

	<p>an eye on the various PH legal issues and challenges nationwide. https://www.publichealthlawwatch.org/ (you can subscribe) Craig: Alejandra covered much. Also: they showed the great need of inclusivity of youth in addressing PH problems, the importance of networking between organizations and how to have a collaborative impact. Great networking experience.</p>	
<p>PAC Update: Actions since the last meeting, and related updates</p>	<p><u>State and Federal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/12/2022 – NYSPHA signed on to a letter to the Governor by the End Medical Debt Coalition recommending that she sign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S6522A/A7363A will ban medical providers from using wage garnishments or taking out liens on a patient’s primary residence - S2521C/A3470C bans facility fees for all preventive care. 7/1/2022 – NYSPHA signed on to additional comments on the Draft Scoping Plan in Support of Direct-to-Consumer Zero Emission Vehicle Sales. 6/10/2022 – NYSPHA signed on to a letter sponsored by Earth Justice providing technical Comments to NYS Climate Action Council Scoping Plan on the Draft Climate Roadmap 6/10/2022 – NYSPHA sent letters to the Governor on 3 additional bills recommending that she sign them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A2085-A to clarify insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening - A1741-A to ensure that all healthcare copays count toward a patient's out-of-pocket expenses for purposes of determining their health insurance coverage. - S6287C, which requires childcare and healthcare providers be given with informational materials on the impacts and dangers of congenital cytomegalovirus infection. We also recommended that the Gov. direct the NYS Department of Health to include information on a number of other infectious diseases (TORCH) that cause congenital infection and that can be prevented through vaccination and other means. 	<p>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.</p>
<p>NYSACHO Updates (Cristina)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the Legislative off-session. NYSACHO members adopted 2 statements that are now listed on NYSACHO website: gun safety, and access to reproductive rights: <p>https://www.nysacho.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NYSACHO-Gun-Violence-Injury-Prevention-SOP_FINAL-adopted-6.23.22.pdf</p> <p>https://www.nysacho.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NYSACHO-2022-Access-to-Reproductive-Health-Services-6-22-FINAL.pdf</p> Concerns with proposed cannabis regulations: proposing that they go further and be more specific (for example wording about avoiding attraction to youth - advocating for plain packaging) etc.: <p>https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/06/part-128-and-129-plma-regs-final-draft-6-1-2022-v2.pdf</p> 	<p>NYSPHA will take a look on reproductive rights policy since NYSPHA should probably also do a statement (per Gus)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be looking at NYS Supreme Court decisions in regard to striking down emergency regulations that were passed about communicable disease to ensure that PH authority is not weakened. Will probably be recommending new legislation. • Workforce enumeration study of local PH workforce is ongoing with Region 2 Training Center (Sylvia Pirani as consultant) and volunteer Dr. PH student at U of Albany Isaac Michaels. • NYSACHO be preparing PH budget priorities statement. Looking at pressing for restoration of COLA for health grants: will be an uphill battle 	
<p>NYSPHA Legislative Agenda 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSPHA was requested by the Governor’s Counsel’s Office to provide recommendations on whether or not to sign 19 bills that have passed the legislature. NYSPHA has provided recommendations on 4 bills so far. Here are the bills that we haven’t responded to (any one interested?): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A9080A - Requires OCFS and OPWDD to conduct a study to determine the number of children who have been placed in foster care and who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability. <i>Pennie is interested in responding to this and will draft a paragraph which will be put into a NYSPHA template.</i> 2. A8386A - Requires that any construction of facilities for chemical dependence services promote the privacy of individuals. <i>Ellen Morehouse volunteered to write wording.</i> 3. S7107B - Creates a new Article of the mental hygiene law, in relation to supported decision-making by people with intellectual, developmental, cognitive and psychosocial disabilities. 4. A10139 - A temporary commission advisory to OMH shall be appointed by the governor and legislature to OMH to make recommendations within one year on solutions for removing barriers to ensure residents of community-based mental health housing programs can successfully age in place while receiving adequate care; etc. 5. S334A - requires OMH to issue a report in one year on short term crisis respite and intensive crisis respite programs. 6. A658A – requires OMH to set up a gambling advisory committee 7. A9664 - Expands the definition of provider to include certain child advocacy centers for the purposes of access to information contained in the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment 8. A9344A - Provides outreach services to make certain stakeholders aware of the independent substance use disorder and mental health ombudsman program. <i>Jesus wrote wording on this.</i> 9. A7357A - Establishes a pilot program to create an assistance hotline for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex behavioral needs <i>Jesus wrote wording on this.</i> 10. S6300C - Establishes a public awareness campaign to combat the stigma and stereotyping of individuals with developmental disabilities <i>Jesus wrote wording on this.</i> 11. A9730 - Requires an annual report for the independent substance use disorder and mental health ombudsman program <i>Jesus wrote wording on this.</i> 12. A9348 – establishes a fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention task force to 	<p>If you are interested in working on a recommendation on ANY of these, please contact Gus</p> <p>Also please let Gus know if you are interested in drafting a letter on any of the pending bills that have passed the legislature.</p>

