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Monday, September 20

Pre-Conference Workshops

1:00 – 3:00 PM	Harm Reduction in Public Health
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Ethical Decision-Making in Public Health: A Practical Approach
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 – 5:30 PM	Becoming Better Messengers

Tuesday, September 21

8:00 AM	Conference Registration Opens
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Pre-Conference Workshops

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Student Workshop
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Help Us Help You: What Do You Need to Know About Responding to Violence in Your Communities?
12:00 – 1:45 PM	Exhibits Open – Opening Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster Session
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Opening General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Welcome • Plenary
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Networking Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 1

4:00 – 5:15 PM	Structural Determinants and Racial Health Equity: Theory, Measurement, and Action This session will include a discussion of the theory and measurement of structural racism and its population health impact, focusing on policy levers to address and mitigate health disparities. In particular, the contribution of housing, education, and criminal justice policies to the creation and perpetuation of racial health disparities will be discussed. The session will conclude with a call to action for public health practitioners and policymakers to explicitly consider the impact of social policies on health equity.
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- **Dayna Matthew**, JD, PhD, Professor, University of Virginia
- **Shivani Mantha**, MPH, Real-Time Surveillance Epidemiologist, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- **Mary Crossley**, JD, Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh

Sounding the Alarm: The Duty of a Public Health Official to Take a Politically Unpopular Stand

Politics can overwhelm public health practice. Flint's water crisis is a good example. When politics threatens population health, must public health officials take a stand against those politics, even if doing so puts their job at risk? How does and how should the law account for this responsibility? These are among the questions this session will address.

- **Moderator: Robert Gatter**, JD, Professor of Law, Saint Louis University
- **Lance Gable**, JD, MPH, Associate Professor of Law, Wayne State University Law School
- **Peter Jacobson**, JD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Health Law and Policy, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Phasing Out the Sale of Combustible Tobacco

This panel will examine the arguments in favor of phasing out the sale of cigarettes and other combustible forms of tobacco: the policy options available, the potential impact on health and health disparities, and legal considerations. This session will provide participants with a greater understanding of the policy options available to phase out the sale of cigarettes and the legal and political considerations for advocates and policy makers to address.

- **Moderator: Joelle Lester**, JD, Director of Commercial Tobacco Control Programs, Public Health Law Center
- **Carol McGruder**, Co-Chair, African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
- **Ruth Malone**, RN, PhD, Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California

Healthy School Start Times for Adolescents: A Public Health Law and Policy Intervention

Aligning daily school start times with the circadian rhythms of adolescent students is an effective population-based policy intervention for improving adolescent health and academic performance. This session will explore the relationship between adolescent school start times, health, and academic performance; the current U.S. legal landscape governing school start time policy and potential law-based strategies for promoting healthier start times; and recent advocacy efforts to effect healthy school start time laws and policies for U.S. adolescent students.

- **Moderator: Clark Lee**, JD, MPH, CPH, Senior Law and Policy Analyst, University of Maryland



- **Amy Wolfson**, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Loyola University Maryland
- **Terra Snider**, PhD, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Start School Later, Inc./Healthy Hours

Preemption, Public Health and Health Equity: A Proposed Framework and Research Agenda

Some state legislatures are using preemption with increasing regularity to thwart local policies that may improve public health and reduce inequities.

Nevertheless, preemption is not inherently adversarial to public health, equity, or good governance but rather reflects its wielder's goals and values. This session will highlight recent trends in preemption and explore an equity-first framework for facilitating case-by-case assessments of whether preemption will worsen inequities or whether it's an appropriate response to address existing inequities.

- **Moderator, Benjamin Winig**, JD, MPHA, Founder & Principal, ThinkForward Strategies
- **Jennifer Karas Montez**, PhD, Professor, Syracuse University
- **Kim Haddow**, Director, Local Solutions Support Center
- **Derek Carr**, JD, Senior Attorney, ChangeLab Solutions

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Happy Hour

- Poster Session

Wednesday, September 22

7:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

- Poster Session

8:00 – 9:10 AM

Late-Breaking General Session

Concurrent Sessions 2

9:15 – 10:30 AM

Applied Methods in Public Health Law to Advance Health Equity: Legal Epidemiology, Evaluation, and Policy Analysis

Public health practitioners increasingly seek to advance health equity by employing methods, such as policy surveillance and evaluation, which exist outside of traditional law practice like impact litigation. Public health lawyers may pursue health equity not only by conducting assessments of laws and policies that obviously impact structural inequity, such as discriminatory housing or community economic development in under-served communities, but also by examining the equity implications of laws and policies more broadly.

