

LPHA Federal Relations Roles, Responsibilities and Procedures

1. Increase awareness of federal health policy issues among LPHA membership.
 - a. Federal legislative updates are a standing agenda item for the Legislative Committee.
 - b. Health care reform updates are provided to the members through email and at General Membership meetings.
 - c. Encourage members to sign up for NACCHO's "LHD CAN" – local health department Congressional action network.

2. Develop LPHA member outreach to Minnesota's Congressional delegation and develop Congressional member knowledge and understanding of local public health activities in their district.
 - a. LPHA will post Congressional calendars so that we have a sense of when members may be "home."
 - b. Identify special interest areas of each Congressional member and their committee assignments.
 - c. The LPHA Legislative Committee regional reps will work to identify key public health directors in each member's district (for Reps) and statewide (for Senators) who are willing to build relationships with members.
 - d. Lead members from LPHA platform will serve as content experts for federal health policy topics.

3. Build Congressional member knowledge and understanding of the local public health system in Minnesota, along with key federal priorities among all of Minnesota's local public health departments.
 - a. The Executive Director will meet with in-state staff for each Congressional member. Meetings will include a local public health director from the district or from LPHA leadership as appropriate and available.
 - b. LPHA Legislative Committee will monitor federal issues and discuss methods of communicating LPHA positions with Congressional staff.
 - c. The Executive Director will meet with Washington, D. C. staff when at NACCHO meetings in Washington, D. C.