It was a joy to see so many fresh faces (and some not so fresh) at the Joint Public Health Conference in September. While we experienced a few technical glitches with virtual presentations, the conference overall was a success. With record attendance this year, the future is bright for the conference and for our public health associations, organizations, institutes, and agencies.

A sense of renewal and optimism was evident at the conference and a spirit of cooperation continues to grow among our public health partners. I’m excited about the leadership at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department’s commitment to implementing the Foundational Public Health Services Model in Missouri. The diligent work of so many of our Missouri partners that went into adapting #HealthierMO’s model is being rewarded as the model is on the cusp of being fully utilized throughout the State.

The prospects of providing foundational public health services in our agencies or applying for accreditation may be intimidating. However, going through those processes will strengthen our agencies and the entire public health system in Missouri. And what an opportunity to work together! Local public health agencies can share services and support one another with the ultimate goals of better serving our residents and improving public health factors and outcomes in Missouri.

Another reason for optimism in public health is a growing interest in the field. As Baby Boomers and Gen Xers reach retirement age, it’s imperative that the next generations are prepared to take over. And I believe they are more prepared than ever! Having the privilege of observing the energy, commitment, and intelligence of new staff members and interns from our wonderful schools of public health in Missouri, I’m so impressed by their readiness. Our support of continued and new workforce development programs is vital to the future of public health.

The work each of us do in our communities truly makes a difference. We can each have a tremendous impact in our little corner of the world. Together, we can move the needle in Missouri. Together, we can!

Take care,

Dan Luebbert, President
Missouri Public Health Association
Calendar of Events

November 6-9, 2022
APHA Annual Meeting & Expo
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
Boston, Massachusetts

January 12, 2023
Board Meeting
MPHA Office, Jefferson City

April 6, 2023
Board Meeting
MPHA Office, Jefferson City

April 3-9, 2023
National Public Health Week

July 13, 2023
Board Meeting
MPHA Office, Jefferson City

September 18, 2023
Board Meeting
MPHA Office, Jefferson City

September 19-20, 2023
Joint Public Health Conference
Columbia, MO

(Board Meetings are held via Zoom and will begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.)

November 6-9, 2022
APHA Annual Meeting & Expo
and
150th Anniversary Celebration
“150 Years of Creating the Healthiest Nation: Leading the Path Toward Equity”

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street
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All sessions and events will take place in Boston, there are no live virtual presentations.
This past legislative session heralded a new era of communication and collaboration between Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Missouri Public Health Association and other state-wide and local public health agencies. We cultivated a united front for public health in a Legislative Group that met every Monday morning. Never has communication between our organizations been better. Kudos to Mike Herbert of MO ALPHA for keeping us all organized and included! Here are some highlights from last year’s legislative session from Missouri Foundation for Health:

“HB 2116, filed by Rep. Rusty Black (R): Creates new provisions requiring health care facilities to allow patients to have at least two compassionate care visitors during visiting hours.

HB 2162, filed by Rep. Dirk Deaton (R): Modifies provisions related to opioid treatment and recovery funds to allow a standing statewide order to be issued for the addiction mitigation medicine, naltrexone hydrochloride.

SB 681, filed by Sen. Cindy O’Laughlin (R): As an education omnibus bill, contains various provisions related to elementary and secondary education, including a provision that requires schools to test for lead in drinking water and to take measures to reduce lead levels if needed. It also includes a number of other school-related provisions, such as the requirement of parental notification and consent before a school can use corporal punishment, the creation of a pilot program for students recovering from addiction or dependency, and more.

A few significant health bills did not pass by the end of session. The legislature did not pass a postpartum extension policy that would extend Medicaid coverage for new mothers from 60 days to 12 months postpartum. It also did not pass a bill that would legalize needle exchange programs to provide access to sterile needles and syringes, facilitate safe disposal of used syringes, and link users to other services. The bill also would have decriminalized fentanyl testing strips, which can help prevent overdose deaths by detecting the presence of fentanyl in drugs. Another bill that failed would have established a Restaurant Meals Program to allow disabled, homeless, or elderly SNAP recipients to use benefits to purchase meals in restaurants.”

In terms of good news, vaccine-related bills that would have compromised our ability to protect Missourians failed due to the diligence of this Legislative Group and the Missouri Immunization Coalition. Several bills that would have restricted the authority of LPHAs also failed.

