

**APHA 2011 Proposed Policies: Comparison of Science Board, Joint Policy Committee (JPC), and Member Assessments
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From February 25 to March 18, 2011, APHA members submitted comments (on their own or through their Section/Caucus/SPIG/Affiliate) on the 28 proposed policies. These comments were forwarded to the Science Board and JPC to consider in their reviews of each policy. The Science Board evaluates each proposed policy for scientific integrity and makes recommendations to the JPC. The JPC conducts its own review of the proposed policies, and makes a recommendation on whether the policy moves forward in the process:

- Positive - Policy meets all guidelines, is scientifically sound and concisely written; any changes necessary are minor and can be addressed in the copyediting phase.
- Conditional - Policy meets most guidelines, but requires some revision to strengthen the arguments presented and improve formatting.
- Negative - Policy does not meet guidelines, lacks or improperly cites scientific evidence, arguments presented are biased or one-sided, and/or contains major grammatical and formatting errors.

The following chart compares the assessments from the Science Board, JPC and members. Comments submitted by individual members are listed with their name and primary affiliation in parenthesis.

Group A: Reproductive Health and Access to Care

Policy Group/ Title	Science Board	JPC	Members In Support	Members Neutral	Members Opposed
A1: Removing Financial and Other Barriers to Over-the-Counter Contraception	Conditional	Conditional	IH APH CHPPD HIV/AIDS ACHP OHS PHN HL OH EPI SW WC STAT		
A2: Advocating for Nurse Practitioners, Nurse-Midwives, and Physician Assistants as Abortion Providers	Conditional	Conditional	APH HA PHN OH MCH SW WC STAT Melanie Zurek (PRSH) Judith Katzburg (MCH)	CHPPD ACHP	
A3: Advocating for the Regulation of Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPC)	Conditional	Conditional	APH HA ACHP PHN OH EPI PHANYC STAT Belinda Tate Hardy (SW)	CHPPD	
A4: Adoption of Payer Medical Policies that Support Collaboration Between Primary Care and Specialty Providers for Early Identification and Treatment of Peripheral Artery Disease	Conditional	Negative	VC APH CHPPD PHN EPI OW SW CHC		

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A5: Musculoskeletal disorders as a public health concern: APHA response and action steps	Conditional	Conditional	APH DHS ACHP PHN OH ICEHS DIS Theora Evans (SW) Elaine Auld (PHEHP)		CHPPD
A6: Resolution to Ensure Contraceptive Access for Patients of Community Health Centers	Conditional	Conditional	IH APH HA HIV/AIDS ACHP OH WC Phoebe Souza (MCH) Jodi Clark (PHEHP)	Theora Evans (SW)	CHPPD
A7: Minor's Access to Confidential Abortion Services	Conditional	Conditional	IH APH CHPPD ACHP OH WC Katie Baker (MCH) Barbara Singer (MCH) Beth Lamanna (PHN) Ross Silverman (HL)	Theora Evans (SW)	
A8: Access to Children's Vision Care Services	Conditional	Conditional	IH PHS APH CHPPD EPI ACHP PHN OH Theora Evans (SW) Karen Brock Gallow (IPCG)		

Group B: Environmental and Occupational Health

Policy Group/ Title	Science Board	JPC	Members In Support	Members Neutral	Members Opposed
B1: Immigration Reform to Improve Migrant Farmworker Health	Conditional	Conditional	SW CHW VC ACHP Mary Beth Morrissey (APH) Nonie Medias	API	
B2: Improving Housing for Farmworkers in the U.S. is a public health Imperative	Conditional	Conditional	SW PHN CHPPD API EPI (2) OH ACHP OH APH Henry Montes (PHEHP)		

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B3: Implementing effective strategies to reduce sodium in the food supply	Conditional	Conditional	APH STAT SW PHN HL VC PHEHP (2) OH ACHP OHS PHANYC	API	
B4: Climate Change and Health: Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change through Research and Advocacy	Negative	Negative	IH PHN HA EPI PHEHP APH ACHP ETH	API STAT	SW VC OH
B5: Rescue Naloxone Administration Expansion to Prevent (45) Opioid Overdose	Negative	Negative	SW PHN VC ACHP EPI OH CHPPD APH	API	
B6: Reducing PVC in Facilities with Vulnerable Populations	Negative	Negative	PHN VC ACHP OH CHPPD EPI APH Karl Peace (STAT) Marjory Ruderman (MCH)	API	
B7: The Protection of Workers in Agriculture	Positive	Positive	SW PHN VC ACHP OHS OH ICEHS APH	API	

