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**Building and Supporting Healthy
Communities for All**



Session Tracks

● Addressing Social and Structural Barriers to Health Equity

Discriminatory laws and policies create conditions that can lead to poor health for people of color, and low income, rural and marginalized communities. Public health plays a critical role in identifying the root causes of health inequity and finding effective solutions.

Topics in this track include Community Health Workers, marginalized communities, race and health, rural health, Medical-Legal Partnerships, immigration and health, and tribal health.

● Building Healthy Environments and Climate Resiliency

Where we live impacts our health. Our environment can determine whether we have higher health risks from disease or injury. And for many communities, the effects of climate change exacerbate existing environmental health challenges.

Topics explored in this track include the built environment and safe neighborhoods, climate adaption solutions, environmental justice, toxicants, water quality, safe and healthy housing, and food systems.

● Health Policy Now

Actions by the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government determine the nature and direction of health policy, but changing social norms can also be a driver. Sessions in this track examine the biggest challenges to current health policy, as well as emerging issues.

Topics include the Affordable Care Act, cannabis, gun violence, reproductive health, mental health, opioids/harm reduction, and vaccination policy.

● Improving Child and Adolescent Health

Many children and adolescents face barriers to good health which can impact them throughout their lifetimes. Effective laws and policies can strengthen programs to promote children's well-being and ensure they get the best chance at health.

Topics explored in this track include access to care, adverse childhood experiences/trauma-informed care, obesity, vaping, health in schools, social and emotional learning, and injury prevention.

● Strengthening Public Health Legal Capacity

Law can be a powerful tool to protect the health of communities. Sessions in this track will help public health officials, attorneys, practitioners and advocates better understand how law can impact programs and initiatives, and how it relates to the work they do.

Topics explored in this track include preemption, emergency preparedness, executive decision making, public health authority, shared services, agency accreditation, and data sharing and privacy.



Monday, September 20

Pre-Conference Workshops

- 1:00 – 3:00 PM** **Harm Reduction in Public Health**
- 1:00 – 3:00 PM** **Racism as a Public Health Crisis**
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM** **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM** **Becoming Better Messengers to Communicate Public Health: Skill-Building for Public Health Advocacy**
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM** **Career Paths in Public Health Law and Policy**

Tuesday, September 21

- 8:00 AM** **Conference Registration Opens**

Pre-Conference Workshops

- 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**
- Poster Session
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM** **Opening General Session**
- Conference Welcome
 - Plenary
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM** **Networking Break**
- 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.

- **Mary Crossley**, JD, Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh
- **Shivani Mantha**, MPH, Real-Time Surveillance Epidemiologist, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- **Dayna Bowen Matthew**, JD, PhD, Professor, George Washington University Law School

● **Advancing Health Equity through Civic Engagement**

Public health has a role in educating and empowering community members to register to vote and participate in elections as a way to improve representation in a process that determines the policies that shape the conditions of our lives. We can advance health equity by strengthening civic participation and improving access to the ballot. This session will explore the relationship between civic participation and individual and community health outcomes and identify strategies to visualize data, create a narrative, and lead campaigns to register and engage voters.

- **Dawn Hunter**, JD, Region Director, Network for Public Health Law—Southeastern Region Office

● **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
- **Ruth Malone**, RN, PhD, Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California
- **Carol McGruder**, Co-Chair, African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council

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

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

Some states are increasingly using preemption 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, including those related to COVID-19, and will 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 inequities.

- **Moderator, Francesca Weaks**, DrPh, MS, MCHES, State Campaign Consultant, Local Solutions Support Center
- **Derek Carr**, JD, Senior Attorney, ChangeLab Solutions
- **Jennifer Karas Montez**, PhD, Professor, Syracuse University
- **Benjamin Winig**, JD, MPHA, Founder & Principal, ThinkForward Strategies

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 Bent Weber**, JD, Program Analyst | 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
- **Michael Pella**, MPH, Evaluator | 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.

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

● **Changing Legal Landscape of COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements and Distribution**

This session will examine recent legal and ethical developments in the area of vaccination law related to the COVID-19 vaccine. The session will focus on a number of areas, including: 1) vaccination mandates and exemptions, including requirements for COVID-19 vaccination across K-12 schools and universities; 2) COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and hesitancy of parents for their children, and 3) the top five lessons learned from the first 9 months of COVID vaccination policy.

