

Communiqué

February 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dan Luebbert

Deputy Director, Platte County Health Department

While much work remains, it's encouraging to know that the need for additional public health funding has been recognized. While the *Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems* grant obviously won't solve all of our public health workforce and infrastructure needs, the grant emphasizes the importance of hiring a diverse staff and increasing the size of the public health workforce. The grant focuses on the principles of using data and evidence in driving planning and implementation of public health programs; the role of partnerships in the success of the grant; and the need to direct resources in support of health equity and diversity.

The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) plans to distribute \$24 million it has received through the Infrastructure grant to 114 local public health agencies in the State. Kudos to DHSS for involving representatives from local health departments in the development of the funding formula and to our partners from the Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies (MOALPHA) and the Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence (MOCPHE) for providing that representation and leadership.

Planning for Missouri's 2023 Joint Public Health Conference is underway. The theme of this year's conference will be *Creating the Healthiest Missouri*. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia from September 20-21. Watch for more details coming soon. If you would like to present at the conference or if you would like to recommend a presenter to the planning committee, please reach out to Sandy Boeckman at sboeckman@mopha.org. The Call for Presentations form can be found on the MPHA website at www.mopha.org.

We need your input! Members of MPHA and/or MOALPHA should have recently received a link to a survey regarding consideration of a possible merger of the two associations. The results of the survey will determine if a merger is the direction members wish to pursue and, if so, what that merger might look like. If you're a member of either MPHA or MOALPHA, please complete the survey on or before February 28, 2023. The survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/smeQfZXiv9c4mUEY9>. Results of the survey will be shared with members. We look forward to hearing what you have to say!

Take care and stay tuned!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Luebbert".

Dan Luebbert, President
Missouri Public Health Association



Calendar of Events

April 6, 2023

Board Meeting

MPHA Office, Jefferson City ~ 10:00 am

April 3-9, 2023

National Public Health Week

July 13, 2023

Board Meeting

MPHA Office, Jefferson City ~ 10:00 am

September 18, 2023

Board Meeting

MPHA Office, Jefferson City ~ 10:00 am

September 20-21, 2023

Joint Public Health Conference

“Creating the Healthiest Missouri”

Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, MO

#HealthierMO Update

Jaci McReynolds, Project Manager
#HealthierMO

#HealthierMO is pleased to support ongoing public health system transformation work by offering training, materials, and resources to public health agencies and their partners. Over the past several months #HealthierMO has piloted a number of courses with local public health agencies and can now deliver them virtually or in person to help public health agencies and their partners build capacity in Missouri's Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) model. #HealthierMO offers FPHS -focused introductory-level training in communications, emergency preparedness and response, health literacy, and health equity, as well as more intensive training in aligning health equity with the FPHS model framework, and operationalizing the FPHS model.

To discuss your training needs, please contact #HealthierMO program manager Jaci McReynolds at jmcreynolds@healthiermo.org or by phone at 417-839-3579. A library of free resources is also available at HealthierMO.org.



APHA 2023

ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO
ATLANTA | NOV. 12 – 15

CREATING THE HEALTHIEST NATION
OVERCOMING SOCIAL & ETHICAL CHALLENGES

ENGAGE, COLLABORATE, GROW

Legislative Session Off to a Fast Start

Bert Malone, MPHA Advocacy Committee Member



Committee hearings have begun in both the House and the Senate, following Governor Parson’s recently delivered State of the State speech. In that speech, Parson called for the legislature to pass the emergency supplemental budget (HB 4) by March 1. This bill contains an 8.7% cost of living allowance for state workers among other key items.

Of significance to Public Health Advocates:

The Senate’s Health and Welfare Committee has held hearings on both SB 45 and SB 90, combined recently through a Senate Committee Substitute, which would extend post-partum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months. There was bipartisan support for this measure and over 25 agencies testified in support.

Also of interest, HJR 34 was passed by the House by a large margin, and would increase the number of votes required for a constitutional amendment to pass on a ballot, changing the threshold from 50% required to 60%. Had this been in place at the most recent amendment on recreational marijuana, it would have failed as only 53% voted in favor. Even if this bill is passed by the Senate it would be required to undergo a vote by the people in November 2024.

Senator Koenig’s bill, SJR 4, would ban the teaching of “Critical race theory” and severely limits any diversity training in state educational institutions. There was strong opposition at the hearing and the bill clearly has a long way to go.

Other specific issues of public health interest:

SJR 4, Senator Koenig’s bill, also has provisions re MO Health Net and proposes to change eligibility for coverage to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL). There has been an existing provision in the authorizing statute that prohibits restriction on eligibility standards. This constitutional amendment would require annual standard setting. There was strong opposition at the hearing by health advocates and not for profits.

SB 86, a bill sponsored by Senator Carter would allow the sale of Raw Milk or cream at certain settings. The bill was heard in the Ag Committee of the Senate last week. The bill preempts any local ordinance to limit these sales of raw milk. There was strong testimony in opposition, but also some support from farmers and consumers.

