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Subject Engage with leaders ready to support your public health priorities

Gael,

Connect with the Network for Public Health Law's leadership team at the 2025 Public Health Law Conference!

Each member of our leadership team is committed to making the Network a resource you can rely on, helping you navigate complex legal and policy issues, access tools and trainings to support your work, and build meaningful connections that strengthen your efforts.

Reach out to any of us and start a conversation that can continue at the conference. We hope to see you in Seattle!

Network Leadership

Quang (Q) H.
Dang, Executive
Director

Q H. Dang, J.D.,
leads program
strategy and
oversees the work
of the Network's
legal teams in
advancing law and
policy solutions
and providing

direct legal
technical
assistance to those
working to create
healthier, more
equitable
communities. He
also works closely
with public health
and public health
law partner
organizations, as
well as community,
philanthropic and
advocacy
organizations
working to
advance health in
their
communities.
[Connect with
Q.](#)

Ann Phi-Wendt, Executive Managing Director

Ann Phi-Wendt, M.B.A, leads organizational development, strategic planning, governance, and operations. Ann oversees the Network's Program Operations Team, which manages the delivery and evaluation of programs and services, and the Communications Team, which manages a national communications strategy to raise awareness of the Network, its services and resources, and its role in improving public health. These teams also plan and organize the Network's Public Health Law Conference. [Connect with Ann.](#)

Allison N. Winnike,
Director, Western
Region

Allison N. Winnike,
J.D., oversees
strategic and
sustainability
planning, day-to-
day operations,
legal technical
assistance,
outreach efforts,
and product

development
activities for the
Network's Western
Region Team.
Allison and her
team have
extensive
expertise in health
policy; public
health emergency
preparedness and
response;
immunization law
and policy; public
health authority;
health information
technology and
telemedicine; and
smoking laws.

[Connect with
Allison.](#)

Dr. April Shaw, Interim Director, Health Equity

April Shaw, Ph.D., J.D., is the Interim Director of the Network's Health Equity Team. She has expertise in breaking down the policy impacts of laws and illuminating how theory can inform practice. She also has expertise in racial health equity and is especially interested in thinking through how multiple inequities intersect to create systemic disparities. Some of her team's areas of focus include mental health, suicide prevention, cultural healing and safety, and climate justice.

[Connect with
April.](#)

Corey Davis,
Director, Harm
Reduction Legal
Project

Corey Davis, J.D.,
M.S.P.H., serves as
Director of the
Network's Harm
Reduction Legal
Project, which
works to address

the legal and policy barriers that impede the establishment and expansion of evidence-based harm reduction measures such as naloxone distribution, syringe access programs, and access to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment. Corey and his team provide guidance and consultation in navigating the often extremely confusing maze of existing laws and regulations that hamper harm reduction initiatives. [Connect with Corey.](#)

Jill Krueger, Director, Climate and Health

Jill Krueger, J.D., serves as Director of the Network's Climate and Health Team, which focuses on innovative legal and policy strategies to mitigate the disparate health impacts of climate change, increase community resilience to climate change and natural disasters, and reverse the impacts of inequitable laws and policies. Jill and her team lead work on extreme heat, flooding, climate migration and displacement, air quality, mental health, and community engaged decision making. [Connect with Jill.](#)

Kathleen Hoke,
Director, Eastern
Region

Kathleen Hoke,
J.D., oversees work

on injury prevention; housing law and policy; regulation of alcohol, and tobacco; food security; maternal and child health; and oral health as Director of the Network's Eastern Region Team. She brings her expertise on the sources and scope of state and local public health powers to work in examining recent changes in laws impacting public health authority that have been proposed and passed in response to public health agency action during the pandemic. [Connect with Kathi.](#)

Stephen Murphy, Director, Mid-States Region

Stephen Murphy, J.D., leads work on public health data access, data sharing, data modernization, public health authority, health equity, and other issues as Director of the Network's Mid-States Region Team. In addition to providing legal technical assistance, resources, and trainings in these areas, Stephen and his team also facilitate the Privacy Officers Peer Group, which comprises over 200 privacy officers from state and local health departments across the country to advance best practices in public health data privacy through shared learning and peer support. [Connect with Stephen.](#)

Anna
Schmalzbauer,
Director of
Program

Operations

Anna Schmalzbauer, M.P.P., leads development of long-term operational strategies, and oversees the delivery and evaluation of programs, services, and projects, as well as providing financial management and management of organizational policies, systems, and procedures. Anna is also responsible for directing the planning and organizing of the Network's Public Health Law Conference.
[Connect with Anna.](#)

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