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**NYSPHA Policy and Advocacy Committee**

**2017 Activities and Accomplishments**

* Sent a proactive Letter to the Governor about increasing funding for public health in the Exec. Budget
* Supported Rockland Tobacco Free Pharmacy bill - Passed
* Supported APHA letter to congress to fight weakening FDA regulation of tobacco – e cigs, and small cigars and Signed on to a letter to Senator Schumer and Rep Lowry to help prevent funding cuts for the CDC’s Office of Smoking and Health and exempt cigars and/or e-cigarettes from FDA regulation
* Signed letter to Congressional delegation to fight weakening of school lunch regulations and cuts to nutrition programs.
* Signed on to APHA memo in support of ACA
* Sent out several action alerts to thousands of members and contacts requesting calls to legislators, leaders, and the Governor to stop the 20% cut to public health programs.
* Sign on to the NYS Aid in Dying bill
* Used Twitter for the first time to support NYS policies and increased followers
* Signed on to an organizational letter to oppose the delay and weakening of the menu labeling regulation
* Day at the Capitol – Fifteen members participated. Collaborated with Heart and Lung Associations to push for Tobacco 21
* Released an E-cig Policy Paper with recommendations to pass T21 and E-cig Loophole law.
* Helped pass the legislation to close the E-cig loophole in the CIA
* Helped get Tobacco 21 through the Health Committees in both houses
* Helped the tobacco free SUNY bill pass the Assembly