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POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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Meet the Panel

- Annie Halland, MPHA Policy & Advocacy Co-Chair
- (not present) Jacy Walters, MPHA Policy & Advocacy Co-Chair

Esteemed Guests:
- Majority Leader Erin Murphy (DFL) 64A
- Assistant Majority Leader Diane Loeffler (DFL) 60A
In the next hour…

• Review the 2013 Legislative Session
• Review past P&A activities and issues
• Discuss possibilities for future public health advocacy
2013 Legislative Recap

- In a word: SUCCESSFUL
- Tobacco tax ✔
- SHIP funding ✔
- Marriage Equality ✔
- BPA and Formaldehyde restrictions ✔
- Safe Routes to School funding ✔
- Safe Harbor funding ✔
- Affordable Housing ✔
Our role in the success?

- Committee: sent action alerts
- Committee: organized Day on the Hill event
- Committee: President Golden sent letters of support for tobacco tax and SHIP funding to Governor
- Committee: signed on to numerous group letters

- Members: called/sent messages to legislators and Governor
- Members: attended MPHA Day on the Hill
2011 and 2012

Supporting work of coalitions on:
• Affordable Care Act implementation
• SHIP funding – SHIP Coalition
• Tobacco tax – Raise it For Health

Two first-in-the-nation resolutions amongst APHA affiliates
• 2011 Health Benefits of Same Sex Marriage
• 2012 Health in All Policies
Looking back for a moment…

Highlights in “Modern” Era: 1968 – 2010
• 1968-1971: Minors Consent support building and passage
• 1972-1974: defending Minors Consent
• 2003: Defense of evidence-based research (“Women’s Right to Know”)

2011 and 2012
• Resolutions and supporting coalition work
Methods & Role: Minor’s Consent

• Leadership:
  • Coalition Building
  • Media: gave quotes, Letter to Editor
  • Testimony at Legislature

• MPHA Role
  • “Experts” in field
  • Independent voice
Next up for Legislature and Policy & Advocacy Committee

- Alcohol tax
- Health Care Reform – ACA implementation continues
- Climate change
- Defending public health funding
  - SHIP
  - Public Health and Prevention Fund
  - Farm bill
- Compounding pharmacy safety bill
Questions for the panel

• What made the public health achievements of the 2013 session possible?
• What public health issues do you anticipate we will be debating in 2014 session?
• How can organizations like the Minnesota Public Health Association best augment your work?
Questions from audience (time permitting)
Contact Us

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