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Closing Plenary
Bridging Public Health and Community Needs
Through Strong Partnerships

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Community based organizations (CBOs) are at the forefront of efforts to create positive health outcomes for communities of color and others who experience structural harms. Join us at the Closing Plenary of our 2025 Public Health Law Conference to hear from three leaders whose CBOs are working to advance health justice in their communities, and get their insights on how to best partner with and build trust between public health agencies, CBOs, and others. [Learn more and register.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



The Endangerment Finding Protects Public Health, Now It's Time to Protect the Endangerment Finding

The EPA's statutory duty and authority to regulate emissions of greenhouse gases rest in large part on the 2009 Endangerment Finding, which presented compelling evidence that these emissions endanger public health. Despite this consensus view, the EPA has now proposed to rescind the endangerment finding and related regulations of motor vehicle emissions. There is an opportunity to weigh in and support upholding the endangerment finding and EPA's ability to regulate greenhouse gases.

Resources



Seven Policies that Advance Overdose Prevention and the Health of People Who Use Drugs

In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, Network attorneys and staff have identified seven policies with the potential to improve overdose prevention and advance the health of people who use drugs across the United States. This policy brief covers a wide range of areas, including well known, evidence-based harm reduction strategies and frameworks, as well as more novel policies that intersect climate change and drug policy.



Recent Executive Orders Threaten Climate Change Mitigation Efforts and Public Health Goals

The lawfulness of the president's executive orders and executive actions have been challenged in lawsuits across a range of topics, with success in a substantial majority of cases. Nevertheless, implementation of these executive orders, and related executive actions, is already having harmful effects on public health, and could cause irrevocable harm. This resource discusses the potential impact of recent executive orders on climate change and public health goals.



Laws Requiring Private Well Sampling and Disclosure of Results to Residential Tenants

While larger public water systems are regulated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, private wells serving individual homes and rental properties are not. As natural disasters caused or exacerbated by climate change are on the rise, the one in eight Americans that rely on private wells for drinking water should be aware of the potential health risks associated with these events. This resource details some statewide laws that require landlords to test water quality and disclose those results to tenants.

Webinar



Federal and State Attacks on Vaccine Policy

August 28, 2025 | 12 – 1:00 p.m. CT

Attend this webinar to hear the latest update on vaccine policy changes moving through the executive, legislative, and judiciary branches and the implications of these changes on reducing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Announcements

Legal Advocates for Harm Reduction Convening

September 19th, Seattle, Washington

Join the Legal Advocates for Harm Reduction for a special in-person convening following the conclusion of the [2025 Public Health Law Conference](#). Legal Advocates for Harm Reduction is a group of attorneys, legal professionals, and other advocates committed to harm reductionist principles and using the law to help harm reduction programs and people who use drugs. The convening is designed to build relationships and a legal workforce better equipped to respond to legal issues facing harm reduction programs and their clients, staff, and allies. The convening is free but registration is required. [Learn more and register](#).

Worth Sharing

CDC Public Health Data Modernization Program - Webinar on New Wave of Jurisdictional Funding

Aug. 26 | 2–3:30 p.m. ET

Join the Public Health Infrastructure Grant National Partners for an informational webinar introducing Wave 2 of funding for the [Implementation Center Program](#). The webinar will highlight Wave 2 program details along with tools and resources designed to support public health agencies throughout the application process. [Registration](#) is available through ASTHO.

Call for APHA Law Section Award Nominations

Each year the American Public Health Association (APHA) Law Section recognizes leaders who work at the intersection of law and public health, including research, teaching and mentoring, practice and advocacy. The Law Section seeks nominations for the following awards: Lifetime Achievement Award in Public Health Law; Early Career Award for Excellence in Public Health Law; Jennifer Robbins Award for the Practice of Public Health Law. Deadline for nominations is **August 29, 2025**. Nominations can be made by submitting this [form](#), or by contacting [Stacie Kershner](#).

2025 National Vaccine Law Conference

September 11–12, Virtual

The 2025 National Vaccine Law Conference will offer a deep dive into the evolving landscape of vaccine law, with sessions designed for public health law professionals, attorneys, and advocates.

Attendees will be eligible for *up to 6 CLE credits*, and registration discounts are available for educators, government employees, nonprofit professionals, military personnel, and students.

NALBOH Annual Conference

October 6-8, Savannah, Georgia

The National Association of Local Boards of Health annual conference draws health officers and other public health professionals from around the country to learn from one another, develop partnerships and share solutions for issues affecting state and local communities.

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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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