- **Moderator: Leila Barraza**, JD, MPH, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona; Consultant, Network for Public Health Law – Western Region
- **Michelle Mello**, MPhil, PhD, JD, Professor of Law and of Medicine, Stanford Law School
- **Ross Silverman**, JD, MPH, Professor, Indiana University

● **Addressing Disruptors to Health and Education Outcomes: Multi-Disciplinary Interventions**

This session will outline why public health lawyers, social workers, health care providers, and educators are critical partners in creating safe, supportive, and just schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Specifically, the session will address two “disruptors” to health equity: childhood adversity and racialized school disciplinary policies (punitive discipline and school policing). Legal and policy



solutions across disciplinary and professional silos will be explored and recommendations for multi-disciplinary collaborations to advance the growing antiracist health equity agenda will be offered.

- **Moderator: Alexis Etow**, JD, Senior Attorney, ChangeLab Solutions
- **Camila Cribb Fabersunne**, MD, MPH, Clinical Instructor in Pediatrics, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
- **Thalia González**, JD, Professor at Occidental College and Senior Scholar at Georgetown University Law Center
- **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 National Center for Innovations at the Public Health Accreditation Board
- **Naomi Rich**, Program Specialist, Public Health Law Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

- Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 3

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

● **Immigration Law and Public Health**

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed how interactions between immigration policy and health policy shape immigrant health as well as the health of the larger community. This session will describe several pathways through which immigration law negatively impacts public health and suggest concrete reforms for improving public health preparedness. It will then focus on two specific topics: the treatment of immigrant detainees during the pandemic and the negative public health consequences of immigration surveillance in health care.

- **Moderator: Kathleen Hoke**, JD, Director, Network for Public Health Law – Eastern Region
- **Eunice Cho**, JD, Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU National Prison Project, American Civil Liberties Union



- **Medha Makhoulf**, JD, Assistant Professor of Law; Director, Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, Penn State University, Dickinson Law
- **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.

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

● **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
- **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
- **Sara Zeigler**, MPA, Associate Director for Policy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

● **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
- **Alexandra Hess**, JD, Law & Policy Analyst, Temple University Beasley School of Law
- **Ayanna Jones-Lightsy**, JD, Co-Director, Safe and Stable Homes Project, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

● **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
- **Rebecca Hare**, JD, MLIS, Saeks Public Interest Residency Fellow, Public Health Law Center
- **Patricia Zettler**, JD, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University

12:00 – 1:20 PM **Lunch Keynote Session**

Concurrent Sessions 4

1:30 – 2:45 PM ● **Building Racial Equity and Community into Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion**

The U.S has experienced consistently high suicide rates. The pandemic has seen increased reports of depression and anxiety. There has also been renewed energy driving calls for racially equitable social structures that are responsive to community voices. This session connects these issues, demonstrating how to leverage community assets for better mental health outcomes. It also identifies suicide prevention reforms, like the 988 lifeline legislation, which can reduce overreliance on police.

- **April Shaw**, PhD, JD, Staff Attorney, Network for Public Health Law—Northern Region Office
- **Christina McCoy**, MA, CCAP, Validated Quality Coach, Community Partnerships Manager, M Health Fairview.



● **Ubiquitous Externalities: The Environmental Injustice of Single-Use Plastic Tobacco Waste**

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**
- **Angela Harren, JD, MPP, Senior Attorney, Director, Legal Innovation, Chesapeake Legal Alliance**
- **Terry Rousey, Youth Tobacco Policy Specialist, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment**

● **Opportunities to Leverage Law and Policy to Improve the Health and Well-being of the Nation in the Coming Decade**

Law and policy can be leveraged to improve health and well-being; measuring and evaluating their impact is crucial. In this session, sources of data and tools to evaluate their role on health and equity outcomes, including Healthy People 2030's national targets and resources, the Law and Health Policy Project, and CDC's identification of high impact legal policies, will be covered. Lessons from the pandemic on the value of science-informed policy also will be discussed.

- **Moderator: Angela McGowan, JD, MPH, Senior Director, Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response, American Public Health Association**
- **Megan Kelly, JD, MPH, Health Policy Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- **Emmeline Ochiai, MPH, Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**
- **Therese Richmond, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, Andrea B. Laporte Professor of Nursing, Associate Dean for Research & Innovation, Professor of Nursing in Surgery, University of Pennsylvania**

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

Communities are connecting across sectors to learn more about complex social problems, the community and the individuals who live within them. This session will describe lessons learned from a community that shares data to improve health in schools and models from communities that are sharing data to identify and mitigate adverse childhood experiences. This session will also demonstrate how to navigate HIPAA, FERPA and state mental health law so that community data sharing may occur.

