

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

To join the Iowa Counties Public Health Association please contact Sara Imhof at sara-imhof@uiowa.edu to request an application.

Or visit www.i-cpha.org. The application button is on the left column.

Note: membership dues are \$75 per year.

IOWA COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Mission

To enhance local public health practice by assisting local public health agencies through advocacy, leadership, education, communication, and relationships with local, state, and national public health system partners.



The Iowa Counties Public Health Association (ICPHA) is a 501 C (3) nonprofit organization representing local public health agencies. ICPHA is supported through a grant with the University of Iowa and membership dues. ICPHA enjoys a membership participation of the majority of the State's local health departments. ICPHA is a partner with the Institute for Public Health Practice, College of Public Health at the University of Iowa and is an affiliate member of the Iowa Association of Counties and the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

GOALS

The goals of ICPHA are to:

- * Promote and enhance public health practice policy in Iowa.
- * Strengthen and foster local public health agencies in Iowa; taking an active role in the state and local legislative process.
- * Improve the communication and cooperation among local public health agencies.
- * Define and disseminate information on public health issues.
- * Provide leadership on matters of public health importance.

PURPOSE

Our purpose is to represent local public health agencies by:

- * Speaking for, and acting on behalf of local public health agencies in Iowa.
- * Promoting a local public health perspective in state health program and fiscal policy.
- * Supporting public health systems to improve the health status of Iowa's population.
- * Developing the technical competence, managerial capacity, and leadership potential of the public health workforce.
- * Promoting a vision of public health and leadership for local public health agencies.
- * Developing and sustaining relationships with other organizations to improve health systems and health status.
- * Serving as an exchange point for information and ideas to keep local health officials informed.
- * Promoting partnerships among federal, state, and local health officials.

"I value my membership with ICPHA because it provides opportunities to know my peers across the state and to build long lasting relationships that I can turn to for support in my work."

– Laura Beeck

"Being an ICPHA member helps me fulfill my responsibilities as a local health department director by providing an easy way to be connected and engaged in state and national public health advocacy and

legislation." – Linda Rosenberger

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK

Advocacy

ICPHA advocates for public health policies and legislation at the national and state level. Through ICPHA, local health departments can take individual and collective stands on national and state policy and program endorsements. ICPHA members have a presence on 18 state advisory groups. ICPHA also provides opportunities to engage with key leaders from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Workforce Development

ICPHA's Workforce Development Group provides input into the implementation of state-wide public health curriculum and public health competencies. This group also provides a voluntary mentoring program to new directors.