

## **Public Health Preparedness Policy Committee**

**Mission:** The Public Health Preparedness Policy Committee analyzes public health and health system preparedness issues to produce recommendations for state-based public health policy. The committee's deliberations and recommendations will be operationalized to assist Members in developing preparedness activities and in integrating preparedness efforts with existing state-based public health programs.

### **Goals and Objectives:**

- Identify, define, and quantify basic preparedness capabilities and thresholds and prioritize infrastructure resources and services.
- Advocate for sustained preparedness funding for state health agencies to maintain their readiness to respond to public health threats and emergencies, including possible terrorist activities.
- Support national coordination of public health and health system preparedness efforts and promote collaboration among state health agencies and non-governmental entities, as appropriate, to help build shared methods and practices to state-based preparedness.
- Develop and advance ASTHO policy positions on national public health preparedness and infrastructure issues.
- Discover and foster approaches to ensure optimal training and sustainment of the state public health workforce as new preparedness issues, policies and programs emerge.
- Identify and promote enhanced communication and information sharing opportunities among state and federal health agencies and other governmental entities about preparedness plans, processes, policies and programs.
- Monitor and analyze emerging federal legislative proposals to understand their potential impact on state-based preparedness policies and programs.

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