



## **Summary of the 2022 Proposed Policy Statement Review Process by the Joint Policy Committee (JPC)**

**November 2022**

***Table 1: 2022 New Proposed Policy Statement Review Timeline***

Feb. 11	A total of 19 proposed policy statements were submitted by the deadline. All of these proposed policy statements met the minimum required author guidelines and were accepted in to 2022 process
March 25	APHA members submitted reviews on proposed policy statements, which were forwarded to the Science Board and JPC to consider in their reviews of each proposal
April 20-21	Science Board evaluated each proposed policy and provided its assessment to the JPC
April 28-29	<p>The JPC conducted its initial policy statement proposal review and gave each proposal one of the following assessments (See Table 2, Column A):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive- Proposed policy statements meets all guidelines, is scientifically sound and concisely written; any changes necessary are minor and can be addressed in the copyediting phase (Proposal automatically moves forward to the public hearings).</li> <li>• Conditional- Proposed policy statement meets most guidelines but requires some revision to strengthen the arguments presented and improve formatting (Author(s) are requested to</li> </ul>

	<p>make revisions based on JPC comments and resubmit by August 15).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative- Proposed policy statement 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 (Authors may opt to keep the proposal in the review process and make revisions based on JPC comments and resubmit by August 15; and/or appeal to the Executive Board; or withdraw the proposed policy statement from the 2022 cycle and resubmit in a subsequent cycle).</li> </ul> <p>9 received an initial assessment of conditional and 10 received an initial assessment of negative from the JPC in May.</p>
August 15	<p>16 proposed policy statements were revised and resubmitted (C3 and C4 were combined into one proposed policy statement and resubmitted; B3 and C6 were withdrawn).</p>
September 22 and 29	<p>The JPC conveyed via conference call to discuss the 16 resubmissions and gave each proposal either a Positive or Negative assessment (see Table 2, Column C) based on the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did the revised version of the proposed policy statement adequately address the changes, recommendations and clarifications requested in the JPC's conditional OR negative assessment letter to the author? (If not, please be specific about what was NOT adequately addressed)</li> <li>• Are there new data, information, events or concerns regarding the proposed policy statement revisions that require additional edits from the author in order for the JPC to move the proposal forward to the public hearings?</li> <li>• Could the remaining issues (if any) be reasonably addressed by the JPC at its business meeting on the Monday of the Annual Meeting (in preparation for the Governing Council's Tuesday vote)?</li> <li>• What additional revisions should be made to the proposed policy statement before the public hearings?</li> </ul>

	<p>The JPC determined that 9 of the resubmitted proposed policy statements were ready to move forward to the public hearings and gave them a positive assessment. 7 resubmitted proposed policy statements received a negative assessment indicating that the JPC did not believe the authors adequately addressed the recommendations for improvement provided following the initial assessment and recommend withdrawal of the proposal from the review process.</p> <p>12 of the resubmitted proposed policy statements were presented at the public hearings in October (see Table 2, Column D). A1, C5, D3, D4 were withdrawn from the review process by the authors.</p>
October 17	Proposed policy statements moving forward in the process were posted on the APHA website JPC fall author letters with comments. Authors were given the option to submit a revised statement following receipt of the JPC fall review comments.
October 17	3 Late-Breaker Proposed Policy Statements were submitted to <a href="mailto:policy@apha.org">policy@apha.org</a> by 11:59pm (EDT). 1 was accepted by the JPC.
October 24	Authors were given the option to submit a revised statement following receipt of the JPC fall review comments. 11 authors chose to submit additional revisions (these were posted to the web in track changes).
November 1 and 2	<p>Proposed policy statements were discussed during the virtual public hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/1- Groups A, B and Late-Breakers</li> <li>• 11/2- Groups C&amp;D</li> </ul>
November 6	<p>JPC develops final recommendations for proposed policy statements to present to the Governing Council.</p> <p>The JPC final recommendations and final drafts of the proposed policy statements are posted to the web and shared with the Governing Council</p>
November 8	Governing Council considers JPC recommendations on proposed policy statements and votes to approve new policy statements.

***Table 2. JPC Assessments of APHA 2022 New Proposed Policy Statements***

To view the proposed policy statements up for discussion and vote by the Governing Council please visit: [enter final statement webpage]

<b>Policy</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Assessment (May)</b>	<b>Resubmitted in Aug</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment</b>	<b>Forwarded to Public Hearings</b>	<b>Final Recommendation</b>
A1: Improving Public Health as a Bridge to Peace Between Israel and Palestine	Negative	Yes	Negative	No	N/A
A2: Intellectual Property Protections and Profit Limit Global Vaccine Access	Conditional	Yes	Negative	Yes	Adopt
A3: A Call to Expand International Debt Relief for All Developing Countries to Increase Access to Public Resources for Health Care	Conditional	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt
A4: Support Decent Work for All as a Sustainable Public Health Strategy for Improving Population Health	Negative	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt

B1: Advancing Environmental Health and Justice: A Call for Assessment and Oversight of Healthcare Waste	Conditional	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt
B2: Gas Stove Emissions Are a Public Health Concern: Exposure to NO2 Increases Risk of Illness in Children, Older Adults and People with Underlying Health Conditions	Negative	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt
B3: Ending the Practice of Conversion Therapy Among LGBTQ+ Populations	Conditional	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
B4: Support for Women's Inclusion in HIV-Related Clinical Research	Negative	Yes	Negative	Yes	Do not adopt
C1: A Strategy to Address Systemic Racism and Violence as Public Health Priorities: Training and Supporting Community Health Workers to	Negative	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt

Advance Equity and Violence Prevention					
C2: Preserving Public Health Capacity by Protecting the Workforce and Authority	Conditional	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt
C3: A Public Health Health Approach to Firearm Violence and Injury Prevention  *Combination of original submissions C3: A Public Health Approach to Gun Violence Prevention and C4: A Public Health Approach to Firearms Prevention Policy	C3: Negative C4: Negative	Yes	Negative	Yes	Do not adopt
C5: An Equitable Approach to the Tobacco Control Policies in the United States	Negative	Yes	Negative	No	N/A
C7: Advancing Health Equity Through Protecting and	Negative	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt

Promoting Access to Voting					
D1: Reimagining Public Health Leadership for Health Equity: Moving Towards Collaborative and Community-Centered Applied Practice	Conditional	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt
D2: Ensuring Equitable Access to Affordable Prescription Medications	Conditional	Yes	Positive	Yes	Adopt
D3: Falls Prevention in Adults Aged 65 and Over: A Call for Increased Use of an Evidence Based Falls Prevention Algorithm	Negative	Yes	Negative	No	N/A
D4: Extending Medicaid Coverage to One-Year Post-partum	Conditional	Yes	Negative	No	N/A
LB1: Public Health Actions that Support Implementation of the	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Adopt

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline					
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See the following links for:

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