There is a significant number of bills related to school health and immunization. Our friends with the Immunization Coalition have shared the bills that are of concern to them and will be for MPHA, as well. Links to these bills are provided.

House

[HB249](#) Busick (R-03) Creates provisions relating to vaccine administration by dentists.

[HB445](#) Schnelting (R-69) Modifies provisions relating to childhood immunizations.

Senate

[SB99](#) Eigel (R-23) Modifies provisions relating to childhood immunizations.

[SB232](#) Carter (R-32) Modifies provisions relating to immunizations [the old Pollock bill from last session].

[SB270](#) Roberts (D-05) Modifies the practice of dentistry to include the prescription and administration of vaccines.

[SJR6](#) Rowden (R-19 Senator Pro Tem) Amends the

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Constitution to assert the right of parent to participate in and direct the education of their children. Includes potentially problematic language: The right to control their children's health and identifying markers, **including but not limited to**, the right to opt out of health measures not required by state order or statute.”

[SJR29](#) Carter (R-32) Provides for parents' exclusive right to control the upbringing of their children.

Bills are moving fairly quickly at this point, so keep track of these bills by following www.mo.gov Follow these simple steps at www.mo.gov.

Once there, click on **Government** in the banner; then click **Popular Services**; then click **Track a Bill**; once there, you can search by a keyword in the text of the bill, e.g., immunization; or search by the Bill number, e.g., HB249, or SB99 (Note no space between the letters and the number; or you can search by sponsor, if that is known.

You can find the exact language of a bill as well as a summary of each and track the status of that bill.

Feel free to contact the MPHA office if there are questions or contact Bert Malone via email at Bert.malone923@gmail.com.

Ballot to Implementation: A Program’s Journey

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services

November 10, 2022, the Department posted draft rules for implementing the new provisions of Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution. Following the same processes as were used in previous rulemaking efforts, the Department encouraged feedback from the public regarding the program rules for a two week period in an effort to gather all relevant feedback before filing final rules for formal rulemaking.

November 8, 2022, Missouri voters passed Constitutional Amendment 3, which allows individuals age 21 and older to legally possess and consume marijuana in Missouri. The Department of Health and Senior Services was given authority to regulate the production and distribution of marijuana for this purpose.

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November 6, 2018, 65% of Missouri voters approved constitutional Amendment 2 as Article XIV Section 1. Right to access medical marijuana.



Division of Cannabis Regulation

Partially Reprinted, to read the ‘Ballot to Implementation: A Program’s Journey’ from the beginning, visit health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana/journey.php.

AmazonSmile to benefit the MPHA Foundation

The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) has been in existence since 1925 and continues to strive to meet the needs of public health across Missouri. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken the challenge of this mission up a notch but MPHA and its members remain committed.

It is our mission to be the voice of public health in Missouri through advocacy, membership services and by investing in our members through the MPHA Education Foundation. The MPHA Education Foundation plays a key role in ensuring a resilient public health workforce by providing funding for education experiences that recipients may not have without the Foundation's monetary support.

In order to fund these educational opportunities, MPHA relies on the generosity of individuals and organizations. Monetary donations are always welcome, but did you know you can donate to the MPHA Education Foundation at no direct cost to you. Anytime you shop on Amazon for eligible items, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of the eligible **smile.amazon.com** purchase to the Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation.

Every dollar counts in the advancement of public health. Whether it's a cash donation or through AmazonSmile, your generosity will make a difference by allowing MPHA to continue in our work advancing public health in Missouri. ***The MPHA Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation which means that cash donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.***

How it Works?

On the Website - Go to **smile.Amazon.com** and select the "Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation" as your charity.

On the Mobile App - Find settings in the main menu; Tap on **AmazonSmile**, and follow the instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

AmazonSmile will donate .05% of your eligible purchase to the MPHA Foundation which can add up fast. Remember, only purchases at **smile.amazon.com** or through **AmazonSmile** activated in the Amazon Shopping app will support the MPHA Foundation once selected.

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tobacco free Missouri

Legislative Update

On January 27, The American Heart Association, in partnership with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Americans for Non-Smokers Rights, and American Lung Association, hosted a panel discussion webinar about the tobacco industry and local control. The discussion examined how state preemption of local tobacco control authority negatively impacts local communities, from the perspective of an advocate for local government, a school administrator, students, and a pulmonologist. A recording of the program will be made publicly available.

Many tobacco-related pieces of legislation have been introduced in both the House and the Senate so far this session. Following are the bills we are tracking closely. None have been assigned to committee at this time. There is concern that there would be attempts made to add language to either of the Tobacco 21 bills that would take away (preempt) local control of tobacco sales.

HB 1039 (Rep. Brad Christ) and SB 522 (Senator Ben Brown) - Tobacco Preemption

Both bills not only disallow local governments from regulating tobacco sales, but also challenge current tobacco licensure restrictions.

HB 517 (Mayhew) and HB 124 (Nurrenbern) - Tobacco 21

Both bills would change Missouri statutes to reflect that the age of sale of tobacco is now 21 in Missouri. Both are possible vehicles for preemption of tobacco sales.