- **Moderator: Samantha Weber**, JD, Program Analyst | Contractor, Cherokee Nation Assurance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



- **Michael Pella**, MPH, Evaluator | Contractor, Cherokee Nation Assurance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Amanda Moreland**, JD, MPH, Public Health Analyst | Contractor, Cherokee Nation Assurance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Building Resilient Food Systems in Local Communities: Lessons from the Ojibwe

This session will provide an examination of diverse approaches to community-based food production, relationships between national and global food systems, and culturally appropriate climate resilient food systems. Analysts with the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission will describe efforts to incorporate wild-harvested traditional foods into federal food regulatory regimes and culturally appropriate resilience planning. Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics will provide an evaluation of arguments for increased local control over food production and distribution in U.S. communities.

- **Brian Hutler**, PhD, JD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins University
- **Philomena Kebec**, JD, Policy Analyst, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
- **Rob Croll**, MELP, Policy Analyst/Climate Change Program Coordinator, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission

Changing Legal Landscape of Vaccination Requirements

Measles cases have surged to levels not seen in 20 years in the U.S. State legislatures, including Maine, New York, and Washington, responded by removing exemptions and tightening restrictions. Local jurisdictions, such as the New York City Health Department, declared public health emergencies in an attempt to stop the ongoing outbreak. This session will examine recent developments in the area of vaccination law on both the state and local levels.

- **Moderator: Leila Barraza**, JD, MPH, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona; Consultant, Network for Public Health Law – Western Region
- **Tom Merrill**, JD, General Counsel the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (Retired)
- **Ross Silverman**, JD, MPH, Professor, Indiana University

Addressing Key School-Based Disrupters to Health and Education Outcomes: Multi-Disciplinary Interventions

This session will outline how public health lawyers, social workers, health care providers, and educators are critical partners in ensuring every child has the opportunity to reach their full health and educational potential. This session will address two “disrupters” to health equity: childhood adversity and punitive school practices; and will explore legal and policy solutions across disciplinary and professional silos; along with best practices at the intersection of social justice, public health law, and health care. Session presenters will also discuss the first study to examine how school-based justice serves as a structural health intervention to support the diverse health needs of girls.



- **Moderator: Alexis Etow, JD**, Senior Attorney, ChangeLab Solutions
- **Thalia González, JD**, Professor at Occidental College and Senior Scholar at Georgetown University Law Center
- **Camila Cribb Fabersunne, MD, MPH**, Clinical Instructor in Pediatrics, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
- **Michelle LeVere, MSW**, Clinical Instructor of Social Work/Director of Field Education, University of the District of Columbia

Advancing Public Health Law through Health Department Accreditation and the Essential Public Health Services Framework

The national health department accreditation program provides a unique opportunity to advance law and policy activities. This session will highlight the role of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) standards in setting national expectations. It will showcase how health departments perform on law/policy standards and the ongoing process to revise them. It will also highlight how law is represented in the newly revised Essential Public Health Services framework, which is the organizing framework for the PHAB standards.

- **Moderator: Jessica Kronstadt, MPP**, Director of Research and Evaluation, Public Health Accreditation Board
- **Nicole Pettenati, MSLS**, Research Analyst, Public Health Accreditation Board
- **Matthew Penn, JD, MLIS**, Director, Public Health Law Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Jessica Fisher, MCP**, Chief Innovations Officer, Public Health National Center for Innovations at the Public Health Accreditation Board

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

- Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 3

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM Immigration Law and Public Health

Access to health care for the poor and underserved is a persistent public health problem in the U.S. and is even more acute among the immigrant population, regardless of their status. This session will outline several legal levers to improving access to medical care for immigrants. It will include a discussion of proposed changes to the public charge doctrine and related litigation; the impact of HIPAA and other medical privacy laws on immigrants' willingness to seek care; and the medical treatment of immigrants in Customs and Border Patrol custody, including any changes resulting from the court decision in *Charles v. Orange County*, which concluded that poor care is a constitutional violation even in immigration detention.

