

2025

**PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
CONFERENCE**

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Seattle, WA

Keynote Speaker

Skye Perryman
President and CEO
Democracy Forward



The Network is proud to announce that Skye Perryman, President and CEO of Democracy Forward will deliver the keynote address at the 2025 Public Health Law Conference. Recognized on the 2025 TIME100 list as one of the most influential leaders in the world, Perryman is a nationally respected attorney and advocate known for her groundbreaking legal work to defend democracy, safeguard public health, and promote equity. [Learn more.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



HIPAA Reproductive Health Rule Overturned

Reproductive health was dealt a significant blow on June 18 when a federal judge in the Northern District of Texas issued a ruling invalidating the final HIPAA Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy. The judgment is a major setback not only for reproductive health privacy but also health equity.



New Federal SNAP Database Notice is a Call to Action for Data Privacy Protections for Working Families, Immigrants, and Other Individuals

The USDA has announced the creation of a new federal SNAP applicant and recipient database with the stated purpose “to ensure the integrity of Government programs” and includes “verifying eligibility based on immigration status.” The database’s new routine uses become effective July 23, unless public comment prompts the USDA to make changes. Those deciding whether and how to comment on the notice and what public health data collection, sharing, and use practices may need to be reassessed

may find these notes and resources helpful.

Resources



Local Cooling Requirements to Protect Individuals from the Health Effects of Extreme Heat in Living Spaces

As temperatures rise due to climate change, local cities and counties are considering ordinances that require cooling equipment to be installed or temperatures be maintained in rental dwelling units to prevent people from suffering the health effects of extreme heat where they live. This resource summarizes some key features of selected local ordinances.



Key Public Health Service Requirements of State and Local Health Departments in Tennessee

Though state and local health departments are commonly given broad authority to serve their mandate to protect the health of the people in their jurisdictions, they are also tasked with many affirmative duties. This fact sheet lists some of these key public health service requirements of the Tennessee Department of Health and the state's local health departments.

Webinar Recording



Federal Actions and Their Impact on Harm Reduction, Public Health Emergencies, and Climate Change: A Preview of the 2025 Public Health Law Conference

This webinar, held on June 26, discussed the serious and far-reaching implications of Trump administration Executive Orders and policy changes regarding public health priorities in three critical areas. View the webinar recording [here](#).

Worth Sharing

Act for Public Health Briefing: Federal Actions and Vaccine Policy

In this fourth in a series of Briefings from Act for Public Health, of which the Network is a partner, Allison Winnike, director of the Network's Western Region, and Dorit Rubinstein Reiss, professor of

law at UC Law San Francisco, provided an overview of recent federal actions assailing vaccines and described their impact on vaccine access, infectious disease rates, and emergency preparedness. They also discussed current legal challenges to these actions, and shared strategies and considerations for public health practitioners. You can view the recording [here](#) and learn more about the Act for Public Health Briefings [here](#).

New Website Features Overdose Prevention Tools and Resources

The CDC Foundation has launched a new website, OversdoseMeasuresMatter.org, that provides practical, community-centered tools to help strengthen overdose prevention programs and funding strategies. The website features key indicators for planning and evaluating programs, tips for using data effectively, and resources for communicating impact and securing funding.

The Network at NACCHO

July 14-18, Anaheim, California

If you're planning on attending the NACCHO360 Conference, stop by the Network booth and make sure not to miss our Network attorney's presentations in these sessions:

- *Strategies to Promote Health During Reentry from Incarceration through Data Sharing and Community Partnerships*
- *Public Health Legal Authority as a Tool for Community Change: A Conversation about Laws and Policies in Theory and in Practice*
- *Advancing Health Equity Through Community Information Exchanges (CIEs): Legal Challenges and Frameworks for Data Sharing (poster presentation)*

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ASSISTANCE**

Network attorneys can provide consultation and guidance to:

- Identify the ways in which laws and policies may or may not impact a particular project or community; or the potential impact on different populations within a community.
- Provide examples of and compare public health laws or policy strategies from other jurisdictions.
- Analyze the legal authority to implement a policy or law, or reforms.
- Apply equity tools to laws and policies.

Thank you!

Your interest in the work of the Network is important. Together, we can advance law as a tool to improve public health. **Please forward the Network Report and encourage others to [join the Network!](#)**

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