Leah Martin, Leah Martin Consulting
on behalf of

Laura Turner, MSW, LMSW

Senior Manager, Advocacy - MO, AR

American Lung Association

ELIMINATE TOBACCO USE | MISSOURI SUMMIT

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

APRIL 27 & 28 | VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON | COLUMBIA, MO

<http://eliminatetobaccouse.org/summit-2023/register>

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

All members of Missouri Public Health Association are invited to submit articles for our newsletter and we will welcome submissions on any public health related topic.

Please include the following information with your article submission:

- **Name**
- **Professional Affiliation or Academic Institution (if a student)**
- **Title of Article**
- **Reference List**
- **A Headshot or Photo of You Doing Public Health Work**

Please keep your article within 300-500 words. Articles from members will be reviewed by the Missouri Public Health Association Newsletter Editor. Email your articles and any questions to Sandy Boeckman at sboeckman@mopha.org or Abi Padgett at abipadgett.sjmgmt@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY, JUNE, AND OCTOBER ISSUES

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, FOR THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE.

MISSOURI IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE 2023



**VACCINES: THE BUILDING
BLOCKS OF BETTER HEALTH**

APRIL 26-27, 2023

**HOLIDAY INN EXECUTIVE CENTER
COLUMBIA, MO**

JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

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The Missouri Public Health Association, MPHA-Section for Public Health Nursing, Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Missouri Institute for Community Health, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, and Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence invite you to submit a proposal to present at the Joint Public Health Conference. The conference will have approximately 300 in attendance with exhibitors and sponsors and will be held September 20-21, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri.

Criteria

The PH Conference planning committee will review all proposals. Topics must:

- Address conference theme, target audience, and challenge attendees to think creatively
- Have potential for relevance across the state
- Be clear, focused, well organized, and interactive
- Feature experienced speaker(s) with significant expertise
- Priority will be given to innovative ideas

You will be **notified** by **May 15, 2023** of your presentations acceptance.

Sample Topics

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|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| *Communication | *Social Media/Photo Voice | *Workforce Development | *Health Equity | *Change Management |
| *TFPH Model | *Environmental Health | *Rural Health/Telehealth | *Medicaid Expansion | *Communicable Disease |
| *Preparedness | *Policy Development | *Conflict Resolution/HR | *Social Change | *Quality Improvement |

Speaker Obligations & Agreements

- The Public Health Conference Committee will provide each speaker with an LCD projector, screen, and podium with microphone. Speakers are responsible for bringing their own laptops. Speakers will also provide any additional AV needs (e.g. CD players, speakers, etc.)
- Each presenter will receive one-day at no cost (education only) registration on the day of their scheduled presentation.
- Speaker must agree to pay member or non-member registration rates if participating in any meals other than breakout sessions and/or the exhibit hall on the day of their presentation.

****Please submit your need for expense reimbursement and/or an honorarium and the approximate amount requested. This information will be taken into consideration during the presentation selection process.**

[Call for Presentation Application](#)

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Presentation Application

(please type or print)

PRESENTER _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CO-PRESENTER(S) _____

Organization _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PRESENTATION TITLE _____

I prefer to Speak on Wednesday, September 20th / Thursday, September 21st

REMEMBER TO ATTACH:

- ◆ Biography sketch (50 words or less)
- ◆ Three measureable presentation objectives
- ◆ One paragraph narrative description for use in the program
- ◆ Target audience for presentation
- ◆ Other information relevant to purpose and content of program

****Please submit your need for expense reimbursement and/or an honorarium and the approximate amount requested. This information will be taken into consideration during the presentation selection process.**

I understand there will be a registration fee if I participate in any meals and/or attend breakout sessions on any day other than the one on which I will be a presenter. I understand that promoting a company, service or product during my presentation is prohibited. I will inform my co-presenter(s) of these policies.

Presenter's Signature _____ Date _____

Electronic submissions are preferred. Please email all information to sboeckman@mopha.org. MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15, 2023 to be considered.

For other information contact MPHA directly. Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA),
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Are YOU a Member of MPHA?
 Do You Know Someone That is NOT a Member of MPHA?
 Get Involved and Let's Further the Message of
 Public Health in Missouri Together!

MPHA Member Benefits

- Three Newsletters a Year
- Legislative Updates on Missouri Issues
- National Topics Impacting Missourians
- Joint Annual Conference with Public Health Professionals
- Statewide Network of Public Health Professionals



If you are interested in membership in MPHA or know someone who is, please contact Dan Luebbert, Platte County Health Department, 816-858-2412, Dan.luebbert@plattehealth.com.
 (MPHA membership form is on the back page and can be returned to the MPHA office.)

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- Regular/Public Health Nursing Membership - \$60.00
- Full-Time Student - \$30.00
- Retiree - \$30.00
- Yes, I'd Like to make a donation to the MPHA Educational Foundation \$ _____

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Organization/Agency _____
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City, State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

AREAS of PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

(check all those that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Health Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Nursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Nutrition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Check Enclosed Master Card/VISA/Discover/American Express

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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