The MPHA is already at work reviewing our organization’s slate of resolutions in preparation for Legislative Session 2023. These resolutions assure that we are representing the interests of the MPHA membership during the session. Resolutions are accessible on the MPHA website and contact myself or any member of the MPHA Board with comments. With the failure of the needle exchange and fentanyl testing strip bills and other needs for supporting addicted Missourians, we are working on a new resolution in support of addiction services for the new year. Watch for that to circulate on email and be ready to comment and vote!

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Public health is entering a new era, informed by our experiences during the COVID pandemic and supported by increased national-level funding. We have an incredible opportunity to leverage this moment to significantly improve Missouri’s public health system. By collectively applying the wealth of experience and knowledge already in our public health system and exploring the fresh perspectives and new energy from public health professionals moving into new leadership positions, we are positioned to make major change.

We’ve already laid the groundwork by developing a framework upon which to improve Missouri’s public health system – the Foundational Public Health Services model. The FPHS model defines a minimum set of fundamental cross-cutting skills, services, and program areas that must be assured in every community for our entire public health system to function. This framework is consistent with the national model, aligns with the Core Function and 10 Essential Services of public health, and represents the governmental public health components every Missourian depends on for health and well-being. It allows for the unique programs and services local public health agencies deliver in their communities. It centers health equity as a lens through which all other programs and services should be assured. It also allows partner organizations to build on programs and services that address upstream social influencers of health like education, employment, literacy, housing, environment, and support systems.

Missouri’s public health system stakeholders recognize the importance of developing more consistent operations in every jurisdiction. Communicable diseases do not stop at county lines. Media and social media are not restricted by jurisdictional boundaries. We simply must work together to assure processes, practices, and communication are as consistent as possible in order to clearly communicate the science of public health and rebuild trust in public health expertise and practice. The FPHS model provides a consistent framework that will allow all of us to build capacity in Missouri’s public health system, while supporting individual application to local community needs.

To equip public health professionals to begin operationalizing Missouri’s FPHS model, #HealthierMO and their partners have developed several helpful tools. The interactive model hosted at HealthierMO.org allows the user to drag and align different components to better understand the interconnectedness of pieces within the model. A capacity building program housed on the HealthierMO website offers a multi-step process and resources to take the FPHS model from a one-dimensional image to a fully-integrated framework that influences every aspect of public health practice. Ancillary training is also hosted on the Heartland Centers Learning Management System at St. Louis University.

#HealthierMO stands ready to support local public health agencies and public health professionals on your journey to build capacity under the framework of the FPHS model. We are currently housed under the Missouri Public Health Association, and continue to prioritize a grassroots approach to transforming Missouri’s public health system into a stronger, more sustainable, culturally relevant, and responsive system that allows public health experts to better meet the challenges of Missouri’s diverse communities and offer every Missourian the fair opportunity for health.

Visit HealthierMO.org or contact Jaci McReynolds at 417-839-3579 or jmcreynolds@healthiermo.org to learn more.
On September 15, 2022, the Department released a press announcement regarding the additional transfer of $13 million in funds from Missouri’s medical marijuana program to the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC). This marks the fourth transfer to date for a total of $26,978,820.

Article XIV includes a provision requiring that fees and taxes generated by the medical marijuana program, less operational expenses, be transferred to the MVC for health and care services for military veterans.

"The state’s medical marijuana program has been a great success," said Lyndall Fraker, Director of the Section of Medical Marijuana Regulation with DHSS. "We have a safe and well-regulated program that is benefiting the nearly 200,000 qualified patients, which in turn, is benefiting veteran services right here in Missouri."

August 4, 2022, the Department released the Missouri Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program’s third Annual Report to the Governor. The Department is required to annually submit a report to the Governor regarding the efficient discharge of its responsibilities under Article XIV Section 1 of the Missouri Constitution. Reported activities are based on the program year of December 6, 2020, through December 5, 2021. During the third program year, the Department issued 119,894 patient licenses in addition to renewing 38,347 patient licenses and issuing 4,979 agent (facility employee) identification cards. The Department also began facility annual inspections and completed 267 commencement inspections. The Department implemented many process improvements during the program year, including a new call management system and an electronic physician certification form.

April 22, 2022, the Department posted draft dispensary rule revisions to the website to solicit public suggestions. While it is not required to post or solicit public suggestions during the drafting phase of rulemaking, the Department is committed to transparency and to engaging the public in the development of the program’s regulatory framework.