- **Moderator: Kathleen Hoke, JD**, Director, Network for Public Health Law – Eastern Region
- **Medha Makhoul, JD**, Assistant Professor of Law; Director, Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, Penn State University, Dickinson Law



- **Eunice Cho**, JD, Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU National Prison Project, American Civil Liberties Union
- **Wendy Parmet**, JD, Matthews University Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University

Understanding Evictions and the Impact on Public Health and Policy Development in the United States

This session will highlight the impact evictions can have on public health outcomes. It will include an examination of eviction processes in cities across the country, including the role that nuisance laws play in driving evictions. It will also examine how a deeper understanding of the health impacts of evictions can inform policy development, using the emerging strategy of Proactive Rental Inspection Programs as an example.

- **Xavier O'Connor**, JD, Graduate Student, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- **Joshua Waimberg**, JD, Legal Training Manager, Center for Public Health Law Research
- **Gregory Miao**, JD, MS, Senior Attorney, ChangeLab Solutions

Harm Reduction Law and Policy: Past, Present, and Future

This session will describe how law can both help and hinder access to evidence-based prevention and treatment for people who use drugs. Panelists will describe, among other things, how state laws to criminalize drug delivery can increase overdose deaths; how federal, state, and local law and policy changes can increase syringe access; and how one large county has adopted a set of evidence-based approaches to reducing drug-related harm.

- **Moderator: Corey Davis**, JD, MSPH, Director, Harm Reduction Legal Project; Deputy Director, Network for Public Health Law – Southeastern Region
- **Sara Zeigler**, MPA, Associate Director for Policy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Leo Beletsky**, JD, MPH, Professor of Law and Health Sciences, Northeastern University
- **Howard Schneiderman**, JD, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Why Public Education is a Matter of Public Health

Epidemiological literature has long recognized a consistent and significant association between formal educational attainment and individual health outcomes. More highly educated individuals are healthier and tend to live longer, with reduced risks of smoking, drug abuse, accidents, and chronic diseases. Schools also serve as a vital community hub for much-needed services. Despite federal laws that guarantee all children a free appropriate public education, major inequities exist. This session will explore legal issues at the intersection of schools and public health, such as school discipline reform; addressing the problem of chronic absenteeism; school nursing as an effective and underused tool for



improving child and adolescent health outcomes; and innovative ways of delivering legal and other services to underserved students and their families in schools.

- **Moderator: Kerri McGowan Lowrey**, JD, MPH, Deputy Director and Director, Grants and Research, Network for Public Health Law Eastern Region
- **Elliott Attisha**, DO, FAAP, Chief Health Officer, Detroit Public School Community District
- **Ayanna Jones-Lightsy**, JD, Co-Director, Safe and Stable Homes Project, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- **Alexandra Hess**, JD, Law & Policy Analyst, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Empowering Public Health to Influence Federal Regulation

This session will highlight how modest “watchdog” programs can demystify federal regulatory initiatives and empower health professionals to alter the course of federal policy. Focusing on the FDA, panelists will describe current efforts to monitor the FDA’s regulation of food, tobacco products and drugs. Session presenters will highlight public health successes in these areas, easy ways to become more involved in the regulatory process, and opportunities for similar programs across the federal landscape.

- **Moderator: Desmond Jenson**, JD, Lead Senior Staff Attorney for Federal Regulation, Public Health Law Center
- **Patricia Zettler**, JD, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University
- **Amanda Karls**, JD, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Center

12:00 – 1:20 PM Lunch Keynote Session

Concurrent Sessions 4

1:30 – 2:45 PM

Preventing Veteran Suicide through Community-Driven Initiatives

The suicide rate for military veterans is 1.5 times the rate of the general population, constituting a national tragedy. This session will include a discussion of recent policy efforts at the federal, state, and local level that focus on a public health approach to suicide, which includes not only “downstream” services like mental health or crisis treatment, but also “upstream” factors such as housing, employment, or social support to address the unique needs of the military community.

