

**2022**



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**New Beginnings at 75**

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

IPHA Members and Supporters,

It's hard to believe that 2022 has come to a close. IPHA had a busy 75th anniversary year, continuing to strengthen our organization – and celebrating! You'll find more details about IPHA's efforts and achievements in this report. A lot has happened during 2022 in the public health world. At long last, COVID-19 vaccines became available to everyone over the age of 6 months. Concerns about mpox and polio stretched even thinner the already overextended public health workforce. Gun violence continued to devastate our country and recently overtook car crashes as the leading cause of death for children. Reproductive rights have been challenged, bringing forth new obstacles in improving maternal and child health outcomes. Indiana was highlighted as the Governor's Public Health Committee finalized their recommendations for improving public health outcomes and strengthening the workforce.

IPHA members and the entirety of Indiana's public health workforce continue to face public health challenges daily. It is often daunting, thankless work. We strive to make IPHA a home where everyone in public health can discuss challenges (and frustrations) and brainstorm solutions. We have worked, and will continue to work, to create a space where our members feel how much they are appreciated and valued. Thank you, IPHA members, Indiana public health personnel, IPHA staff, and IPHA board members for continuing to show up and work to improve the health of all people and all communities across the State of Indiana.

We are looking forward to the new year and its new opportunities. Thank you for continuing to guide and support IPHA's work and the work of public health professionals across Indiana.

*Ellie Hansotte*

President



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# NEW BEGINNINGS AT 75

IPHA celebrated our 75th Anniversary this year, and we continued to see growth in our organization. We hired our first full-time staff member since 2019, expanded our board and developed a new orientation, diversified our funding sources, and began the process of revising our bylaws.

As we continue to expand and advance our health equity focus, IPHA also conducted an internal diversity, equity, and inclusion assessment that will inform our updated strategic plan for the year ahead.

All of these changes supported our continued advocacy for public health policy, student engagement, and workforce development. We look forward to our continued growth and development in 2023!

## IPHA's Winning "History Slide" for the APHA Council of Affiliates:

Internal Transformation	Indiana Public Health Association New Beginnings at 75	External Impact
Bylaws Revision 		 Focus on Health Equity
Strategic Plan Update 		 Upstream Workforce Development
Board Expansion 		 Continued Policy & Advocacy Efforts
Restructure with Health by Design 		 Student Engagement Strategies
Organizational Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Assessment 		 Statewide Infrastructure & Capacity Building

# A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AFFILIATE

Each year during the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Expo, the APHA Council of Affiliates recognizes state affiliates for their accomplishments. The Indiana Public Health Association is proud to announce that we were selected as the 2022 Outstanding Affiliate of the Year.

Additionally, our former intern, now full-time Program Coordinator, Sara Suisman, was awarded 2022 Outstanding Student of the Year! Sara completed her Master of Public Health at the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health in Spring 2022 and has become a leader for the IPHA team. She founded the new Student Advisory Group and created the Administrators 101 Toolkit, among other impactful projects for IPHA and the Indiana public health workforce.



Ellie Hansotte & Sara Suisman hold INPHA's awards at the Council of Affiliates award ceremony.




# GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

In August 2021, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb established the Governor's Public Health Commission (GPHC) to examine the state's public health system, identify its strengths and weaknesses, and recommend improvements to advance the health of Hoosiers.

Kim Irwin, IPHA Administrator, was one of sixteen representatives selected for the Commission. The GPHC met monthly, and traveled the state to facilitate seven listening sessions in addition to seeking virtual public input.

As a result, the final [GPHC Report](#) was published in July 2022, providing recommendations for improvement in the areas of governance, infrastructure, and services, workforce development, emergency preparedness, public health funding, data and information integration, and child and adolescent health.

Looking ahead to the 2023 legislative session, IPHA is committed to helping ensure the report recommendations will be implemented to build a healthier Indiana. In January 2023, IPHA will host our annual Policy & Advocacy Forum to equip public health professionals to advocate alongside us.



# HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT

In partnership with Health by Design and the Health Equity Action Team (HEAT), and with the support of 22 different sponsoring organizations, IPHA organized and hosted the Health Equity Summit in June. Attendees from around the state and presenters from around the region gathered virtually for two days of learning about existing health equity work and tools for expanding and operationalizing health equity efforts in Indiana.

Dr. Renée Branch Canady presented an impactful keynote session and workshop on "The Journey to Transform Public Health," which equipped attendees with fundamental steps to become change agents and advance justice in their own work.

Presentations from regional and local organizations working to advance health equity efforts equipped attendees with tools, examples, and resources for implementing health equity strategies into their own work.

107 attendees participated in the two-day virtual event.

12 speakers from four different states were on this year's agenda!

IPHA and our partners hosted ten HEAT meetings this year, with participation from over 60 different organizations.



