

# APHA Governing Council Session II

10.0 Joint Policy Committee — Report,  
New Policy Proposals and Guidelines Update

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# 2021 PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENTS



## Regular proposed policy statements

As a reminder, 20 proposed policy statements were re-submitted in August and reviewed by the JPC in September

17 received positive assessments in this 2<sup>nd</sup> review; 3 received negative assessment (B6, B8 and D1)

The authors of B6 and D1 moved their proposed policy statements forward to public hearings despite the negative assessment; B8 was withdrawn and will be resubmitted in 2022

## Late Breakers

5 Late Breakers were submitted by the October 15th deadline. (1 late-breaker was submitted October 16th after the deadline and was thus not reviewed)

2 of the 5 were accepted by the JPC co-chairs and moved to the public hearings. The remaining three were not accepted as they did not meet the criteria for a late-breaker:

- Emergent issue
- No existing policy statement on topic
- Action steps that are directly related to and address the problem and evidence presented

## Public Hearings

2 very successful public hearings were held on Monday, Oct. 18 (Group A, C and Late-Breakers) and Tuesday, Oct. 19 (Groups B and D)

75+ participants at each

## Archiving

- 26 policy statement adopted in 2001 are up for archiving this year. The list of statements is available at [https://apha.org/-/media/Files/PDF/Policy/2019/2021\\_Policy\\_Statements\\_to\\_Be\\_Archived.ashx](https://apha.org/-/media/Files/PDF/Policy/2019/2021_Policy_Statements_to_Be_Archived.ashx)
- No requests to keep statements active were received by the JPC so all 26 policy statements will automatically archive at the close of the Annual Meeting
- Archived policy statements no longer guide APHA policy and practice but continue to serve as historical documents.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 strong and up to date evidence, scientific reasoning and actions steps.

# Consent Agenda

The JPC **RECOMMENDS** the following 19 proposed policy statements for adoption by the Governing Council

A1: Supporting Physical Education in Schools for All Youth

A2: Prevention of Lower Extremity Amputation Due to Non-Traumatic Loss of Sensation and Loss of Circulation

A3: A Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention within a Public Health Framework

A4: Advancing Public Health and Equity through Prevention and Reengagement of Disconnected (Opportunity) Youth

A5: A Call to Improving Patient and Public Health Outcomes of Diabetes Through an Enhanced Integrated Care Approach

A6: The Impact of Individual and Household Debt on Health and Well-being

B1: Decriminalization of and Support for Self-Managed Abortions

B2: Call for Urgent Actions to Address Health Inequities in the U.S. Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic and Response\*

B3: Adopting a Single-Payer Health System

B4: Opposing Coercion in Contraceptive Access and Care to Promote Reproductive Health Equity

B5: Sexual and Gender Minority Demographic Data: Inclusion in Medical Records, National Surveys, and Public Health Research

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**B6: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Importance of Universal Healthcare in Addressing Healthcare Inequities\***

**B7: An Equitable Response to the Ongoing Opioid Crisis**

**B9: Improving the Role of Health Departments in Activities Related to Abortion**

**C1: Noise as a Public Health Hazard**

**C2: Ensuring Equity in Transportation and Land Use Decisions to Promote Health and Wellbeing in Metropolitan Areas**

**D1: Advancing Public Health Interventions to Address the Harms of the Carceral System**

**D2: Preparing Public Schools in the United States for the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned from COVID-19\***

**D3: Preventing Violations of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights in Immigration Detention Centers**

\* JPC motions that the Governing Council archive these proposed policy statements (B2, B6 and D2), if adopted, after 3 years vs. the standard 10 years outlined in the [Policy Statement Development Process Guidelines](#) given the rapidly evolving evidence and experience in the pandemic in order to ensure the science, evidence and action steps remain up to date

# Proposed Policy Statement Consent Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the proposed policy statement consent agenda

# Additional Recommendations

The JPC RECOMMENDS the following 2 proposals for adoption (late breakers cannot appear on the consent agenda):

LB1- A Call to Investigate and Prevent Further Violations of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Immigration Detention Centers

LB2- Supporting the Use of Proximity Tracing Technology to Complement Contact Tracing for Infectious Disease Outbreaks

# LB1: Address Threats to Public Health Practice

**Motion:** To adopt proposed policy statement,  
LB1

**JPC Recommendation:** Adopt

# **LB2: Expanding Medicaid Coverage for Birthing People to One-Year Postpartum**

**Motion:** To adopt proposed policy statement,  
LB2

**JPC Recommendation:** Adopt