



MPHA 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA SUMMARY

The MPHA Proposed 2022 Legislative Agenda was presented to the membership during the November 17, 2021, business meeting. This summary includes the broad topic areas of priority advocacy work for MPHA in 2022. A more detailed list with policy briefs will be posted in January 2022.

- Support for the MSDH Budget
 - ✓ Includes monitoring for unfunded mandates
- Telehealth As a Means to Increase Access to Health Care
- Medicaid Expansion/Access to Health Care
- Immunizations
 - ✓ Protection of current laws and regulations
- Tobacco Tax
- Medical Marijuana, including funding and regulation/role of MSDH
- COVID related topics
 - ✓ Use of federal funds to support infrastructure and workforce
 - ✓ Flexibility to use the federal money to escalate MSDH budget

The Committee also identified other potential related issues for monitoring and tracking. Those include the following:

- The state's water and sewer infrastructure
- Increase in minimum wage
- Support for the UMMC Preventive Health Program / Residency
- Support legislation for public health workforce development
- Mental health parity
- Increased access to quality substance abuse treatment services
- Changes in licensure of health care workforce

Action Items Requested:

- Approval of the broad legislative Agenda items for polling with the membership at the November 17, 2021, Business Meeting.