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DEAR PARTNERS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,

As we've reflected on the past year at MPHA, we keep returning to a few important themes: breaking down silos, uplifting communities, advocating to change the status quo, promoting public health solutions, and centering equity. In fact, these are MPHA's commitments in approaching our work – from setting policy priorities to working in relationship with community-led groups and searching for effective, strategic, and equitable solutions to address the pressing public health needs across the Commonwealth.

Contained in this report are snapshots of a few key issues we worked on in 2023 and reflections from a few of our fabulous health equity collaborators. In each example, you'll recognize these commitments at play. The stark truth is that the failure to center both equity and public health expertise costs us dearly, as evidenced before, during, and since the COVID-pandemic. The constant in our work is advocacy for stronger investments in infrastructure and programs that bolster the fundamental building blocks of good health and improve health outcomes for those most impacted by inequities.

We also want to highlight that 2023 was a year of many firsts that moved us forward in the drive for health equity.

- MPHA's first Public Health Lobby Day helped us gain traction for two of our priority bills: the Statewide Accelerated Public Health for Every Community (SAPHE 2.0) Act and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Advancement bill.
- The FY2024 budget was the first budget to reflect Fair Share funds, including an historic increase of \$56 million to improve services across the Commonwealth's 15 RTAs.
- For the first time, Massachusetts enshrined permanent funding for School Meals for All and restored Chapter 257 to permanently provide eviction protections.
- The first ever Performance Standards issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will help improve the municipal and regional public health system, another important step in our progress to transform our local health system.

MPHA proudly played a part in each of these milestones.

Other firsts remind us that much work remains to be done. All time high overdose deaths. A doubling of the rate of severe maternal morbidity, particularly for birthing people of color and birthing people with disabilities. Together, we have the power to ensure that these and other public health crises are met head-on with public health solutions that address the inequities underlying these disparities and racial gaps.

We're at a crucial juncture to build and redefine the role of public health in our state—and it's all thanks to the unwavering support of donors, members, and partners like you.

With gratitude,



Carlene Pavlos
Executive Director

Steve Ridini
Board President

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Dr. Maillide "Mattie" Castiel,
Chair, Massachusetts Large Cities Health Coalition (MLCHC);
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Breaking Down Silos



Capacity Building



Coalition Building

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MPHA has been the driving force behind the growing statewide coalition that is building awareness around the need to invest in our regional transit authorities (RTA). As a result of MPHA’s advocacy, H3272 – An Act to increase regional transit accessibility in the Commonwealth, has an all-time high number of legislative co-sponsors. I am proud to lead the fight for equitable RTA funding and policy in the House alongside the talented team at MPHA.”

Representative Natalie Blais, 1st Franklin District; Vice Chair, Regional Transit Authority Caucus

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A Massachusetts of healthy, equitable, just, and thriving communities where racism, poverty, and zip code do not determine our health or lifespan.

VISION

MPHA is a catalyst for community-driven policy change that fosters conditions for people to achieve their full health potential where they live, work, and play. We advocate and organize in partnership to dismantle structural racism and address the other root causes of health inequities.

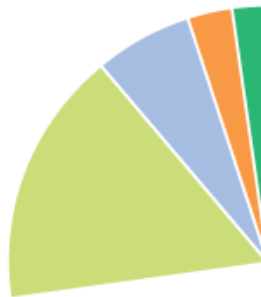
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