- **Moderator: Clare Tanner, PhD, 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, LL.M, Director, Network for Public Health Law – Western Region Office; Professor, ASU Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law; Member, NASEM CSC Committee
- **Dan Hanfling**, MD, Vice President, Technical Staff, In-Q-Tel
- **Jennifer Piatt**, JD, Senior Attorney, Network for Public Health Law—Western Region Office; Research Scholar, Center for Public Health Law and Policy at ASU College of Law

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Break

- Poster Session

Concurrent Sessions 5

3:00 – 4:15 PM

● **Promoting Healthy Housing through Collaboration with Medical-Legal Partnerships**

TBD

- **Moderator: Colleen Healy Boufides**, JD, Deputy Director Network for Public Health Law—Mid-States Region Office

● **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.

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

● **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
- **Leticia Sanchez, MPH, CHES, CLE**, Senior Program Officer, Family Supports, First 5 LA
- **Manohar Sukumar, JD**, Supervising Attorney, Public Law Center

● **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 the role of Tribal Epidemiology Centers in promoting public health and the barriers in gaining access to federal, state and local public health data. It will also highlight successes and innovation surrounding data sharing with Tribal and urban Indian communities.

- **Moderator: Carrie Waggoner, JD**, Senior Attorney, Network for Public Health Law–Mid-States Region Office



- **Ramona Antone-Nez**, MPH, BSN, Epidemiologist and Director, Navajo Epidemiology Center
- **Aila Hoss**, JD, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law
- **Joshua Smith**, Health Communication Specialist, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

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), CHILD, Inc., 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.
- **Brittany Haswell**, JD, Legal Advocate and MLP Liaison, CHILD, Inc.
- **Erin Ridout**, MSW, Domestic Violence & Community Health Program Manager, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

● **Building Community Resiliency in the Accelerating Climate Crisis**

New data, IPCC reports, the disastrous California wildfire season, and COVID-19 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 previous 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
- **Paul Locke**, MPH, JD, DrPH, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Joanne Rosen**, JD, MA, Senior Lecturer, 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 led 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.

- **Mark Meaney**, JD, MA, Deputy Director of Commercial Tobacco Control Programs, Public Health Law Center
- **Kevin Schroth**, JD, Associate Professor, Rutgers School of Public Health
- **Michael Tynan**, Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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

Politics can overwhelm public health practice. The COVID-19 pandemic and Flint's water crisis are good examples. When politics threatens population health, must public health officials take a stand against those politics? If so, how does and how should the law account for this responsibility and, as we've learned, the political and personal costs to officials for doing so? This session will address these questions.

- **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

6:00 – 9:00 PM

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
- **Katherine Ginsbach**, MS, JD, AmeriCorps MLP Attorney, Alaska Legal Service Corporation
- **Julie Ralston Aoki**, JD, Director of Healthy Eating & Active Programs, Public Health Law Center

● **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
- **Linda Helland**, MPH, Climate Change & Health Equity Program Lead, California Department of Public Health

● **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.

- **Moderator: Sabrina Adler**, JD, Vice President of Law, 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

● **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.

- **Elyse Grossman**, PhD, JD, Policy Fellow, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Karisa Harland**, MPH, PhD, Associate Research Scientist, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
- **Akshara Menon**, JD, MPH, Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

● **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.

- **Paul Billings**, National Senior Vice President, Advocacy, American Lung Association
- **Justin Gundlach**, MSc, JD, Attorney, Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law
- **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. Specifically, the panel will explore expungement measures, efforts to increase minority owned businesses, social equity employment measures, community investment measures focused on repairing the damages created by our nation's war on drugs, and the legal and practical challenges states face in the implementation of these policies.

- **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 will address: state minimum wage laws (and effects on occupational injuries); autonomous vehicle laws (including implications for safety, mobility, and testing); and ignition interlock laws for impaired driving prevention (including their impact on equity).

- **Moderator: Jon Vernick**, JD, MPH, Professor and Deputy Chair for Finance & Administration, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Johnathon Ehsani**, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Shannon Frattaroli**, PhD, Associate 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**

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