

13.0 Joint Policy Committee Report, Archiving, Proposed Policy Statements

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2022 Proposed Policy Statements



Regular proposed policy statements

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revised and resubmitted (C3 and C4 were combined into one proposed policy statement and resubmitted; B3 and C6 were withdrawn). Of the 16 resubmitted, 9 had received a negative review in the 1st JPC assessment and 7 received a conditional assessment.

9 of the resubmitted proposed policy statements received positive assessments in the 2nd JPC review; 7 received negative assessment (A1, A2, B4, C3, C5, D3 and D4)

The authors of A2, B4 and C3 moved their proposed policy statements forward to public hearings despite the negative assessment; A1, C5, D3 and D4 were withdrawn with the opportunity for resubmission in 2023.

Late Breakers

3 Late Breakers were submitted by the October 17th deadline.

1 was accepted by the JPC co-chairs and moved to the public hearings. The remaining two were not accepted as they did not meet the criteria for a late-breaker:

- Emergent issue
- No existing or up to date policy statement on topic
- Action steps that are directly related to and address the problem and evidence presented

Public Hearings

2 public hearings were held virtually on Tuesday, November 1 (Group A, B and Late-Breakers) and Wednesday, November 2 (Groups C and D)

- 125+ participants 11/1; 70+ participants 11/2

Archiving

Statements adopted in 2002 up for archiving

- 13 policy statements adopted in 2002 are up for archiving this year. The list of statements is available at <https://apha.org/Policies-and-Advocacy/Public-Health-Policy-Statements/Policy-Statement-Archiving>
- The deadline for requests to keep statements active was June 30th. A rationale for keeping the policy statement active and removing it from the consent agenda for archiving was required to accompany the request. The Science Board reviewed these requests.
- Archived policy statements no longer guide APHA policy and practice but continue to serve as historical documents. They can be accessed by all APHA members and will be provided to non-members upon request. Policy statements are archived in order to ensure APHA policy statements maintain strong and up to date evidence, scientific reasoning and actions steps.

Science Board review of the statements requested to be kept active

- The Science Board received one complete request to keep active [Policy Statement 20023](#), Support of Healthy Aging through the Promotion and Prevention of Disease and Injury and one request without an accompanying rationale to keep active [Policy Statement 20025](#), Preserving the Right to Know Information and Encouraging Hazard Reduction to Reduce the Risk of Exposure to Toxic Substances
- The Science Board reviewed the requests and policy statements and assessed whether the science, references and action steps remained current.
- The remaining 11 policy statements adopted in 2002 and scheduled for archiving will auto archive at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting
- Updates of archived policy statements may still be submitted by members into the proposed policy statement development process

Archiving

Motion: The Science Board RECOMMENDS policy statements 20023, Support of Healthy Aging through the Promotion and Prevention of Disease and Injury be kept active for one additional year by the Governing Council

Options: Yea or Nay

Archiving

Motion: The Science Board RECOMMENDS policy statement 20025, Preserving the Right to Know Information and Encouraging Hazard Reduction to Reduce the Risk of Exposure to Toxic Substances be archived by the Governing Council as scheduled at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting

Options: Yea or Nay

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Proposed Policy Statement Consent Agenda



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The JPC RECOMMENDS the following proposed policy statements for adoption by the Governing Council

A2: Intellectual Property Protections and Profits Limit Global Vaccine Access

A3: A Call to Expand International Debt Relief for All Developing Countries to Increase Access to Public Resources for Health Care

A4: Support for Decent Work for All as a Public Health Goal in the United States

B1: Advancing Environmental Health and Justice: A Call for Assessment and Oversight of Healthcare Waste

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 Concerns

Proposed Policy Statement Consent Agenda (cont.)

The JPC RECOMMENDS the following proposed policy statements for adoption by the Governing Council

C1: A Strategy to Address Systemic Racism and Violence as Public Health Priorities: Training and Supporting Community Health Workers to Advance Equity and Violence Prevention

C2: Preserving Public Health Capacity by Protecting the Workforce and Authority

C7: Advancing Health Equity Through Protecting and Promoting Access to Voting

D1: Reimagining Public Health Leadership for Health Equity: Moving Towards Collaborative and Community- Centered Applied Practice

D2: Ensuring Equitable Access to Affordable Prescription Medications

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**Motion: To adopt the proposed
policy statement consent agenda**

Options: Yea or Nay

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Additional Recommendations



Additional Recommendations: Proposed Policy Statement

The JPC **DOES NOT RECOMMEND** the Governing Council adopt the following proposed policy statements

B4: Support for Women's Inclusion in HIV-Related Clinical Research

C3: Public Health Approach to Firearm Violence and Injury Prevention

Additional Recommendations: Proposed Policy Statement

**Motion: To adopt the proposed
policy statement B4**

JPC Recommendation: Do not adopt

Choices: Yea or Nay

Additional Recommendations: Proposed Policy Statement

**Motion: To adopt the proposed
policy statement C3**

**JPC Recommendation: Do not
adopt**

Choices: Yea or Nay

Additional Recommendations: Late Breaker

The JPC RECOMMENDS the following proposed policy statement for adoption
(late breakers cannot appear on the consent agenda):

LB1: Public Health Actions that Support Implementation of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Additional Recommendations: Late Breaker

**Motion: To adopt the proposed
policy statement LB1**

JPC Recommendation: Adopt

Choices: Yea or Nay

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