

# Joint Policy Committee Report to Governing Council

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# 2024 Proposed Policy Statements

- **14** proposed policy statements were received and reviewed in the 2024 cycle, including **2** resubmitted late-breakers from 2023.
- **3** overarching areas
  - Group A: Access to Care and Equity
  - Group B: Workforce Protection, Safety, and Training
  - Group C: International Health and Human Rights

# Science Board and JPC Initial Reviews

- Science Board conducted its first review of the proposed policy statements April 18-19 and JPC held its review May 2-3.
- Outcomes:
  - **5** conditional assessments
  - **9** negative assessments

Assessments and comments were provided to authors by May 24 and resubmissions are due August 16.

The full Science Board and JPC assessments with comments are available on the web for members to review at <https://apha.org/Policies-and-Advocacy/Public-Health-Policy-Statements/Proposed-Policy-Statements>

# Removal of C3 and C5 from 2024 review process

- C3: Antisemitism as a Public Health Crisis and C5: Support for Health Equity and Justice in the Occupied Palestinian Territories- departure from APHA's intent to provide: 1) substantially new 2) evidence-based policy statements on 3) significant public health issues 4) containing action steps that should be taken by entities external to APHA.
- Motions were made to remove proposed policy statements C3 and C5 from the 2024 proposed policy statement review cycle.
  - Both motions were passed by the JPC unanimously.
- The JPC co-chairs made this motion to the Executive Board.
  - EB approved the motion
  - C3 and C5 removed from the 2024 review cycle.
  - EB commissioned 2 writing groups to update existing policy statement on war and draft new statement to address the public health impacts of hate and discrimination

# Group A: Access to Care and Equity

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Proposed Policy Statement	JPC Initial Assessment
A1: Supporting Physical Activity for Transgender Individuals	Negative
A2: Increasing Access to Telehealth Medication Abortion in the United States	Negative
A3: A Call to Protect Access to Gender Affirming Care Nationwide in the Wake of Stricter Health System Religious Practices	Negative
A4: Actions to Incorporate Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Health Care Practices into Primary Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Policies	Conditional
A5: Advancing Community-Based Participatory Practice in Public Health	Conditional
A6: The Case for Equity and Justice-Centered Racial and Ethnic Public Health Data Collection Practices	Negative

# Group B: Workforce Protections and Safety

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<b>B1: Equitably Applying Artificial Intelligence in the United States Workforce Using Training and Collaboration</b>	Negative
<b>B2: Protecting the Health and Safety of Workers Who Respond to Disasters: Achieving Equity Through Education and Training</b>	Conditional
<b>B3: A Multi-Component Approach to Increasing Prescription Drug Safety</b>	Conditional

# Group C: International Health and Human Rights

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<b>C1: Meeting the Health and Psychosocial Needs and Ensuring the Human Rights of Refugees from Nagorno Karabakh</b>	Negative
<b>C2: A Call for Comprehensive Solutions: Addressing Puerto Rico's Public Health and Healthcare Crisis</b>	Conditional
<b>C3: Antisemitism as a Public Health Crisis</b>	Negative *Removed from 2024 PPS Review
<b>C4: Considering Public Health in International Sanctions</b>	Negative
<b>C5: Support for Health Equity and Justice in the Occupied Palestinian Territories</b>	Negative *Removed from 2024 PPS Review

# Public Hearings

- October 21 and 22 from 3-4:30 PM ET via Zoom
- Opportunity for members to make comments/ask questions of proposed policy statement (PPS) authors/suggest final edits
- Final submission of PPS to JPC 24 hours following hearing



# Late Breakers

- Due by 11:59 PM ET on October 5, 2024 to [policy@apha.org](mailto:policy@apha.org)
- Late Breaker Criteria:
  - Emergent development or event after Feb 2024
  - Does APHA have existing statement addressing issue
  - Are the Action Steps directly related to and appropriate for addressing the problem
  - Format - follow same format as regular PPS

# Archiving

- 14 policy statements adopted in 2004 and 15 policy statements adopted in 2014
- Those adopted in 2014 or later are scheduled for archiving after 10 years vs. 20 years for those adopted before 2014
- Requests with the rationale to keep statements active are due July 1, 2024
- Science Board reviews and makes recommendations to the JPC
- JPC will bring recommendations to the Governing Council at the Annual Meeting