National Reach and Focused Expertise

Contact the Network to:
- Get practical legal technical assistance
- Find helpful legal resources
- Connect with peers and experts
Northern Region

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About the Network for Public Health Law

We believe in the power of public health law and policy to improve lives and make our communities safer, healthier, stronger and more equitable. We know that understanding, navigating and using law and policy can transform our communities so we help public health leaders, policymakers, community members, advocates, educators, researchers, and health care providers do just that.
What We Do

Knowledge Building and Training

Legal Research and Analysis

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Strategic Consultation and Guidance

Awareness Building and Connections
Public Health Hangs in the Balance

Government Powers and Duties

Individual Rights
Climate Change and Public Health Law Issues

- Urban heat islands
- Water quality and quantity, drought and flooding
- Emergency preparedness and Disaster response and recovery
- Climate gentrification and displacement
- Green infrastructure
- Climate and mental health
- Community resilience hubs
- Farm Bill, healthy soils, and urban agriculture
- Renewable energy
- Racial health equity, disparate impacts of climate change
Racial Equity

- Structural racism
- Intersectionality (COVID-19)
- Burdens and Benefits
- Which Community?
What are some ways climate change has affected your community?

natural disaster, fire, air quality

water shortage, heat related illness, morbidity and mortality increase
What legal and policy barriers and opportunities have you encountered?

- Housing scarcity, more housing insecurity and homelessness
- Increasing energy costs discourage overuse.
- Dataset access, interoperability
- Funding
- State Air Quality regulations have not been updated and do not provide a framework for enforcing emissions reductions in VA
- Politics - rural conservatism
- No evidence
- Elected officials not wanting to prioritize climate work, funding and staffing capacity
What legal and policy barriers and opportunities have you encountered? continued

- Location of landfills
- Federal financial support for greening and renewable energy infrastructure
- Funding
- Political will; multiple jurisdictions; disinformation propaganda
- Individual rights pushbacks, landlords vs tenants with little or no low income housing alternatives
- Access to Environmental Justice
- Land use policies and urban sprawl
- Different departments dealing with similar aspects but very little communication between the departments
- Satisfying multiple elected officials
Climate Change, Health Equity, and Public Health Law Learning & Practice Collaborative

The Network for Public Health Law’s Climate Change, Health Equity, and Public Health Law Learning & Practice Collaborative will provide opportunities for individuals interested in learning about and taking action at the intersection of climate change, racial and economic health equity, and public health law.
Pathways to Participate in the Network's Climate Initiatives

- **Pathway 1—Build Knowledge**
  - Attend webinars
  - Access legal resources
  - Seek brief legal technical assistance
- **Pathway 2—Make Connections**
  - Apply to participate in the Learning and Practice Collaborative
  - Participate in facilitated discussions and problem solving
  - Offer and benefit from peer and expert guidance
  - Seek brief legal technical assistance
- **Pathway 3—Participate in the Climate Summit**
Timeline

- December 9th: Application Opens
- January 20th: Application Closes
- February – Summer 2022: Learn and Connect
  - Webinars (No application required)
  - Facilitated discussions (Application required)
- October 2022: Climate and Health Equity Summit
What are some climate and health equity topics that you would like to see webinars on?

- Flash flooding
- Septic systems impacted by climate change
- Urban flooding
- Increase external weather and policies that do not allow mobile home to be rebuilt
- Data sharing
- Stronger storms causing long electrical outages
- Heat related deaths and illness due to 2021 Heat Dome, poor air quality due to increased frequency and intensity of wildfires
- Food systems + public health - Climate health worldwide - what are various nations doing to mitigate climate related poor health outcomes
What are some climate and health equity topics that you would like to see webinars on? continued

- Prolonged high heat
- Climate and Health Equity
- drought
- Failure of wastewater systems due to sea level rise and rise in precipitation. Particularly impacting communities of color which have little resources to repair and/or replace.
- extreme heat disparities due to green space/trees
- It was 63 degrees in Montana yesterday!!
- basement apartment flooding and drowning
- the effects on attaining educational achievement in the wake of power grid brownouts or other interrupters to the educational process
What are some climate and health equity topics that you would like to see webinars on? continued

- Flooding, heavier rain, change in snowpack, heat
- Flooding and its impacts on homes and transit
- Drought and wildfire smoke inhalation
- Hotter summers, earlier heat waves
- Climate change has affected NC rising sea-level, flooding, heavy precipitation, increased temperatures.
- Climate and Health
- Drought, more extreme storms, warmer summers and winters (with more extremes).
- Air quality from wildfires
- Biodiversity
What are some climate and health equity topics that you would like to see webinars on? continued

- Energy insecurity, heat
- Access to health
- Impacts on infrastructure due to climate change impacts, particularly communities of color.

- Extreme storms have affected our local emergency response capacity and have often caused delayed response due to multiple events occurring and requiring immediate medical attention.
- Funding

- Statutory authority to consider climate change impacts in writing regulations and policy.
- Housing insecurity
- Health and international trade/economic-related climate effects.

- Urban heat island effect and programs/initiatives around this.
What are some climate and health equity topics that you would like to see webinars on? continued

- Health equity and emergency preparedness in disasters
- Community Resiliency
- Food sovereignty & climate change
- How other places have built climate-related work and policy into current initiatives
- Cross-leveraging climate funding for traditional public health programs.
- Funding for non-profit that is already doing great work around climate change
- Funding for local health departments to address/facilitate climate work.
- Regenerative agriculture and Indigenous knowledge & climate change solutions
- Innovative programs to address effects of climate change
What are some climate and health equity topics that you would like to see webinars on? continued

How people get funding for climate initiatives

As a civil prosecutor, I execute regulations against regulated populations (non-geographic). Developing methodology to ensure regulations have no disparate impact. Racial equity and climate change have different methodologies. Thoughts? :-)

Brief descriptions of projects/programs
Who Should Apply?

Collaborative applicants should have a commitment to (1) addressing the health impacts of climate change, (2) advancing racial health equity, and (3) using law and policy as tools to achieve these goals.

Applicants may include but are not limited to individuals working in:

- Public health departments
- Community based organizations
  - Climate justice, climate equity, and health equity organizations
  - Housing, water, transportation, agriculture, and energy organizations
- Legal organizations and departments
- Hospitals, clinics, health care systems and organizations
- Local, state, tribal, and federal government
- Foundations and funders
Climate Change and Health Equity Summit

Taking place on October 12-14, 2022, at the Royal Sonesta in Minneapolis, MN, the summit will focus on sharing timely information and enhancing collaborative partnerships on key issues related to equitably addressing the current climate emergency.
What are ways the Network and your peers can support you through this climate learning & practice collaborative?
Thank you! Questions?

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