- **Moderator: Megan Phillips**, MS, Faculty Research Associate, Arizona State University
- **Matthew Speer**, MS, Faculty Research Associate, Arizona State University
- **Swapna Reddy**, JD, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor, Arizona State University



Ubiquitous Externalities: The Environmental Injustice of Single-Use Plastic and Big Tobacco

Toxic trash is choking our oceans and the nation's poorest communities. The tobacco and single-use plastics industries tirelessly invent new products that create more severe problems for regulators and institutions like schools. This session will describe how plastic and tobacco product waste problems are impacting water quality and creating environmental injustice, and will propose solutions like adaptation (storm water management), traditional environmental law (hazardous waste compliance), and policies to tackle trash and health equity (sales prohibitions and regulation).

- **Moderator: Hudson Kingston**, JD, LLM, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Center
- **Terry Rousey**, Youth Tobacco Policy Specialist, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment
- **Angela Harren**, JD, MPP, Senior Attorney, Director, Legal Innovation, Chesapeake Legal Alliance

Opportunities for Evidence-based Legal and Policy Strategies to Promote, Strengthen and Evaluate the Nation's efforts to Improve Health and Well-being in the Coming Decade

Evaluating the impact of laws and policies on health can help ensure that Americans achieve health and well-being. Measurable objectives are a hallmark of the Healthy People initiative, and evidence-based legal and policy interventions can help reach these and other national targets. This session will share lessons from the development of Healthy People 2030, the Law and Health Policy Project, and systematic reviews of interventions using methods from CDC's Health Impact in Five Years Initiative.

- **Moderator: Angela McGowan**, JD, MPH,
- **Therese Richmond**, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, Andrea B. Laporte Professor of Nursing, Associate Dean for Research & Innovation, Professor of Nursing in Surgery, University of Pennsylvania
- **Megan Kelly**, JD, MPH, Health Policy Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Communities Share Cross-Sector Data to Improve Child and Adolescent Health

During this session, communities will share the work they are doing on improving child and adolescent health through data sharing. The session will include observations from a community and school district perspective, data sharing among school districts and law enforcement agencies, and the legal aspects of data sharing.

- **Moderator: Peter Eckhart**, MA, Co-Director of DASH, Illinois Public Health Institute
- **Ben Donlon**, Chief Analytics Officer, Metro United Way
- **Kathleen Kelly**, MPA, Founder, CEO, Lifting Up, LLC



- **Kerri McGowan Lowrey, JD, MPH**, Deputy Director and Director of Grants & Research, Network for Public Health Law – Eastern Region Office

Revisiting Crisis Standards of Care: Law, Policy, and Ethics Implementation

In 2009/2010, the Institute of Medicine (now NASEM) convened an expert committee to define crisis standards of care (CSC). The resulting report became a standard-bearer for CSC implementation. Following the 10th Anniversary of NASEM's CSC report, new considerations have emerged. This session will explore key changes in law, ethics, and policy arising since the introduction of CSC guidance, and lay out core modifications and lessons for ongoing implementation of CSC planning nationally and regionally.

- **Moderator: James G. Hodge, Jr., JD, LLM**, Director, Network for Public Health Law – Western Region Office; Professor, ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law; Member, NASEM CSC Committee
- **Sarah Wetter, JD, MPH**, Fellow, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center
- **Dan Hanfling, MD**, Vice President, Technical Staff, In-Q-Tel

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Break

- Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 5

3:00 – 4:15 PM

East Side Health and Well-being Collaborative: Innovations in Health and Well-being

- **Moderator: Christina McCoy, MA, CCAP**, Validated Quality Coach, Community Partnerships Manager, M Health Fairview

Policy Approaches to Mitigate Health Risks due to Climate Change Influenced Extreme Weather

Climate change is a major public health challenge because of its multi-dimensional influence on physical, biological, and ecological systems. Climate change has been correlated to increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather. This session will explore the connections between extreme weather and health. Session presenters will describe strategies to engage public health and emergency management entities along with opportunities to leverage existing U.S. laws through revised policies to mitigate the health consequences of climate change.