Group C: Global Health and Health Disparities

Policy Group/ Title	Science Board	JPC	Members In Support	Members Neutral	Members Opposed
C1: Prioritizing non communicable disease prevention and treatment in global health	Conditional	Conditional	OH EPI SW HC OHS VC APH CHPPD API ACHP STAT ETH DIS		PHN
C2: VISION 2020: Global Campaign to Eliminate Avoidable Blindness	Positive	Positive	IH SW PHN APH OHS API PHEHP EPI OH DIS Karen Brock Gallo	STAT	

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C3: Call to Action to Reduce Global Maternal, Neonatal & Child Morbidity and Mortality	Conditional	Conditional	API SW ACHP OHS MCH VC OH APH PHEHP Rose S. Fife (ICEHS) WC STAT PHN	API	
C4: Maternal Health as a Human Right: Strategies for Improving Maternal Health Outcomes and Care	Conditional	Conditional	IH SW VC APH CHPPD PHEHP ACHP MCH OH PHANYC WC Bruce Jennings (ETH) Paulette Spencer (MCH) Lance Gable (HL)	PHN API	STAT
C5: APHA Endorses the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding	Conditional	Conditional	IH PHN SW VC APH OHS PHEHP ACHP MCH (2) OH PHANYC WC	API	
C6: Public Health Impact on U.S. Immigration Policy	Conditional	Conditional	IH SW APH API CHPPD ACHP EPI OHS OH CHW Simon Piller (MC) Lance Gable (HL)		EPI
C7: Prioritizing health of MSM in the global HIV/AIDS response	Conditional	Conditional	SW APH ACHP CHPPD HIV/AIDS OH CHW Jodi Ford (PRSH)	API	

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Group D: Public Health Science and Infrastructure

Policy Group/ Title	Science Board	JPC	Members In Support	Members Neutral	Members Opposed	
D1: APHA Endorses the World Health Organization's Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel	Conditional	Conditional	PHN VC APH EPI (2) PHEHP	OH STAT Janie Gittleman	API	
D2: APHA calls for the cessation of military recruiting in public high schools	Conditional	Conditional	MCH OHS VC APH HA	PHEHP ACHP OH HL CBPH STAT	API	
D3: Trap- Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) as a preferred management practice for rabies and zoonotic disease control through the management of community cat populations	Negative	Negative	IH VC HIV/AIDS APH OHS	EPI ACHP OH MCH STU	API PHEHP	
D4: Support of Funding for the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) Program	Conditional	Conditional	IH PHN VC APH	ACHP MCH STU	API PHEHP OH	
D5: Banning Fireworks: Prevention of Injuries	Conditional	Conditional	IH PHN OHS APH ACHP	OH EPI ICEHS MCH STU	API PHEHP	CHPPD
D6: Public Health Accreditation as a Means to Strengthen Governmental* Public Health Systems in the U.S.	Conditional	Conditional	PHN VC APH MCH PHEHP ACHP	OHS OH ICEHS CBPH STAT STU	API HA	

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Acronym Key

ACHP – Alternative and Complementary Health Practices SPIG
APH – Aging and Public Health Section
API – Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health
CBPHC – Community Based Public Health Caucus
CHC – Chiropractic Health Care
CHPPD – Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section
CHW – Community Health Workers Section
DIS – Disability Section
EPI – Epidemiology Section
ETH – Ethics SPIG
HIV/AIDS – HIV/AIDS Section
HA – Health Administration Section
HL – Health Law SPIG
ICEHS – Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section
IH - International Health Section
MC – Medical Care Section
MCH – Maternal Child Health Section
OH – Oral Health Section
OHS – Occupational Health and Safety Section
PHANYC – Public Health Association of New York City (Affiliate)
PHEHP – Public Health Education and Health Promotion
PHN – Public Health Nursing Section
PRSH – Population, Reproductive and Sexual Health Section
STAT – Statistics Section
SW – Social Work Section
VC – Vision Health Section
WC – Women’s Caucus