

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (PAC) MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Dec 14, 2022

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Signed	DateJan 11, 2022
DAC Chair	

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Welcome and	Welcome and Introductions.	
introductions	• New members:	
Roll call	Lovina John: MPH student at U of Buffalo. Her focus is Community Health and Health Behavior. She is happy to be here. Marie Sonia Saint Rose-Bienvil: not present Ava Choi: not present	
Approval of	Correction from Ellen Morehouse: the October minutes said	
Minutes from	that she was absent, however, she was present. Gus will correct	
the last	those minutes and the November minutes where no corrections	
meeting	were requested for October. No other corrections.	
PAC Update: Actions since the last meeting, and related updates	 NYSPHA sent a letter to the Governor recommending she sign legislation on reimbursement for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis. The Governor did sign this! NYSPHA signed on to a letter to the Governor sponsored by the Let's Get Immunized Campaign with recommendations for the budget. NYSPHA signed a letter to the Governor by the Association for Energy Affordability supporting their Budget Request for Investment in NY Buildings to combat climate change. NYSPHA signed on to a letter by the Center for Science in the Public Interest urging the Governor to include health food service guidelines for state agencies in the Executive Budget. NYSPHA sent a letter to NYC Mayor Eric Adams with our recommendations for the NYC budget and policies. Including 	If members hear about other opportunities for PAC to support, or alerts to share, please let Gus know. Also, if you hear of mentions of NYSPHA advocacy positions, let Gus know. If you have a bill of interest, we can weigh in, let Gus know.

	community services. Thanks to Kavitha Das for spearheading the letter.	
	<u>Federal:</u>	
	 NYSPHA signed on to a letter by APHA and the CDC Coalition urging the Congressional leadership to include at least \$10.45 billion for the CDC's programs in any final FY 2023 bill. 	
NYSACHO Update	 Cristina thanked NYSPHA for the letter on rabies and for the support. This was a small item with a big impact. Revised cannabis regs coming out of cannabis advisory board (Office of Cannabis Management or OCM): Revised packaging and advertising regs. Not terribly PH friendly. Regulations on enforcement and violation in retail area Regulations on retail management There is still an opportunity to weigh in. Gus stated that NYSPHA PAC did submit comments to the first round and car do likewise for the second round. NYSDOH just received a large infusion of cash for rebuilding PH workforce, state and local. Funding will go out to local HDs. Not all counties hired during the core PH hiring opportunity. Those that did were happy with it. Gus mentioned that the workforce bonuses did not go to LHDs. "This is not a great budget year we are going into" (Cristina). 	Cristina will share the comparison breakdown of proposed original regs to proposed revised regs via email. (This was sent immediately after the call: "To all who are interested, as discussed on today's call, attached is a compare report for the original Cannabis Packaging, Labeling, Marketing and Advertising regulations to the revised version, which was published in today's state register. The revised regulations are open for a 45 day public comment period.") Thank you Cristina! Check out website to review proposed regs and to respond: https://cannabis.ny.gov/marihuan a-regulation-and-taxation-act-mrta
Review of NYSPHA bill signing recommendation s to the Governor	 Please refer to document provided by Gus via email on 12/13/2022 entitled: NYSPHA PAC-BILL STATUS. We had some wins. There were some vetoes generally because the proposals were either already being done by NYSDOH or were quite costly, for example, to create and staff Task Forces. Cristina provided the link in the chat to the 2023 Legislative Session calendar: https://www.assembly.state.ny.us/leg/docs/session-2023-caler-dar.pdf Gus said that we don't have the date of the Governor's State of the State address yet, but when we hear the address, we will have a better idea of which of NYSPHA's suggested priorities 	

	in our communication to the Governor were accepted.	
NYSPHA Policy Statements	 Alcoholism statement final draft for PAC consideration. Much appreciation expressed for the great work of Sean Haley, who was previously chair of APHA's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section, Ellen Morehouse, and intern Kayla Liszewski. If anyone has any feedback after reading the draft statement, please send to Gus. He will be submitting the statement in about a week to the full NYSPHA Board. Pending statements: Opioid Use Prevention- Ready for review by next meeting Cannabis Adult-use program- Ready for review by next meeting Suicide prevention. No statement to review yet. Possibly look at doing policy statement on the public health workforce Andreá suggested looking at maternity care deserts and the library defunding proposal in NYC for policy statements 	We are looking for volunteers to work on policy statements. All statements rely on volunteer leadership and efforts. If you are interested in volunteering on any statement listed, or have a new topic to propose, please contact Gus. We will look more at these issues going forward
Other business	 Kavitha has a monthly speaker at each of her meetings: quite informative and helpful. Kavitha is working on an impact statement in response to the proposed NYC law "Prohibiting the sale of flavored cigarettes" from her perspective of public health, dentistry and oral health. There is a 2:30 PM AHA zoom call today on menthol in tobacco, Kavitha will send an email link for anyone interested Thanks to Kayla for an incredible job as intern this past semester for help with policy statements, research and with the website! Kayla responded that she hopes to continue to be involved. She said that she has had a very impactful experience and has learned so much! Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2023. 12 noon-1 PM 	If you live in NYC and are interested in joining the NYC PAC, contact Kavitha. NYC PAC meets 3 rd Wednesday of every month from 12-1 PM. Kavitha's email: kpd2102@gmail.com
	Happy Holidays Everyone!	

Attendance Lo

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Judy Rightmyer,	х		х	х	х	х						

Laura Agnew	-	-	-	-	-			
Nisha Beharie	х	х	-	х	ex			
Claudia Calhoon	-	-	х	-	ex			
Makini Chisolm-Straker	-	-	-	-	-			
Kavitha Das	х	-	х	х	х			
Cristina Dyer-Drobnack (NYSACHO)	х	x	ex	х	х			
Natalie Charles	-	-	х	-	-			
Pennie Cuevas	х	х	х	х	х			
Sean Haley	-	-	х	-	-			
Van Cleary-Hammerstedt	-	-	-	-	-			
Naomi Harris Tolson	х	-	х	-	-			
Lovina John					х			
Diane Kolak	-	-	-	-	-			
Heather McGrane Minton	х	х	х	-	-			
Ellen Morehouse	х	-	х	х	х			
Sylvia Pirani	-	х	ex	х	ex			
Christine Podolak	-	х	х	х	-			
Alejandra Puerta	х	-	-	-	-			
Mandy Qualls (NYSARH)	х	х	х	х	х			
Craig Rijkaard	х	х	х	х	х			
Marc Rosenblatt	-	-	-	-	-			
Carol Ryan	х	х	ex	х	х			
Jean Sale-Shaw	-	-	-	-	-			
Andréa Sonenberg	х	-	х	х	х			

Ashanda Saint Jean	х	-	-	-	-			
Jesus Vasquez	х	-	х	-	-			
Daniel Tam		х	-	-	-			
Carol Wanyo	х	-	-	-	-			
Patti Wukovits	х	-	х	-	х			
Namrata Yadav	-	-	х	-	-			
Moria Byrne Zaaloff	х	-	-	-	-			
Jamie Zelig	х	х	-	х	х			
Intern Kayla Liszewski		х	х	х	х			