

	<p>Administration in strong support of the proposed rule to prohibit menthol cigarettes (Docket No. FDA-2021-N-1349). This is also a NAACP priority (NYS and Federal) as tobacco companies have been targeting people of color (POC) with advertising. Disproportionate impact on POC regarding health consequences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p><u>Letters to the Governor with bill signing recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/24/2022. NYSPHA recommends signing A9348 to establish a fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention task force to conduct a comprehensive study on fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention and to report on the findings and recommendations, with suggested modifications. 8/19/2022. NYSPHA recommends Gov sign A7357 to establish a pilot program to create an assistance hotline for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex behavioral needs. (Jesus authored) 8/19/2022. NYSPHA Recommends signing A9080-A/S8046-A (Hevesi/Mannion) relating to a study of the number of children in foster care who have a developmental disability, with suggested improvements. (Pennie authored). Gus thanked Pennie. The state was relying on diagnosed disease but there is a lot of undiagnosed disabilities in this underserved population. 7/12/2022 – NYSPHA signed on to a letter to the Governor by the End Medical Debt Coalition recommending that she sign: S6522A/A7363A will ban medical providers from using wage garnishments or taking out liens on a patient’s primary residence, and S2521C/A3470C bans facility fees for all preventive care. 	know.
<p>NYSACHO Updates (Cristina)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYSACHO commented on Cannabis regs, and many thanks to Gus and Ellen Morehouse for help and coordination in suggesting ways to strengthen regulation. Focusing on workforce recruitment and retention. Challenges at local level to fill vacancies. Some LHDs working on Continuation of Operations plans because of severe workforce shortages. Working on budget priorities for next year. Working on implementation of current health worker bonus. Law did not authorize specific titles in LHDs for bonuses. Part of a PARSE coalition to move forward recovery friendly work initiatives. Working developing hiring policies to encourage and incentivize to hire, putting together employer tool kits, not sure what format all of this will take. Still lots of questions to address. For example, where will the department be housed at state government? Carol asked if they are working on recommending hiring practices for encouraging employment of people with past justice involvement (prison, criminal records) etc. since prisons are full of people with substance use issues that caused them to commit crimes, 	

	<p>Not yet specifically addressed by the coalition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunize NY: Tool kits being developed for vaccine hesitancy for different audiences. • Policies: pushing to codify immunization by expanded professions that had happened on a temporary basis during the Pandemic. Recent ending of Gov Pandemic emergency powers does not impact this. 	
<p>NYSPHA Budget recommendation letter discussion</p>	<p>Looking at what priorities we should recommend. We were very successful last year but there is still work to do: Last year's priorities that weren't adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully restore the COLA for Department of Health programs which was removed in the 2018-2019 State Budget. • Provide 100% reimbursement for the first full year of any new and/or significantly expanded mandates emerging from law, rule or regulation including reimbursement of salary and fringe expenses under the Article 6 state aid appropriation (ie: lead poisoning changes) • Restoring Article 6 funding • Increase funding for behavioral health services, resources, and supports. • Assure the long-term sustainability of the Public Health Corps (there may be Federal sustainability support: we will decide whether this needs to stay in) • Fellowship Program and similar public health and behavioral workforce initiatives. • Generate additional revenue with direct public health benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco and vaping products - Sugar Sweetened Beverage tax. We need to look for other partners if we want to recommend these again. • NYSACHO priorities (draft): • Public Health Infrastructure Funding specifically to Recruit and Retain Professionals within Local Public Health Workforce. Requesting 2 year retirement bonus to address the extra hours local Public Health professionals devoted to addressing the Pandemic. May propose some statutory salary ranges for LHD professional positions. • Appropriate Adequate Funding for Childhood Lead Prevention Funding, especially because actionable level may be again lowered, previously was 10, then to 5 without additional reimbursement to handle workforce impact and cost, and now will be going to 3.5 • Supporting the Early Intervention and Preschool (4410) Special Education Programs. Really challenging: if reimbursement rates are low, hard to find people to serve. Higher reimbursement will be challenge for localities. Hard to address the right balance. • Coroner & Medical Examiner Expenses 50-50 State Local Share. Now 100% local cost. • Exemption or Alternative Licensure of Public Health Article 28 (hospitals, clinics) and Article 36 (home care services). LHDs still held to requirements for hospitals and large medical clinics and practices and larger home care businesses. Onerous, expensive and unrealistic to 	<p>If there are additional topics you feel should be addressed in priorities please contact Gus.</p> <p>Judy will ask for draft for draft budgets and priorities from AHA, ACA, ALA.</p>

