

#### **Position Statements**

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# Rationale and Background

PHMDC and the Board of Health for Madison & Dane County are required to advance policy to improve the health of our community.

- Wisconsin State Statutes
- Wisconsin Administrative Code
- Intergovernmental Agreement for the creation of PHMDC
- Public Health Accreditation Board Standards and Measures

# PPE Policy Team

Policy analysts: Jami Crespo & Nick Heckman

PPE policy specialists: Sarah Johnson & Ryan Sheahan

**PPE leadership**: Division Director & Supervisor Sandy

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#### **Activities to date:**

- 1. Creating a charter and plan of work
- 2. developing an agency Advocacy Agenda
- 3. training staff on lobbying/education/advocacy and position statement development

## Position Statements

#### Goals:

- To proactively developing position statements on current or emerging public health issues or legislation
- To exercise the Board of Health's authority to formally approve department position statements and resolutions and share them with the public

### Process

- 1. Acquire a supervisor sponsorship
- 2. Submit a Planning Brief to the Policy Team
  - Approval by X-Team
- 3. Write the Position Statement
  - Approval by X-Team
  - Approval by the Board of Health

# Writing a Position Statement

#### **WHAT: Position Summary**

- PHMDC supports Tobacco 21 policies which raise the minimum age for the sale of tobacco from 18 to 21.
- PHMDC supports efforts to increase access and availability of doulas for families of color in Dane County.
- PHMDC believes that school drinking water should be free of lead.

# Writing a Position Statement

#### **WHY: Justification**

Why should PHMDC be taking a position on this work?

- A. Background
- **B.** Localize
- C. Evidence Base

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#### **HOW: Recommendations**

If relevant, include recommendations for policies or system changes that PHMDC would like community partners, local government, state government, and the federal government to consider.

## Questions?