

## Standing Committees

The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** supervises the affairs of the Association and, if necessary, speaks on behalf of the Association between regular meetings. Each region appoints a member to this committee, which generally meets on the Wednesday before each General Membership meeting.

The **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** develops legislative platforms, position statements, and reports significant legislation and regulatory activities to the membership. Any LPHA member can participate in this committee, which generally meets on the Wednesday before each General Membership meeting.

The **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** develops membership attraction and retention initiatives. Each region appoints a member to this committee, which generally meets quarterly by phone. They also meet once in person at the Community Health Conference.

The **POLICY AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE** identifies topics of concern from the LPHA membership and engages membership in discussion, information sharing and problem solving. They also serve as a conduit between the general membership and the other standing committees of the organization. Each region appoints a member to this committee, which meets by phone on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

## National Affiliation

LPHA is an affiliate member of the National Association of City and County Health Officials. For more information, visit [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).



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# Welcome to the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota



“Public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and physical and mental health through organized community effort.”

— C.E.A. Winslow, 1920

The Local Public Health Association of Minnesota's purpose is to improve and protect the health of the population of Minnesota by providing local government leadership and advocacy on behalf of public health issues.



## Who are LPHA members?

City, county and tribal governments in Minnesota are eligible members of the association. Public health managers and supervisors who are employed or appointed by cities, counties, or tribal governments may serve as voting members of the association. Each unit of government may appoint four voting members.

## What is the value of LPHA?

LPHA is dedicated to:

- ▶ Promoting local governmental public health.
- ▶ Providing leadership on local governmental public health issues, which have regional and statewide impact.
- ▶ Facilitating communication and interaction among local public health leaders.
- ▶ Enhancing leadership skills in local governmental public health professionals.
- ▶ Developing and supporting legislative positions.
- ▶ Establishing links among local public health leaders, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and other groups and associations.
- ▶ Promoting public policy to improve and protect the health of the population of Minnesota.

## What are LPHA's policy principles?



- ▶ Citizens must have a healthy and safe environment in which to live.
- ▶ A strong local public health system must be maintained to assure and improve the health of the community.
- ▶ The local and state public health system requires adequate, stable and broad-based funding in order to carry out governmental functions.
- ▶ The public health system must be designed to enhance the ability to coordinate existing services, eliminate duplication of effort, promote new approaches and assure easy access to services.



- ▶ Access to affordable and appropriate health care for all citizens, especially the vulnerable and high-risk populations, must be assured.
- ▶ The primary focus must be on prevention, early identification and early intervention programs and approaches.
- ▶ Individual and community participation and responsibility is promoted.
- ▶ Science informs good health policy decisions. Challenges to the science behind sound public health policy and programs threaten the integrity of the public health system. Peer-reviewed scientific research should be considered in the development of health policy and legislation.



## Get connected, stay involved.

LPHA provides a variety of information and resources through our website, regular email updates, meetings, videoconferences and other means. For more information, visit [www.lpha-mn.org](http://www.lpha-mn.org).

### Statewide Meetings

All members are invited to attend monthly statewide "General Membership" meetings and the annual conference. These meetings provide information on timely public health topics, a chance to connect with leadership from the Minnesota Department of Health and other state agencies, and a chance to network with local public health colleagues from across the state. General Membership meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of most months.



### Regions

The Association is divided into seven regions that meet regularly in addition to the statewide general membership meetings. Visit [www.lpha-mn.org](http://www.lpha-mn.org) for a list of regional meeting dates and locations.