March 17, 2022, the Department posted new fee tables that take effect July 1, 2022. Per Article XIV, Section 1, certain application fees and licenses are adjusted annually by the percentage of increase or decrease of the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

November 6, 2018, 65% of Missouri voters approved constitutional Amendment 2 as Article XIV Section 1. Right to access medical marijuana.
Missouri Amendment 3, Marijuana Legalization Initiative

Missouri Amendment 3, the Marijuana Legalization Initiative is on the ballot in Missouri as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 8, 2022.

A “yes” vote supports amending the Missouri Constitution to remove state prohibitions on the purchase, possession, consumption, use, delivery, manufacture, and sale of marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of twenty-one, and would also allow individuals with certain marijuana-related offenses to petition for release from prison or parole and probation and have their records expunged; along with imposing a six percent tax on the retail price of recreational marijuana.

A “no” vote opposes amending the Missouri Constitution, and the sale and use of marijuana for recreational purposes will remain prohibited under current law.

OVERVIEW

How would this initiative change marijuana laws?
The initiative would legalize the purchase, possession, consumption, use, delivery, manufacturing, and sale of marijuana for personal use for persons who are 21 years old or older; allow individuals convicted of non-violent marijuana-related offenses to petition to be released from incarceration and/or have their records expunged; and impose a 6% tax on the sale of marijuana.

What is the status of marijuana in Missouri?
Medical marijuana was legalized in Missouri when voters approved of Amendment 2 in 2018. Amendment 2 legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes, taxed marijuana sales at 4%, and spent tax revenue on healthcare services for veterans. Prior to 2018, medical marijuana was not legalized for use or possession in Missouri.

For recreational marijuana, the possession of 10 grams or less of cannabis has been decriminalized. Possession of 10 grams or less is punishable by a fine only, but the offense remains a criminal misdemeanor. Recreational marijuana is not legal in Missouri.

What is the status of recreational marijuana in the United States?
As of 2022, 19 states and Washington, D.C., had legalized the possession and personal use of marijuana for recreational purposes.

- In 11 states and D.C., the ballot initiative process was used to legalize marijuana.
- In one state, the legislature referred a measure to the ballot for voter approval.
- In seven states, bills to legalize marijuana were enacted into law.

Marijuana legalization measures are certified to appear on the 2022 ballot in Arkansas, Maryland, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Partially Reprinted, for the full ballot write-up visit: https://ballotpedia.org/Missouri_Amendment_3,_Marijuana_Legalization_Initiative_(2022).

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This November, expanded recreational cannabis use will be on the ballot for Missouri voters. With the expansion of legal cannabis use and on-site cannabis consumption, the public health community must respond to prioritize creating an infrastructure that supports and emphasizes health by participating in the decision making, implementation and enforcement process.
The Missouri Council for Public Health Nursing (MCPHN) was first established in April of 1997 at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The Council evolved over the years from including only DHSS staff to including greater representation from LPHAs, and representatives from nursing education, and other public-health related organizations. In 2022, the Council moved to the Missouri Public Health Association and became the Section for Public Health Nursing (SPHN).

Membership in the Section for Public Health Nursing is open to any public health nurse or student enrolled in a school of nursing who is a current member of MPHA. The mission of the SPHN is to provide leadership, expertise, and advocacy related to public health nursing practice, standards, and issues. The SPHN provides opportunities for networking with other public health nurses in Missouri, education and training, and the development of leadership skills through advocacy.

As the MCPHN, the group has been responsible for the creation of the Missouri Public Health Nursing Manual, the Public Health Nursing Preceptor Orientation Manual, the Public Health Nursing Discussion Group, and other resources that can be found at health.mo.gov/living/lpha/phnursing/cphn.php.

Annually, the Section for Public Health Nursing presents two awards: The Public Health Nursing Award, and the Public Health Nursing Leadership Award. The 2022 award recipients were announced at the 2022 Joint Public Health Conference on September 21st.

The Public Health Nursing Award was created to honor and recognize a Missouri public health nurse who exemplifies excellence in public health nursing practice. This year’s award recipient was Susan Friese from St. Louis County Department of Public Health. Susan has served as a communicable disease nurse for more than 27 years and has been the lead investigator on over 5,700 cases since 2010. She always goes above and beyond for her clients and is seen as a subject matter expert by her peers. Susan has trained and mentored countless new nurses and epidemiologists over the years as well as fostered strong relationships with many community partners.