- **Moderator: Betsy Lawton, JD**, Senior Attorney, Network for Public Health Law – Northern Region Office
- **David Harvey, PE, MPH**, Bloomberg American Public Health Initiative Fellow, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Rachel Lookadoo, JD**, Director of Legal and Public Health Preparedness, University of Nebraska Medical Center



Medicaid's Potential and Limitations in Supporting Public Health Policies

Medicaid provides critical health coverage for millions of low income Americans who would otherwise not be able to afford health care services. Although financed in large part by the federal government, Medicaid allows for considerable state policymaking. State discretion is often viewed as a positive. However, this session will explore areas where such discretion is more problematic, including State decision making as to Medicaid expansion, community engagement waivers, and inconsistent policies involving vaccine coverage.

- **Craig Wilson**, JD, MPA, Health Policy Director, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- **Nicolas Terry**, LLM, Hall Render Professor of Law & Executive Director, Hall Center for Law and Health
- **Russell McCord**, JD, Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Optimizing Newborn Health through Legal Partnering: Lessons from Los Angeles County

This session will convey and animate best practices gleaned from county-level participation in a national initiative that promotes the health of infants and their families through a unique cross-sector alignment. Representing both legal community experience and early childhood sector expertise, session presenters will share specific examples of how legal problem-solving strategies have promoted infant Medicaid enrollment in a large urban county. They will also share insight into how other communities might lay a foundation for similar innovation.

- **Moderator: Jeannine Casselman**, JD, Legal Advisor, MLPB
- **Katrina Rayco**, JD, Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
- **Leticia Sanchez**, MPH, CHES, CLE, Senior Program Officer, Family Supports, First 5 LA

Promoting Data Sharing while Protecting Tribal Sovereignty: The Role of Law

This session will provide an overview of Tribal public health law and Tribal inherent authority to promote public health in their communities. It will include a discussion of HIPAA hybrid entity status and how it can be used as a tool for Tribes to promote data sovereignty and data sharing. The role of Tribal Epidemiology Centers in promoting public health and the barriers to gaining access to federal, state and local public health data will also be discussed.

- **Moderator: Sallie Milam**, JD, CIPP/G/US, Deputy Director, Network for Public Health Law – Mid-States Region Office
- **Aila Hoss**, JD, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law
- **Ramona Antone-Nez**, MPH, BSN, Epidemiologist and Director, Navajo Epidemiology Center



4:15 – 4:30 PM

Break

- Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 6

4:30 – 5:45 PM

Lawyers, Health Care Providers, and Advocates: Partnering to Address Barriers to Health Equity For Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence

In this session, representatives from Community Legal Aid Services, Inc (CLASI), YWCA's Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC), and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) will discuss their work in addressing social and structural barriers to health equity for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Lessons learned around the value of interdisciplinary partnerships across the legal, health, and community sectors will be discussed through the lens of specific projects each panelist is engaged in.

- **Moderator: Laura Graham**, JD, Deputy Director, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
- **Megan Bittinger**, Medical Community Engagement, Medical Community Engagement Liaison, YWCA Delaware
- **Erin Ridout**, MSW, Domestic Violence & Community Health Program Manager, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Building Community Resiliency in the Accelerating Climate Crisis

New data and reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have highlighted the urgency of the climate crisis and its effects on communities and their health. This session will highlight opportunities for communities to pursue regulatory approaches to address the health effects of climate change and build resiliency within their community. These opportunities also allow communities to address issues related to social and structural barriers to health equity while adapting to climate change.

- **Moderator: Jason Smith**, MTS, JD, Associate Professor and Chair, California State University, East Bay
- **Chandrakala Ganesh**, PhD, Associate Professor, California State University, East Bay
- **Michael Schmeltz**, DrPH, Assistant Professor, California State University, East Bay

Legal Tools that Threaten Public Health Progress

This session will include a discussion of legal tools that threaten the public's health in three key areas. Session presenters will examine the deregulation of concealed firearms and associated threats to public safety; the status of recent intrusive state abortion regulations and the threat they pose to women's health; and the current administration's cancellation and rollback of environmental regulations and how these changes have affected environmental protection and health.

