Maine Public Health Association (MPHA) serves as the voice for public health professionals and organizations across Maine - advocating, acting, and advising on critical public health issues at the local, state, and federal levels. We are looking for a small group of MPHA members to serve as ambassadors and champions for public health, with an emphasis on MPHA’s policy priorities, including engaging in policymaker education and grassroots outreach. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact us at [info@mainepublichealth.org](mailto:info@mainepublichealth.org).

Benefits to Members:

* Skills development in advocacy, legislator education, and grassroots outreach
* Networking and relationship building with MPHA members, staff, and Board, other public health professionals, community members, and policymakers
* Insider’s view of Maine public health politics and briefings from MPHA staff

Responsibilities:

* Contribute to MPHA’s advocacy and policymaker education efforts, including, but not limited to:
  + Drafting testimony
  + Submitting testimony (as an individual)
  + Outreach and recruitment of constituents to participate in action alerts
  + Writing op-eds
  + Phone banking
  + Developing issue briefs and fact sheets
  + Developing policy statements
  + Outreach to policymakers (phone and email) on specific issues
  + In-district meetings with policymakers
  + Attending policymaker town halls
  + Bill tracking

Expectations:

* Two-year commitment, covering both legislative sessions
* Participate in regularly scheduled meetings (time and frequency decided by the group and legislative calendar)
* Commit to an average of five hours per month to activities during the legislative session
* Serve as an ambassador for MPHA and champion for public health
* Reach out to your existing networks to promote advocacy and policymaker education opportunities
* Be a member in good standing of MPHA during the duration of your term
* Serve as an independent person, not a representative of your organization or school, or MPHA

Qualifications:

* Commitment to MPHA’s mission and policy priorities
* Demonstrated ability to work independently and as a member of a team
* Experience with or willingness to learn advocacy and policymaker education, and grassroots outreach
* Willingness to step outside your comfort zone with policymaker outreach and education

Application

Name:

Email:

Years in Public Health:

What town/city do you live in:

Maine Senate District:

Maine House District:

1. Do you have any experience in advocacy or policymaker education?
   1. Yes
   2. No
2. What advocacy and/or education skills do you have?
   1. Writing testimony
   2. Giving testimony
   3. Writing op-eds
   4. Phone banking
   5. Grassroots outreach to constituents
   6. Meeting with policymakers
   7. Calling policymakers on specific issues
   8. Developing issue briefs and/or fact sheets
   9. Writing policy statements
   10. Writing action alerts
   11. Bill tracking
3. What advocacy and/or education skills do you hope to gain?
   1. Writing testimony
   2. Giving testimony
   3. Writing op-eds
   4. Phone banking
   5. Grassroots outreach to constituents
   6. Meeting with policymakers
   7. Calling policymakers on specific issues
   8. Developing issue briefs and/or fact sheets
   9. Writing policy statements
   10. Writing action alerts
   11. Bill tracking
4. What public health topic areas do you have knowledge of or experience in?
   1. Public health funding
   2. Alcohol
   3. Tobacco
   4. Opioids
   5. Cannabis
   6. Climate
   7. Environment
   8. Tribal sovereignty
   9. Reproductive health care
   10. Maternal and child health
   11. Gun safety
   12. Mental health
   13. Obesity
   14. Built environment
   15. Public health workforce
   16. Oral health
   17. Criminal justice reform
   18. Public health data
   19. Social Determinants of Health (housing, health care, employment)
   20. Other:
5. Are you able to participate in a recurring (virtual) meeting held during the week?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. I don’t know
6. Why are you interested in participating in this group? What do you hope to contribute and what do you hope to gain?
7. Is there anything else you would like to share?
8. Please provide a writing sample.