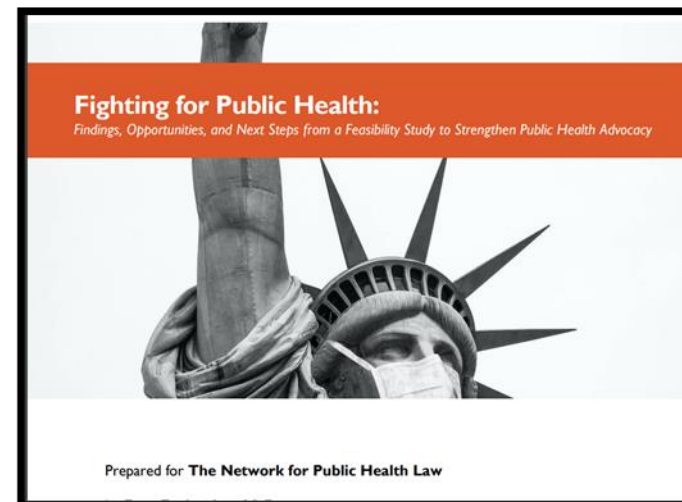
Advocacy

Trainings on Advocacy v. Lobbying

General and state-specific trainings

Fighting for Public Health: Findings, Opportunities, and Next Steps from a Feasibility Study to Strengthen Public Health Advocacy

[Report](#) and Related [Webinar](#)





Other Stuff!

Data and Privacy

Health Equity

Emergency Legal Preparedness

Injury Prevention

Food Safety and Security

***School Health: Working with NJ on school nurse issues**

Healthy and Affordable Housing

Climate Change

Vaccination Law and Policy

Infectious Disease Prevention and Control

Enforcement of Public Health Laws, including Environmental Regulation

Public Health on Tribal Lands

QUESTIONS?

Kathi Hoke

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Shameless plug for our National Conference!



Open Forum

Upcoming Trainings

The PHACE of Public Health in New Jersey: A Collaborative Effort for Transformation

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Emergenetics: Meeting of the Minds

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Preaching What You Practice: Communication Strategies for Outbreaks

- June 14 @ Forsgate Country Club

Register online!

www.NJACCHO.org

Thank you!

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 8

REGISTER FOR TRAININGS/MEETINGS ONLINE: WWW.NJACCHO.ORG