



Join public health officials, administrators and practitioners; lawyers; researchers; leaders of community-based organizations and others who are working to advance health and health equity in their communities at the 2025 Public Health Law Conference. More than 40 sessions will focus on current critical issues in health and racial health equity; advocacy and community engagement; public health authority and systems; harm reduction; cannabis legalization and regulation; as well as issues in emerging areas. **Use code EARLYBIRD2025 to register with an early bird discount through November 27. [Learn more and register here.](#)**

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## Law & Policy Insights



### Racism in Local Drug Paraphernalia Laws: An Argument for Repeal

The "War on Drugs," which is rooted in racism, is a failed approach to ending drug-related harm. By repealing the unjust paraphernalia laws that resulted from it, jurisdictions can focus on evidence-based, effective, common-sense approaches that respect the dignity and autonomy of people who use drugs.



### Regulated Cannabis Has a Hemp Problem

In many states, hemp products are on the market without the same public health protections that govern states' licensed cannabis markets. While the federal government considers potential legislation and states continue to struggle in court, intoxicating hemp products continue to be sold with little oversight in many jurisdictions.

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## Resources



### Law and Policy Pathways: Community Adaptation to Climate Change

The process of community adaptation describes the ability of communities to lessen the impacts of climate change through actions that can be implemented at a local level. This resource outlines examples of community adaptation policies that involve public health departments, as well as housing, transportation, energy, and agriculture agencies, with community engagement in each step of the process.

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## 2025 Public Health Law Conference



### Call for Abstracts Now Open!

The Network for Public Health Law is excited to announce our call for abstracts for the 2025 Public Health Law Conference, to be held September 16 – 18 in Seattle, Washington. We invite submissions related to these priority areas: Health and Racial Health Equity; Advocacy and Community Engagement; Public Health Authority and Systems; Harm Reduction; Data Access, Sharing and Privacy; and Emerging Issues. **Submissions will be accepted through November 27.**

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## Worth Sharing

### Network for Public Health Law Among Leading Public Health Organizations Joining Moyle Case as Amicus in 9th Circuit

The Network filed an amicus brief in the *Moyle v. United States* case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. This case challenges whether Idaho can legally prevent pregnant individuals from accessing emergency medical care mandated under the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). The Network urges the court to uphold EMTALA's clear mandates, ensuring that restrictive state laws do not compromise critical emergency care.

### 'Incredibly Hot': Extreme Weather Exposes Practical Health Challenges

Jill Krueger, Director of Climate and Health at the Network, spoke to Erin Durkin at the *National Journal* for this article on how health officials are dealing with the immediate impacts of the severe heat waves and stronger storms that are becoming more frequent due to climate change.

### Webinar: Physician Duties When Law Restricts Reproductive Health Care

Friday, November 1, 2024 | 12 – 1:30pm CT

Since the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, physicians may find their professional obligations to care for patients in conflict with state laws restricting reproductive health care. This webinar, sponsored by the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences, will feature three experts on the frontlines of this difficult health care issue to discuss this conflict between law, ethics, and medicine.

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## Job Opportunities

### Director, Health Equity - Remote

The Network is seeking a Director to oversee its Health Equity Team, which is committed to advancing health and social justice in communities by using law and policy to improve health outcomes for traditionally under-resourced communities and populations. The Health Equity Director will oversee and manage the team's day to day operations, strategic planning, outreach efforts, capacity building, legal technical assistance, trainings and presentations, and resource development activities.

### Senior Attorney, Mid-States Region - Remote

The Network is seeking a Senior Attorney to work with its Mid-States Region team. This position will focus on the legal and technical issues in the use and exchange of public health data within the broader context of modernization initiatives for inter-governmental and healthcare data interoperability.

### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program is a hands-on experience at the nexus of health, science, and policy. This is a non-partisan fellowship that brings mid-career health professionals to the forefront of the federal policymaking process through a one-year placement as a senior advisor to an elected or appointed federal government official. Fellows gain the leadership experience needed to improve our nation's health. Applications for the 2025 – 2026 Fellowship class will be accepted through November 5, 2024.

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## Tell Us What You're Working On.

### We're Ready to Help.

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.

[Request Assistance →](#)



## Thank you!

Your interest in the work of the Network is important. Together, we can advance law as a tool to

improve public health. **Please forward the Network Report and encourage others to [join the Network!](#)**

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