

XI. Joint Policy Committee Report

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Regular Proposed Policy Statements

6 proposed policy statements were re-submitted in August and reviewed by the JPC in September

- A2 - Partnering with Faith-Based Org to PH and Vaccine Equity
- A3 - Support Youth PA Opportunities in Out of School Programs
- B1 - A Call to End Shackling for Incarcerated Patients
- B2 - Protecting the Health and Well-Being of Unsheltered People
- B3 - Peacebuilding Through Cooperation in Healthcare Israel and Palestine
- C1 - Fall Prevention in Adults 65+

All 6 received positive assessments in this 2nd review, demonstrating the success of the Spring review process

The majority of authors who did not resubmit, indicated they plan to do so in 2024, but needed additional time to adequately revise their statement

Late Breakers

5 Late Breakers were submitted by the October 20th deadline

2 were accepted by the JPC co-chairs and moved to the public hearings

- LB1 - Cease-Fire Now in Hamas-Israel War & End Attacks on Health and Human Rights
- LB2 - Health and Psychosocial Needs of Refugees from Nagorno Karabakh

3 were deemed not to meet the criteria of a late-breaker (They did not represent emergent events and/or their action steps were inappropriate for addressing the issue/ problem outlined in the policy statement)

Public Hearings

2 successful public hearings were held on Wednesday, Nov. 1 (Group A and C) and Thursday, Nov. 2 (Groups B and Late Breakers)

The hearings were attended by over 80 members night one and 125 members night two.

Updates to Author Guidelines for 2024

Goals:

- Improve Clarity
- Better link evidence based strategies to action steps

Summary of changes:

- Sections reordered to improve the flow
- Side by side table of Evidence Based Strategies and Action Steps
- Clarifies that opposing arguments should be in opposition to the problem
- Adds the requirement to discuss alternative strategies
- Endorsements now not accepted until the fall
- Move to word limit (3750) from page limit

Guideline Updates- Archiving Criteria and Assessment Dissemination

The Science Board has recommended to the JPC changes to the archiving review criteria to assess whether the science and action steps remain accurate and feasible and applicable, rather than current.

This criteria, along with revisions to reflect current practice around the dissemination of assessments, is reflected in the amended Guidelines for the Preparation, Submission, Review, Revision, Consideration and Adoption of Proposed Policy statements

Guidelines Updates- Archiving Criteria and Assessment Dissemination

Motion: The JPC moves to amend Policy Statement Development Process Guidelines to bring them in line with current practice and update the criteria for archiving review.

Choices:

- Yea
- Nay

Archiving

There are 22 policy statements adopted in 2003, and 1 policy statement adopted in 2002 and kept active for an additional year in 2022, scheduled for archiving at the close of the 2023 Annual Meetings. See full list here: https://apha.org/-/media/Files/PDF/Policy/20232024_Policy_Statements_to_be_archived.ashx

APHA members were asked to review these statements and consider three potential options :

- 1.Allow the policy statement to be archived as scheduled
- 2.Update a policy statement scheduled for archiving
- 3.Request to keep active a policy statement proposed for archiving

Archiving

The Science Board received one completed request to keep active Policy Statement 200319, Support for WIC and Child Nutrition Programs.

The Science Board reviewed the requests and policy statements and assessed whether the science, references and action steps remained current.

As a reminder, archived policy statements no longer guide APHA policy and practice but continue to serve as historical documents. They can be accessed by all APHA members and will be provided to non-members upon request. Policy statements are archived in order to ensure APHA policy statement maintain accurate evidence and scientific reasoning and feasible and applicable actions steps.

Archiving

Motion: The JPC RECOMMENDS Policy Statement 200319, Support for WIC and Child Nutrition Programs be kept active for one additional year

Options:

- Yea
- Nay

- ❖ The remaining policy statements adopted in 2003 and 2002 scheduled for archiving will auto archive at the close of the 2023 Annual Meeting
- ❖ Updates of archived policy statements may still be submitted by members into the proposed policy statement development process

Proposed Policy Statement Consent Agenda



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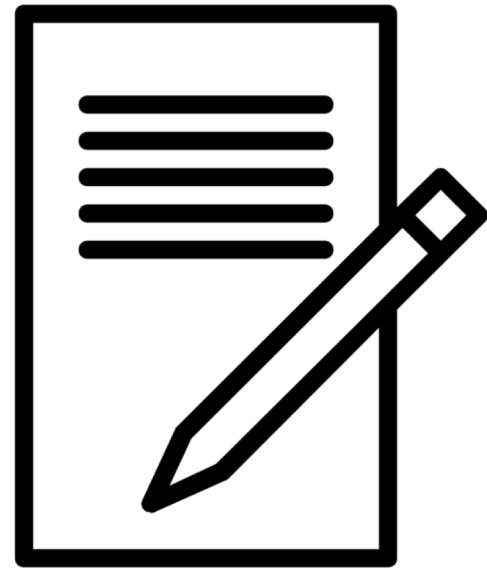
POLICY DISCUSSION RULES

- Discussion Limited to 15 Minutes on Any Policy
- Council May Vote to Extend by 10 Minutes (*Simple Majority*)
- **MUST** address Comments to the Mr. Speaker. Comments **ARE NOT** addressed to other Councilors.
- Individual Comments Limited to 60 Seconds

REMINDERS

Amendments **MUST** be submitted in writing PRIOR to speaking:

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POLICY DISCUSSION

Microphone 1: **FOR**



Microphone 2: **AGAINST**

Proposed Policy Statement Consent Agenda

The JPC recommends the following 5 proposed policy statements for adoption:

- A2- Partnering with Faith-Based Organizations to Improve Public Health and Vaccination Equity
- A3- Supporting Youth Physical Activity Opportunities in Out-of-School Time Programs
- B1- A Call to Stop Shackling Incarcerated Patients Seeking Health Care
- B2- Protecting the Health and Well-being of People Living Unsheltered by Stopping Forcible Displacement of Encampments
- C1- Falls Prevention in Adults Aged 65 and Over: A Call for Increased Use of an Evidenced-Based Falls Prevention Algorithm

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Motion: To adopt the following proposed policy statements as a part of the consent agenda: A2, A3, B1, B2, C1

Options:

- Yea
- Nay

Additional Recommendations



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Additional recommendations (Regular PPS)

The JPC DOES NOT recommend the following proposed policy statements for adoption:

B3: Peacebuilding Through Cooperation in Healthcare and Public Health Between Israel and Palestine

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Motion: To adopt policy statement B3: Peacebuilding Through Cooperation in Healthcare and Public Health Between Israel and Palestine

JPC Recommendation: DO NOT ADOPT

Options:

- Yea
- Nay

Additional recommendations (Late Breaker PPS)

The JPC recommends the following late-breakers for adoption:

LB2: Meeting the Health and Psychosocial Needs and Ensuring the Human Rights of Refugees from Nagorno Karabakh

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Motion: LB2: Meeting the Health and Psychosocial Needs and Ensuring the Human Rights of Refugees from Nagorno Karabakh

JPC Recommendation: ADOPT

Options:

- Yea
- Nay

Additional recommendations (Late Breaker PPS)

The JPC DOES NOT recommend the following late-breakers for adoption:

LB1: Cease-Fire Now in Hamas-Israel War & End Attacks on Health and Human Rights

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Motion: To adopt policy statement LB1: Cease-Fire Now in Hamas-Israel War & End Attacks on Health and Human Rights

JPC Recommendation: DO NOT ADOPT

Options:

- Yea
- Nay