The Public Health Nursing Leadership Award was created to honor and recognize a Missouri public health nurse who exemplifies leadership and excels in public health nursing practice. This year’s award recipient was Pamela Priest from Taney County Health Department. Pam has served 56,000 residents of Taney County and Branson’s 10 million yearly visitors as the health department’s clinical manager for 34 years. Through her tenure, Pam has overseen many changes including expanding staff and services, and shepherding the department through new programs and programmatic changes. She brought low-cost STI testing, and reproductive services and screenings to Taney County. Pam was the leading architect in building the department’s COVID response including informing policy, building contact tracing systems and designing mass vaccination clinics.
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The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) has been in existence since 1925 and continues to strive to meet the needs of public health across Missouri. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken the challenge of this mission up a notch but MPHA and its members remain committed.

It is our mission to be the voice of public health in Missouri through advocacy, membership services and by investing in our members through the MPHA Education Foundation. The MPHA Education Foundation plays a key role in ensuring a resilient public health workforce by providing funding for education experiences that recipients may not have without the Foundation’s monetary support.

In order to fund these educational opportunities, MPHA relies on the generosity of individuals and organizations. Monetary donations are always welcome, but did you know you can donate to the MPHA Education Foundation at no direct cost to you. Anytime you shop on Amazon for eligible items, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of the eligible smile.amazon.com purchase to the Missouri Public Health Association Education Foundation.

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Going to college was a major deal. I wasn’t a very strong student in elementary or high school. Both of my parents were teachers before they got married and it concerned them that my reading was so poor. We would have times during the day when they would have me read aloud to them, but it was pure torture for me. All I wanted was to go outside.

We lived in northeast New Jersey so we were close to New York City. I remember my parents taking me to this place in New York City to get assessments, but all that I recall was a jar of multicolored hard candies sitting on the table that I couldn’t take my eye off of. Hmmm. My parents thought it may help me get a leg up if I went to a private religious school. It was a real hardship for my parents taking me to the bus stop 25-30 miles each way and not to mention the expense. It was a great school and I really grew to love it. They had chapel services once a week. We met in the gym with bleacher seating. My buddy at the time introduced me to the whoopee cushion. What a concept. He snuck it into the chapel service and when everyone was standing he inflated it and slid it down as far as he could down the bleacher seats. When everyone sat down the sound reverberated in the gym’s acoustics and was way louder than we anticipated. Every eye turned on the victim and I have to admit feeling severe contrition to what we had done later, but at the time we were doing our best not to laugh. We failed and suffered the consequences.

High school was much the same with high jinx, making people laugh, sports and later cars. Grades were not high on my list. I went to a local College after high school and decided to major in Physical Education since that was my favorite class in high school and I participated in sports. I also got a dual major in Health Education. Something very odd happened to me in the first semester. I had a very challenging academic class in PE that I really liked but it was very hard. I found myself actually studying for the exam and did well to my surprise. This trend continued with all of my classes and I wound up with one of the highest GPAs. Who would have thunk it.

Several of my professors were insistent on me going on for my masters and mentioned Indiana University. They told another classmate the same thing and we both applied to the Indiana University’s Physical Education program (later called Kinesiology) and we both got in and went there together. He majored in Motor Learning and I majored in Biomechanics. I was a spring board diver in college and Biomechanics gave you tools to be a good coach.

After I completed my masters I took a year off trying to decide what I wanted to do next. I decided against the diving coach career. During this time, I was praying about it and reading a lot. I made a long list of things I would be happy doing. Near the end of the year, I had marked out all but two. One was going into seminary (following in my Dad’s footsteps) or going on for my doctorate. I was still living near IU. A few days after making my final two selections, I received a call from the department at Indiana University where they have the Public Health (Continued on page 10)
Dr. Dalen Duitsman  
Missouri State University, Ozarks Public Health Institute  
MPHA Past President and Board Member

doctorate in Health Education degree (now Health Behavior). I previously looked at the doctorate in Public Health in the area of Health Education so I could build on my undergrad degree. I had not made any inquiries about the program so this was an awesome surprise and a wonderful answer to my prayers that they offered me a spot in the program and a graduate assistantship.

I think the seminary option may have made someone nervous (I won’t say who, I think the whoopee cushion/chapel incident may have hurt my chances). I took the scenic road completing my doctorate since I had to make a pit stop getting a heart transplant.

My first job was at Iowa State University and my second was at Missouri State University. The rest as they say was history. I absolutely love working in Public Health. It was definitely the right choice for me. I was given the opportunity to start two masters programs (one an MPH program) and was the founding Director of the Ozarks Public Health Institute at MSU – where I have been for 26 years. I was retired for about two months and I’m back as Director of the Ozarks Public Health Institute. Perfect! I am so honored to work with the remarkable team we have at OPHI, and to see the number of Graduate Assistants who have passed through OPHI who now have successful Public Health careers, and who are contributing their talents and skills to build a healthier Missouri.

