



The Colorado Public Health Association  
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### **About the Association**

Established in 1938, the Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA) is the state's largest public health membership association with nearly 400 public health professionals from throughout the state. CPHA's mission is to work together to assure healthy people and healthy places in Colorado.

Among the groups that comprise CPHA's membership are the following:

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| • Nurses                      | • Preventive Medicine Specialists   | • Academicians        |
| • Environmental Specialists   | • Alternative Health Care Providers | • Policymakers        |
| • Health Educators            | • Social Workers                    | • Interested Citizens |
| • Physicians                  |                                     | • Students            |
| • Allied Health Professionals |                                     |                       |

### **Association Structure**

CPHA draws members from all Colorado counties and several state and local departments. CPHA's advocacy and legislative interests extend through the full range of public health issues in urban, rural, and mountainous communities. In order to expand its network and visibility, CPHA works to establish strategic partnerships with other public and private organizations across the state. CPHA is organized by a Board of Directors and four standing committees that work together to support the membership. Affiliate organizations such as the Public Health Nurses Association (PHNAC) and the Colorado Society for Public Health Education (COSOPHE) are also voting members on the Board of Directors. CPHA welcomes affiliation with other organizations that support public health efforts.

### **Activities of CPHA**

- Monthly Board meetings to discuss current issues and ways to meet the needs of the membership. Meetings are open to all members.
- Annual meeting and professional education conference
- Legislative Advocacy Training
- Lobbying on behalf of priorities of the Association
- Promoting public health workforce development with graduate students and practitioners state-wide
- Website and E-mail Alerts - The association keeps members in touch with each other and current issues through its website and periodic e-mail alerts. Job opportunities and upcoming events are also posted on the website.

### **Legislative Support**

The Public Health Policy Committee, along with CPHA's contract lobbyist, prepares resolutions and legislative updates/alerts, and keeps track of public health issues under consideration by the State Legislature and Congress.

Recent Legislative Successes:

- SB08-94 – Public Health Revitalization Bill
- SB06-100 – Creation of the Colorado Kids 1<sup>st</sup> License Plate
- Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act

### **Legislative Priorities for 2009**

- Efforts to reduce the number of uninsured Coloradans
- Support continued and increased funding for local public health services
- School nutrition and efforts to combat childhood obesity
- Support efforts to improve oral health and children and adults
- Support strong oil and gas regulations that protect the public's health

We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss these ideas with the Committee. If additional information is needed, please contact:

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