



2017 APHN Public Health Policy Priorities

1. Foster partnerships between community/public health nurses (C/PHNs) and community health workers (CHWs).
 - Action item: Public Health Policy Committee (PHPC) will research national, regional and state roles, oversight, expectations of CHWs.
 - Action item: PHPC will educate membership on the role of CHWs to improve collaboration between CHWs and PHNs.
 - Action item: PHPC will create a position paper to showcase promising collaborative practices showing positive health outcomes that includes policy recommendations.
 - Action item: PHPC committee members will present research and recommendations at the 2017 APHN annual meeting.

2. Explore potential value-based funding mechanisms for C/PHNs role and interventions that are positively affecting health outcomes among populations.
 - Action item: PHPC will review the literature and collect stories of new and/or repurposed roles in C/PHN.
 - Action item: APHN will guide members in how to disseminate population health outcomes (i.e. sharing stories, publications, presentations).
 - Action item: APHN will support nurses at the generalist (BSN) level, who largely comprise the C/PHN roles, by being the voice for public health nursing practice among our partners (i.e. ASTHO & NACCHO) and strengthening professional development opportunities.
 - Action item: APHN will support advanced public health nurses (masters/doctoral level) by being the voice for public health nursing practice among our partners (i.e. ASTHO & NACCHO) and strengthening professional development opportunities.

3. Advocate for protection of programs that are supported by the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF).

- Action item: APHN will partner with other national organizations and/or coalitions that are advocating for protection of the PPHF (i.e. Nursing Community, ASTHO & NACCHO).

4. Preserve the advancements provided by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

- Action item: Identified advancements made by the ACA that align with preserving and protecting the health of the public:
<https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts-and-features/key-features-of-aca-by-year/index.html?language=es>
 - Insurance coverage for young adults ages 19-26
 - No denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions
 - Medicaid expansion (covering more with lower income)
 - Preventive services covered under the ACA:
<https://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts-and-features/fact-sheets/preventive-services-covered-under-aca/>
 - Preventing disease and illness through the Prevention and Public Health Fund
 - Increasing Access to Services at Home and in the Community
 - Encouraging an integrated health systems that includes public health and community organizations, such as Accountable Health Communities (AHC): <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>