I’d like to close by saying that my life events can serve as encouragement for parents with children not sure of their direction or not doing well in school. It may take a little and sometimes a lot of time to find what they love doing. Not one student that I knew in elementary or high school would have ever dreamed I’d have my doctorate and be a university professor and administrator. I would not have believed it either. What a blessing.

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

All members of Missouri Public Health Association are invited to submit articles for our newsletter and we will welcome submissions on any public health related topic.

Please include the following information with your article submission:

- Name
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- Title of Article
- Reference List
- A Headshot or Photo of You Doing Public Health Work

Please keep your article within 300-500 words. Articles from members will be reviewed by the Missouri Public Health Association Newsletter Editor. Email your articles and any questions to Sandy Boeckman at sboeckman@mopho.org or Abi Padgett at abipadgett@embarqmail.com.

**FEBRUARY, JUNE, AND OCTOBER ISSUES**  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, FOR THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE.
The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) announced today the launch of its new logo and identity to better reflect the department and its vision for the future of public health in Missouri.

“We are excited to unveil our new look as we work to unify public health strategies and messaging throughout the state,” said Paula Nickelson, DHSS acting director. “One of the many things that was reinforced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic was the importance of communication and collaboration among public health partners and extending that out to the people we serve. We are so much more than a team responding to a pandemic. We are working to transform public health in Missouri, and that starts with a fresh look and a thoughtful identity to which our entire team and external partners will feel a connection.”

Main features of the new logo include the following:

- **Curved line.** The curved line in the middle of the logo has dual representation. DHSS is on a strategic path to improve health outcomes of Missourians. The curve is seen as Missouri’s journey toward better health. Additionally, the line is viewed as a stream. Along with partners, DHSS works to implement strategies upstream in order to improve overall population health. Upstream efforts seek to create community-level impact and improve community conditions by addressing social determinants of health. Midstream efforts seek to create individual-level impact by meeting individuals’ social needs through screenings, referrals and other individually-focused processes. Downstream efforts seek to create patient-level impact by providing clinical care.

- **Shield.** Through many programs and functions, DHSS works to protect Missourians. Whether it’s protecting seniors or those with disabilities from abuse and neglect or by regulating facilities that serve residents, DHSS uses its authority to ensure entities are abiding by regulations that safeguard the wellbeing of Missourians young and old. Additionally, the shield has become the nationally recognized identity of public health departments and is used by many local public health agencies in Missouri today. The 115 local public health agencies serving Missourians throughout the state are one of the most valuable resources and partners to DHSS and its mission.

- **Medical cross.** The medical cross is one of the most internationally known medical symbols. It represents non-biased health for all people. DHSS works to protect the health of Missourians, working collaboratively and in an aligned manner with the state’s health care providers.

Four main colors were selected to modernize the look and represent the functional areas within the department that serve Missourians with support from administrative personnel: community and public health, senior and disability services, regulation and licensure and the public health laboratory.

The update comes exactly six months after Nickelson, a 23-year veteran of the department, took the helm at DHSS which employs approximately 1,800 team members throughout the state.

“Our team has overcome several unprecedented challenges, especially throughout the past few years,” said Nickelson. “While circumstances were less than ideal, we cannot take for granted the strength, knowledge and partnerships gained that will help us move our state forward in protecting the health and safety of Missourians.”

DHSS worked with Missouri-based design firm, Firehouse Design Studio, Inc., to create the new brand.

Information about public health services and programs provided by DHSS can be located at Health.Mo.Gov.
CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM with extensive short- and long-term health consequences. In order to address sexual assault, colleges and universities must work with students and other key stakeholders to develop comprehensive prevention efforts that empower survivors, bring perpetrators to justice and create a culture that is intolerant of sexual violence.

Did You Know?

** 1 in 5 college women and ** 1 in 16 college men are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault while they are college students.

** 75-80% of reported cases, the victim knows her attacker. It is often an acquaintance, classmate, friend or ex-boyfriend.

** 50-79% of assaults involve alcohol consumption by the perpetrator, survivor or both.

** Only 2% of incapacitated sexual assault survivors and ** 13% of forcible rape survivors report the crime to campus or local law enforcement.

** 40% of college survivors cited fear of retaliation by the perpetrator or the community as a reason for not reporting.

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