

Maine Public Health Association Advocacy Update

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Outline

MPHA Overview

Approach

Priorities

Maine Public Health Association

- Public health advocacy, training, networking & coalition building
- 1,000+ individuals & 80 organizations
- Member benefits: Member sections, conference discount, mentor program, regular advocacy updates/action alerts, members-only issue briefings & trainings, input on policy priorities, free job postings
- Healthy Maine Talks podcast
- Monthly webinars (Thursdays at 12pm)
- Upcoming events: Annual Conference (10/1 in Augusta)
- www.mainepublichealth.org

State Approach

Statewide Working Groups:

- Maine Climate Council's Community Resilience Working Group & Equity Subcommittee
- PFAS Fund Advisory Committee; Health & Wellness Subcommittees
- Working Group to Prioritize Wellness and Mental Health Resources for Heritage Industries

Partner & Member Feedback



State Priorities

Resilience in Action: MPHA's Policy Priorities for Maine's Next Governor

1. Build More Resilient Communities
 - Wabanaki Sovereignty
 - *Kratom*
2. Healthcare When You Need It, Where You Need It
 - Reduce barriers to healthcare (e.g., telehealth, nurse midwifery)
 - Public health funding
 - Food Is Medicine
 - Testing & Tracking in Maine's Medical Cannabis Program
 - *Healthcare Council*
3. Make Government Work Better for People
 - Improve state contracting processes

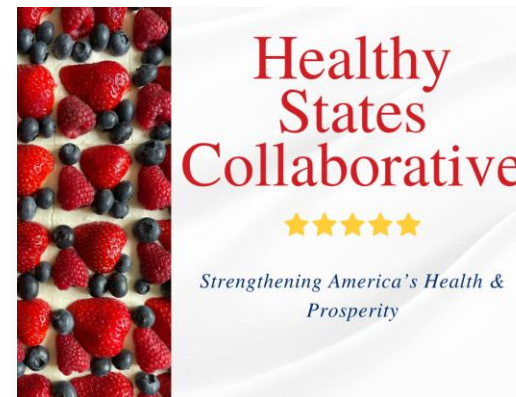
Federal Approach & Priorities

Approach

- Healthy States Collaborative
- APHA Action Board

Priorities

- Funding
- Access to Healthcare
- Authority



Other Advocacy Activities

- Reports on website (legislative, Cancer Prevention Policy Toolkit)
- Civic engagement – GOTV, HMT Interviews with Candidates
- Member Section Activities

Thank You & Questions

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