	<p>report in 2 years. NOTE: Jesus and the Drug Use Policy writing group are working on this.</p> <p>13. S7377 – establishes a statewide group home families working group (appointed by the Governor and Legislature)</p> <p>14. S8442 - requires that applications submitted by individuals with developmental disabilities for eligibility determinations and service authorizations be processed in a timely manner (120 days for complete applications).</p> <p>15. S9408 - amends chapter 378 of the laws of 2019 relating to creating a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and substance use among military service members, in relation to the effectiveness thereof.</p> <p>There may be additional bills that NYSPHA may want to comment on that we have not been specifically requested to do so. Are members aware of any bills that have passed that we should be commenting on?</p>	
<p>NYSPHA Policy Statements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Policy – this will be split into 3 policy statements on 1) opioids, 2) cannabis, and 3) alcohol. Jesus, our intern is working on these along with Sean, Naomi, Nisha, Ellen and Jamie. • Oral Health Policy Statement: Kavitha is leading this group. It is done: just waiting for Board approval. • Suicide Prevention – Brett Harris, NYSPHA President, is taking the lead, basing the statement on the APHA statement. Heather and Jesus are also signed up to help. • Jesus is also working on a statement on the right to an abortion Heather, Mandy, Jamie, and Ashanda volunteered and a call will be set up • PH preparedness policy statement: Kavitha, Carol Ryan, Jamie, Jesus volunteered and Robert Dietz from NYSACHO will help 	<p>We are looking for volunteers to work on policy statements.</p> <p>All statements rely on volunteer leadership and efforts.</p> <p>If you are interested in volunteering on any statement listed, or have a new topic to propose, please contact Gus.</p>
<p>NYC PAC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ethan Cowan, Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the Director of Research and Community Engagement for the Emergency Department at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital will be speaking on the opioid crisis in NYC.. Next Wed. 12-1 PM please join if interested. Kavitha has sent the PAC mailing listing more details about Dr. Cowan’s expertise along with the zoom link. Here is the zoom link again for your joining convenience if you did not receive it via email: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83945561922?pwd=Tk1VVWY5R2NoT01rSTVmMGp2STNTdz09 Meeting ID: 839 4556 1922 Passcode: 724230 • She will try to record it. 	<p>If you live in NYC and are interested in joining the NYC PAC, contact Kavitha. NYC PAC meets 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12-1 PM.</p> <p>Kavitha’s email: kpd2102@gmail.com</p>

APHA 2022 Affiliat e Policy and Advocacy Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not discussed because of time constraints. • Take a look at the attachment in the PAC email invitation from Gus 	
PAC Plans for the coming year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No time for discussion today. Deferred 	
Other busines s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of PH Core Fellowship program. Heather will be on a workgroup for institutes of higher ed. Asks who else is volunteering. https://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-public-health-corps/new-york-state-public-health-corps • Online advocacy tool: Andréa has been working on with Pace University for quite a while: The tool is almost ready for roll out as soon as Board approves and makes payment of a very reasonable fee. Most of the work is pro-bono and in perpetuity. Once it is rolled out, training and customization is next. • The August meeting in cancelled. Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2022. 12 noon-1 PM 	

Attendance Log

	Jul '22	Aug '22	Sept '22	Oct '22	Nov '22	Dec '22	Jan '23	Feb '23	Mar '23	Apr '23	May '23	Jun '23
Gus Birkhead, chair	x											
Judy Rightmyer,	x											
Laura Agnew	-											
Nisha Beharie	x											
Claudia Calhoon	-											
Makini Chisolm-Straker	-											
Kavitha Das	x											
Cristina Dyer-Drobnack (NYSACHO)	x											
Pennie Cuevas	x											

