

Preparedness Policy Committee

Description/Mission

The Preparedness Policy Committee analyzes public health and health system preparedness issues to develop recommendations for state-based public health policy. The committee's deliberations and recommendations are operationalized to assist members in developing preparedness activities and integrating preparedness efforts with existing state-based public health programs.

2019 Committee Priorities

- Develop State and Territorial Health Official Leadership for response to disasters
- Increase State/Territorial public health capacity to respond to disease outbreaks
- Education and Advocacy of public health preparedness funding and activities as integral parts of national security

Committee 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 legislation.

2019 Committee Membership

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| ▪ J. Patrick O'Neal [Chair] (SHO, GA) | ▪ Michael Loehr (DPHP Chair, WA) |
| ▪ Randall Williams [Vice Chair] (SHO, MO) | ▪ Cheryl Petersen-Kroeber (DPHP Chair-Elect, MN) |
| ▪ Tom Bates (SHO, OK) | ▪ Wayne Denny (NASEMSO Representative) |
| ▪ Kristina Box (SHO, IN) | ▪ Alan Siniscalchi (CSTE Representative) |
| ▪ Alexia Harrist (SHO, WY) | ▪ Maureen Sullivan (APHL Representative) |
| ▪ Paul Halverson (Alumni) | |
| ▪ Susan Fanelli (Sr. Deputy, CA) | |
| ▪ Ken Sharp (Sr. Deputy, IA) | |