



## What is MWPCHA?

The Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association (MWPCHA) is the regional affiliate of the American Public Health Association.

## Why Become a Member?

Get involved with building public health leadership, partnerships and advocating for health equity. MWPCHA Members are encouraged to join a committee or program of interest.

## Who Are Our Members?

We are health professionals, advocates, students, and community members dedicated to improving the health of the District of Columbia and the surrounding areas of Virginia and Maryland.

## When Do We Meet?

MWPCHA holds several events throughout the year.

- Monthly Governing Council meetings
- Monthly Program and Committee meetings.
- Spring Annual Meeting
- Continuing Education
- Annual Fall Social

## Programmatic Committees

MWPCHA programs advocate, educate and report on key public health issues in the region.

**Health Disparities:** Are you down to fight the racism and the inequalities that make us sick? Consider joining the Health Disparities committee social justice efforts. We partner with like minded organizations on issues of living wages, affordable housing and unequal distribution of services. We hold a monthly HIV/AIDS outreach. The subcommittee Positive Places is fighting for an end to the HIV/AIDS housing waiting list.

**Women, Children and Youth:** The goal of this committee is to bring awareness of the health issues of women and young people in the region.

**Food & Nutrition:** We recognize the impact obesity and food insecurity has on our region. We would like to develop an expanded agenda to address this issue. The sub-committee DC Voices for Meal Choices seeks to pass the DC Menu Labeling Act.

**Tobacco Use Policy:** Currently we are supporting Campus for Clean Air at GWU. The goal is to make the campus a tobacco- free environment for the comfort and safety of all of the staff, students, and visitors to the campus.

## Administrative Committees

**Annual Meeting:** Help to shape our annual meeting that is traditionally held during Public Health Week.

**Communications:** Are you a news junkie? Do you like twitter and Facebook? Consider helping to make sure members get timely news

and information about MWPCHA and regional health issues

**Finance:** Are you interested in grant writing? Is getting things for free or low cost your passion? Help MWPCHA stay financially healthy by lending your skills in fundraising and grant writing.

**Membership:** Help MWPCHA create a membership strategy and work towards a larger more engaged membership.

**Professional Development:** Help shape our continuing education programs. If you are interested in developing continuing education opportunities for professionals in the region this is the committee for you.

**Meet and Network With Other Public** MWPCHA sponsors its fall social event, annual conference, volunteer opportunities and continuing education events, in conjunction with providing a members listserv and numerous other opportunities for colleagues to communicate and network.

## **How to become a member!**

Simply, complete the membership form on the back panel of this brochure. Send the completed form to our PO Box address with your payment made payable to MWPCHA. You can also become a member by visiting our website [www.mwpha.org](http://www.mwpha.org).