- **Moderator: Alexander McCourt**, JD, PhD, MPH, Assistant Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



- **Joanne Rosen**, JD, MA, Senior Lecturer, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Paul Locke**, MPH, JD, DrPH, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

A Tale of Two Public Health Problems: Protecting the Public During the EVALI Outbreak and Youth Vaping Epidemic

E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among youth. The increase in youth e-cigarette use lead the Surgeon General to declare youth e-cigarette use an epidemic in 2018. In 2019, states began to report a national outbreak of lung injuries associated with e-cigarette, or vaping, product use that primarily affected adults. This session will discuss legislative and emergency executive actions state and local governments took to address these two public health issues.

- **Kevin Schroth**, JD, Associate Professor, Rutgers School of Public Health
- **Michael Tynan**, Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Jessica Grosz**, JD, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Center

Cross Sector Attorneys for Health: Cross-Cutting Expertise to Address Critical Public Health Issues

Over the past two years, the Network for Public Health Law convened a collaborative of attorneys working in different sectors such as transportation, urban planning, and drug policy to apply crosscutting areas of legal and policy expertise to address critical public health issues like opioid use disorder. Members of the collaborative jointly researched and authored the paper, A Cross Sector Approach to Removing Legal and Policy Barriers to Opioid Agonist Treatment. In this session, presenters will discuss the lessons learned through this collaborative process, the recommendations outlined in the paper, and how a cross-sector collaborative can be used to address other public health issues.

6:00 – 9:00 PM

- **Moderator: Leslie Zellers**, JD, Consultant, Public Health Policy & Law
- **Lindsay LaSalle**, JD, Director, Public Health Law and Policy, Drug Policy Alliance
- **Eric Gorovitz**, JD, MPH, Principal, Adler & Colvin

Reception

Thursday, September 23

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Poster Session

8:00 – 9:15 AM

Breakfast Plenary Session



Concurrent Sessions 7

9:30 – 10:45 AM

Holistic and Upstream—Opportunities and Challenges for Tribes Using Legal and Policy Tools to Support Health Across Indigenous Communities

This session explores examples of how Tribes and Tribal Entities are applying, or can apply, legal and policy tools to support health for their peoples across sectors. This session will highlight how Bemidji Area Tribes are applying policy to support breastfeeding across their communities; challenges and potential legal solutions for Tribes in providing healthcare services in Tribal jails; and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's medical-legal partnership program's work to address social determinants of health.

- **Carolyn Camplain**, JD, Program Coordinator, PhD Student, Northern Arizona University
- **Julie Ralston Aoki**, JD, Director of Healthy Eating & Active Programs, Public Health Law Center
- **Katherine Ginsbach**, MS, JD, AmeriCorps MLP Attorney, Alaska Legal Service Corporation

Strategies for Increasing Health Equity While Addressing Climate Change Across Sectors and in the Built and Natural Environments

Climate change adversely affects poor and marginalized communities, making them most likely to suffer the greatest losses and have the least ability to recover from the impacts of climate change. Addressing climate change represents an opportunity to improve community health and resilience through measures that reduce inequities and increase power over resources and decision-making. This session will examine local, state, and federal interventions in housing, land use, agriculture, energy, transportation, forestry, and workforce development that simultaneously mitigate climate change and increase health equity.

- **Moderator: Jill Krueger**, JD, Director, Network for Public Health Law – Northern Region Office
- **Michelle LeVere**, MSW, Clinical Instructor of Social Work/Director of Field Education, University of the District of Columbia

Health and Safety Warnings and the First Amendment

Governments have long required health and safety warnings on products that may harm health. However, courts have become increasingly wary of regulations on commercial speech. This session will explore recent jurisprudence on compelled commercial speech, including its impact on new types of health and safety warnings in the tobacco and sugary drink contexts. It will also trace the history of compelled commercial speech, exposing the false assumptions underlying deregulatory “public health originalism.”

- **Moderator: Derek Carr**, JD, Senior Attorney, ChangeLab Solutions
- **Flojaune Cofer**, PhD, MPH, Senior Director of Policy, Public Health Advocates
- **Joelle Lester**, JD, Director of Commercial Tobacco Control Programs, Public Health Law Center



- **Wendy Parmet, JD**, Mathews Distinguished Professor of Law, Northeastern University

Improving the Health of Children through Prevention Policies

Children's lives can be improved through the implementation of both state and national policies focused on prevention. This session will highlight the role of public health education within communities, which may improve health outcomes for children. Each of the presenters has expertise in the area of prevention policy as they relate to a variety of childhood experiences.

