MPHA
Policy Agenda
2017–2018

Access to Healthy Affordable Food

Healthy Built Environment

Universal Public Health Protections

Economic Justice

Community Health Integration
Access to Healthy Affordable Food
Ensuring all communities have access to healthy affordable food.

1. Massachusetts Food Trust Launch *
2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Access *
3. Mass in Motion Funding

Healthy Built Environment
Providing access to healthy, stable and affordable housing and transportation options for all.

1. Fair Share Constitutional Amendment to Fund Transportation *
   - Great Neighborhoods Campaign: Housing Production Legislation
2. Family Homelessness Prevention & Services

Universal Public Health Protections
Strengthening state and local health departments, service providers, and communities to provide foundational protections such as substance use prevention, communicable disease control, and food safety.

1. Bureau of Environmental Health Funding *
2. Diversion to Treatment from Incarceration
3. Substance Use Disorder Treatment Funding
4. Public Health Protections in the Implementation of Recreational Marijuana
Economic Justice
Ensuring all people have the economic resources needed to be healthy, support their families, and live with dignity.

1. Paid Family Medical Leave Legislation
2. Fight for $15: Minimum Wage Increase

Community Health Integration
Expanding the reach of the health care system beyond the clinic walls by focusing on the underlying social determinants of family and neighborhood health.

1. Continuation of the Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund *
2. Promoting Social Determinants of Health in Health Care *
3. Community Health Worker Certification and Inclusion in ACO Payments/Care Teams

Cross-Cutting Goals:
- Integrating Health Into All Policies
- Reducing Poverty
- Combatting Institutional Racism

* MPHA priority campaign
Who We Are

The Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA) is a private, 501c3 nonprofit, statewide membership organization that promotes a healthy Massachusetts through advocacy, education, community organizing, and coalition-building. Our focus is on policies and programs that prevent illness, disease, and injury, particularly among those vulnerable to disparities in health status. MPHA was founded in 1879 and is a leading affiliate of the American Public Health Association.

Our Mission

The Massachusetts Public Health Association is the champion for public health in the Commonwealth. We are the catalyst for change, eliminating health inequities and creating healthy communities for all.

Our Vision

A Commonwealth where optimal health conditions exist for all.

Our Approach

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