

Public Health Policy Priorities and Legislative Landscapes

Board of Health Meeting

February 8, 2024

Local Landscape

Nashville

Policies

- Health in All Policies (HiAP)
 - Cross-departmental collaboration throughout Metro to incorporate health considerations when creating policies or programs.
 - What are the impacts?
 - Who is being served?
 - How can this be equitable?
- Healthy Nashville Leadership Council
 - Community Health Assessment (CHA)
 - NACCHO and PHAB
 - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
 - Approved Strategic Issues
 - Housing and transportation
 - Whole Health
 - Economic Opportunity and Job Skill Development
 - Food Access and Insecurity
 - Awareness and navigation of community resources

Legislation

- Passage of bills/resolutions:
 - Banning smoking indoors in 21+ establishments
 - Accepting grant funding
 - Friends of MACC
 - Ryan White Part A
 - WIC
 - High-impact areas with adverse outcomes related to SUD
 - Supporting 10-year Healthy People Goals (Healthy People 2030)
 - Data modernization and data driven policy decisions
 - What will the Nashville look like in 10 years?
 - Predictive modeling
 - What will we need to respond to population changes?
 - Violence prevention
 - Opioid abatement funds – care model

Where Metro Nashville's Budget Money Comes From – Revenues

Total \$3,218,202,300

Property Taxes: 51.42%

Local Option Sales Tax: 22.69%

Grants and Contributions: 14.62%

Fund Balance Appropriated: 0.00%

All Other Revenues: 11.27%



Metro Nashville Revenue Sources

Where Metro Nashville's Budget Money Goes – Expenditures



Total \$3,218,202,300

Education: 37.46%

Public Safety and Justice: 20.37%

General Government: 13.05%

Debt Service: 12.74%

Infrastructure and Transportation: 5.59%

Health and Social Services: 4.54%

Recreation and Culture: 4.10%

Other: 2.15%

Allocation of Funding

Convening and supporting community partnerships and collaboration.

Transitioning from an informing to empowerment

Input on policy that leads to community action and advocacy

Better communication to the public on:

Public health legislation

Local public health policy

Data modernization

Interactive dashboard

Data reporting

Where Can
MPHD Grow in
this
Landscape?

State Landscape

Tennessee

Policies

Top Issues for Public Health Policy in Tennessee

- Gun Violence/gun control
- Reproductive Rights
- Maternity Care Deserts
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Opioids
- Rural Health
- Income Inequality
- Lack of Medicaid expansion

Legislation

Tennessee General Assembly Membership

- Senate
 - 27 Republican
 - 6 Democrat
- House
 - 75 Republican
 - 24 Democrat

The General Assembly mainly concerns itself with rules, regulatory actions and health care spending, in the arenas of public health. This is often at the advisement of private and public organizations and the state health department.

Legislation

Medicaid

- TN has chosen a block grant waiver instead of Medicaid expansion.
 - Rationale: more cost savings and ability to re-invest back into TennCare.
 - Potential issues
 - Incentivization of cost-cutting
 - No requirements to expand services or cover more people

Legislation

Reproductive Rights

- Post Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.
 - Trigger ban took effect on August 25th 2022.
 - Loss of Title X funding from federal government (HHS)
 - Family planning disruptions and unequal access
 - Federal funding now issued to non-government entities to deliver services to those who otherwise would be barred.

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/TennCareIIIFAQs.pdf>

<https://www.tnjustice.org/blockgrant> <https://www.astepeaheadchattanooga.org/es/an-update-on-birth-control-access-in-tennessee/>

Federal Landscape

Tennessee

Policies

- Mental Health
- Workplace Wellness
- Overdose
- Immunizations
- Reproductive Health
- Health Access
- Data Privacy and Modernization
- Environmental Health/Climate Change
- Health worker burnout
- Health Misinformation

Legislation

- Congressional Makeup
 - 118th Congress (2023–2025) - Senate
 - Majority Party: Democrats (48 seats)
 - Minority Party: Republicans (49 seats)
 - Other Parties: 3 Independents
 - Total Seats: 100
 - 118th Congress (2023–2025) – House
 - Majority Party: Republicans (222 seats)
 - Minority Party: Democrats (213 seats)
 - Other Parties: 0
 - Total Seats: 435

Legislation

Office	Name	Party	Date assumed office	Date term ends
U.S. House Tennessee District 1	Diana Harshbarger	Republican	January 3, 2021	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 2	Tim Burchett	Republican	January 3, 2019	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 3	Charles J. Fleischmann	Republican	January 3, 2011	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 4	Scott DesJarlais	Republican	January 3, 2011	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 5	Andy Ogles	Republican	January 3, 2023	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 6	John Rose	Republican	January 3, 2019	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 7	Mark Green	Republican	January 3, 2019	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 8	David Kustoff	Republican	January 3, 2017	January 3, 2025
U.S. House Tennessee District 9	Steve Cohen	Democratic	January 3, 2007	January 3, 2025

Legislation

- There are a large amount of bills pending in the house subcommittee on health care.
- Several bills are focusing on:
 - Climate change
 - Social Security
 - Medicare
 - Prescription drug costs
 - HIPAA/data privacy
 - Reproductive health
 - Maternal and child health

Thank you!