## IPHA Annual Meeting & Conference + National Public Health Week (NPHW)

We celebrated IPHA's 75th anniversary during April's Annual Meeting & Conference. We also learned about systems change, self care for public health professionals, and workforce development for Indiana. Our intern, Htayni Sui, helped us celebrate NPHW online!



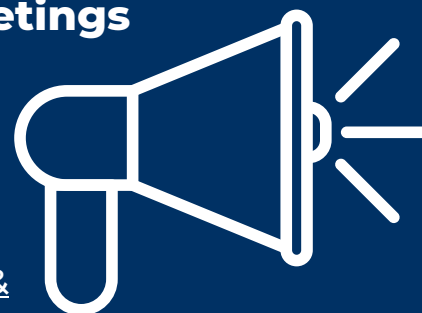
### **Celebrating Public Health Heroes**

IPHA recognized twelve public health heroes throughout 2022 who were nominated by their peers for their support of Indiana's public health. We celebrated Public Health Thank You Day on November 21 and are [accepting nominations for 2023 Public Health Heroes!](#)



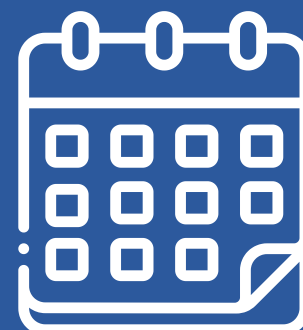
### **Policy & Advocacy Forum + Committee Meetings**

The Policy & Advocacy Committee met eleven months out of the year, with an engaging Policy & Advocacy Forum taking place in February. We learned new advocacy and storytelling skills, in addition to an update on the Governor's Public Health Commission. [Join us in January 2023 for the next Policy & Advocacy Forum!](#)



### **Monthly Lunch Meet-Ups**

Throughout 2022, we highlighted state agencies' work and their connection to health, including representatives from the Departments of Natural Resources, Health, Transportation, and others. Our final meeting of the year was a debrief of the APHA conference, sharing information from attendees and presenters.



### **Administrators 101 Toolkit**

The new Administrators 101 Toolkit was created by IPHA in collaboration with the Local Health Department Manager's Association (LHDMA) of Indiana. It contains information, resources, and templates intended to support LHD administrators and other staff in their efforts to keep our communities healthy.





## APHA Council of Affiliates Presentations

IPHA staff and Board members attended the APHA Conference in Boston, presenting in two Council of Affiliates sessions on 1. Assessing, Addressing, and Improving the Indiana Public Health Association's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Practices and 2. Strengthening the Workforce: Meaningfully Engaging Students through a Student Advisory Group.



## Health Equity Action Team (HEAT)

In partnership with Health by Design and our Health Equity Action Team Steering Committee, IPHA hosted eleven HEAT meetings throughout the year, bringing together advocates for health equity from around Indiana. Guest speakers presented at each meeting, with representatives from 65 different organizations joining throughout the year.



## Shifting Upstream Trainings

IPHA continues to equip public health professionals around Indiana with the tools they need to "shift upstream." We hosted a day-long training for the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center, and presented in Prosperity Indiana's "Health is Wealth" series on the social determinants of health.



## IPHA Job Board

Organizational members received a new benefit this year as we launched the IPHA Job Board on our website. Public health professionals can check the job board regularly for statewide postings from IPHA's network of nearly 30 organizational members!



## Vote for Health

This fall, IPHA built on the Speak for Health resources shared by APHA to launch our Vote for Health educational campaign. Members of our board, lunch meet-ups, and Policy & Advocacy Committee shared why civic engagement is important to them and to Indiana's public health. Those stories accompanied voting and public health resources shared on our virtual platforms.



# STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

The new Student Advisory Group (SAG) is comprised of nine student members and three university liaisons from institutions across Indiana.

Together, these representatives have made enormous progress in defining the SAG's purpose and role within IPHA. They have also identified ways to facilitate more meaningful student engagement experiences for those we serve.

Now that the purpose and foundation have been built by the inaugural SAG cohort, we're excited to roll out new student-serving projects in the new year! These opportunities will provide networking and professional opportunities for student and early-career public health professionals. Recruitment for the next SAG cohort will begin soon - make sure to share the opportunity with students in your network!

*Special thanks to our interns...*



**Htayni Sui**  
MPH Student  
2022 Intern



**Bruce Davis**  
MPH Student  
2022 Intern

# SEE HOW WE'VE GROWN

## Funding

IPHA added new, diverse funding sources throughout 2022, including partnerships, grants, or contracts with organizations such as:

- American Public Health Association - All of Us
- Indiana Department of Health
- Indiana University Health
- Marion County Public Health Department
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- Region V Public Health Training Center
- Serve Indiana

## Membership

We have over 300 active members and 29 organizational members, with 100 students becoming members over the past year! IPHA saw a 40% increase in new member registration from 2021 to 2022.

## Engagement

Over the past year, more than 330 users have joined our online communities, whether following along on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, or our monthly email newsletter. We also released new resources via our website, including the Vote for Health campaign and the organizational member job board.



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