- **Karisa Harland, MPH, PhD**, Associate Research Scientist, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
- **Swapna Reddy, JD, MPH**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Arizona State University
- **Elyse Grossman, PhD, JD**, Policy Fellow, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Analyzing and Utilizing Powers to Remove Legal Barriers to Emergency Response

Laws that operate successfully under normal circumstances can inadvertently create barriers during emergencies, delaying a timely response. To combat this risk, legislatures have passed emergency powers laws in each state granting governors the authority to declare a state of emergency and suspend statutes and regulations. This panel will describe an assessment of these laws, provide two real-world examples of their use by practitioners, and describe how jurisdictions can identify and mitigate legal barriers.

- **Moderator: Gregory Sunshine, JD**, Public Health Analyst, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Nancy Barrera, Esq., MPH**, Senior Attorney, California Department of Public Health
- **Michael Vincent, JD**, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, State of Hawaii

10:45 – 11:00 AM Break

- Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 8

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Government/Community Partnerships to Shape Public Health Policy to End the HIV Epidemic in New York

This session will feature three stakeholders—two from a local health department and one from a community-based organization and clinic—who were directly involved in New York State's ending the HIV epidemic initiative. Their experiences will underscore the importance of government/community partnerships to increase access to HIV and sexual health services through strategic legislative and regulatory changes, a timely discussion given the 2019 Ending the HIV Epidemic:



A Plan for America federal initiative.

- **Moderator: Adrian Guzman**, JD, MPH, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Bureau of HIV, New York City Health Department
- **Audrie King**, MA, Policy Analyst, Bureau of Sexually Transmitted Infections, New York City Health Department
- **Kimberleigh Smith**, MPHA, Senior Director for Community Health Planning, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

Translating Public Health Insights into Policy Action

Drawing on examples ranging from flame retardants to electricity grid design, session presenters will describe efforts to reshape policy in response to insights about public health impacts, including impacts arising from—or amplified by—climate change.

- **Justin Gundlach**, MSc, JD, Attorney, Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law
- **Paul Billings**, National Senior Vice President, Advocacy, American Lung Association
- **Michele Okoh**, JD, Senior Lecturing Fellow, Duke University School of Law

Marijuana Regulation and Social Equity

This session will examine the public health costs associated with the enforcement of marijuana laws and state efforts to incorporate social equity measures into the growing legal marijuana market. Session presenters will explore expungement measures, efforts to increase minority owned businesses, social equity employment measures, and community investment measures focused on repairing the damages created by our nation's war on drugs.

- **Moderator, Mathew Swinburne**, JD, Associate Director, Network for Public Health Law – Eastern Region Office
- **Camille Gourdet**, JD, MA, Research Public Health Analyst, RTI International
- **William Tilburg**, JD, MPH, Executive Director, Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

Intersection of Injury Prevention, Law, and Emerging Social Policy Issues

This session will address an array of injury prevention issues with an emphasis on social policy implications of legal interventions. Topics addressed will include: state minimum wage laws (and effects on occupational injuries); autonomous vehicle laws (including implications for safety, mobility, and testing); and city policies affecting kids who squeegee on the street (with the goal of addressing both pedestrian safety and violence prevention risks).

- **Moderator: Jon Vernick**, JD, MPH, Professor and Deputy Chair for Finance & Administration, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



- **Vanya Jones**, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Johnathon Ehsani**, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Molly Merrill-Francis**, MPH, Doctoral Candidate, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Legal Epidemiology: The State of Innovation

This session will highlight the current and future state of innovation in the field of legal epidemiology. Session presenters will discuss how legal epidemiology is revolutionizing both local and state advocacy efforts and will round out the session with a conversation that focuses on strengthening public health capacity at a global level.

- **Moderator: Scott Burris**, JD, Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Public Health Law Research
- **Adam Lustig**, MS, Manager, Promoting Health & Cost Control in States (PHACCS), Trust for America's Health
- **Patty Skuster**, JD, MPP, Senior Legal Advisor, Ipas

12:30 PM

Conference adjourns

Continuing Education Credits

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