

# ON BOARD

November 10, 2025



News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

## Next Meeting:

Saturday, December 13, 2025

**NJLBHA Board Meeting**

10:00 AM EST

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

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## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

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### Free webinar on Safe Drinking Water policy and science

You're invited to join Defend Our Health and Island Press for our webinar Defend Our Health: Authors & Friends on Wednesday, November 12, at 10AM ET.

Our fifth conversation will feature Professor Gardner, an internationally recognized expert in wetland law and policy. Recent projects include testifying before a World Bank arbitration panel, advising the Government of Oman regarding wetland policy, coauthoring amicus briefs on behalf of environmental scientists, and creating interdisciplinary courses that facilitate discourse among experienced scientists, policymakers, and students.

His research and scholarship focus on U.S. and international wetland legal and policy issues, with an emphasis on biodiversity offsets. He has lectured in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America.

Professor Royal Gardner is the author of *Waters of the United States: POTUS, SCOTUS, WOTUS, and the Politics of a National Resource*, examines this unprecedented history—and its importance for today's efforts to conserve a critical natural resource. Professor Gardner teaches Law at Stetson University and is the Co-Director of the Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy. His book not only examines how bodies of water are legally defined (and therefore protected), but who gets to decide on these definitions. The result is a fascinating look at the ongoing power struggle among the president, federal agencies, the courts, the states, and Congress over water quality.

For this conversation, Professor Gardner will be joined by Defend Our Health's organizer, Sergio Cahueque. Sergio has worked heavily on access to safe drinking water in Maine. He will talk about his experience working with impacted communities on well water testing and remediation of contaminants like Arsenic and PFAS, and how this connects to the legislative process and the drinking water policies coming out of the Maine State Legislature.

Register today! [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tmVK6s\\_zSz-9Fozf\\_2RGsw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tmVK6s_zSz-9Fozf_2RGsw)

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## NJIN Monthly Newsletter October 2025

In this edition of the NJIN monthly newsletter, we present several vaccine-related articles and updates related to topics such as Flu, and COVID-19, and Measles.

### Announcements

#### Can We Submit Your Support? Tobacco Enforcement Bills Moving Forward

karla; please add us as a currently sponsoring assn, to the slips placed in vigorous support of these bills. we have been asking in our annual budget testimonies to have a sales or excise tax or surcharge on these products as well as on all tobacco products. i do not know if we will be available to testify, however, you may count on us. we also support the full ban on casino smoking. we are in lock step with GASP on these matters. paul david roman, pres njlbha 732-747-3567

On Tue, Nov 4, 2025 at 1:02 PM Karla Pollack <[karla@absnj.com](mailto:karla@absnj.com)> wrote:

Hi Paul,

Thank you again for supporting the three bills that help enforce the flavored tobacco bans.

We are working to get two of them on the committee agendas this month on November 13 and 24.  
***Can we submit a slip in support for your organization?***

There will also be an opportunity to testify and you can let us know if you'll be in Trenton on those dates.

**A-3992**, Assemblyman Michael Venezia - increasing penalties for prohibited sales of tobacco and vapor products

Commerce committee Nov 24@ 2:00

**S4828**, Joseph F. Vitale

Just introduced last week; Senate Health committee Nov 13 @10am

**A-2388**, Assemblyman WILLIAM W. SPEARMAN - mandating more frequent inspections of cigarette and vapor product dealers (A-2388/S-3644)

Assembly appropriations committee Nov 24 at 2:00

**S-3644**, Linda R. Greenstein, mandating more frequent inspections of cigarette and vapor product dealers

Senate Health committee Nov 13@10am

**A1813/ S3372**- prohibits delivery of electronic smoking devices and tobacco products to individuals under 21 years of age.

Sailed through Assembly last year. First possible opportunities to get voted out of Senate: Nov 10, 13, 17

We are also working with Gov Murphy's Counsel office to ensure his legacy on protecting children from illegal flavored products by signing the bills that reach his desk by the end of session.

Best regards,

**Karla Pollack**

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## Plan4Health Grant Program Collaborates with our Health Officers

What Board Members need to know....

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Good Morning,

As the federal shut down continues and there is a delay in SNAP benefits for many New Jerseyans, I was wondering how your health dept is involved in coordinating these activities? Governor Murphy has declared a state of emergency and activated the

National guard, however these food distribution activities will begin and end locally as every crisis does. I am wondering what conversations everyone is having with their stakeholders from local officials, food pantries, schools, churches and other community groups. For example, We will be utilizing our MRC volunteers in Monmouth to assist in some food distribution activities and potentially home bound requests.

What is everyone doing to help those SNAP recipients especially this month and my hope is we can collectively brainstorm and ask questions here on the forum and see what each jurisdiction is doing which may help someone else. This is the first time in the history of the program we have seen a crisis like this. Also, it is "Jersey week" where schools are closed so students won't be able to get meals at school.

Here are some questions for discussion-

1. How is your community working to ensure residents in your community are getting additional food they need to sustain their family during this crisis?

2. Does your health dept play a role in this process? If so what is your role?

3. What challenges are you hearing in regards to getting meals out quickly to those in need and any concerns related to coordination of food distribution? I.E. lack of staff, transportation, coordination of agencies, cross sector communication.

Thanks and lets work together to come up with strategies that work to ensure our families get what they need.

Chris Merkel  
Immediate Past President

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## Rural Health Conference Event with NJDOH (Nov. 20)

2025 4th Annual New Jersey Rural Health Conference link.

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/states/new-jersey/events>

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### Join us for a live webinar about Plan4HealthNJ

**When:** Friday, November 14th at 12 PM

**Where:** [Zoom](#)  
Calling all Health Educators!

You are invited to learn about **Plan4HealthNJ**, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation–funded initiative that equips municipalities with data and tools to integrate public health into land use planning.

The project will provide toolkits and data to integrate public health goals into existing master plans and develop a Model Master Plan Public Health Element. Areas of focus include housing & community development, transportation/mobility, environment, healthcare access, and healthy food. In the second year, selected communities will receive technical assistance and funding to adopt and implement these strategies.

Join us virtually on **Friday, November 14th at 12pm** to see how this project will support healthier, more resilient communities across New Jersey. Please register in advance by clicking this [link](#).

[Register Here](#)

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Guiding Principles for State Policy on Pharmacy Personnel-Administered Vaccines Endorsed by the following organizations:

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**APhA**  
American Pharmacists Association  
For Every Pharmacist. For All of Pharmacy.

**ascp**  
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Transforming Aging.

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## InsideView

A showcase of NJAAP initiatives  
transforming children's health and  
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Dear Nurture NJ Partners,

I am thrilled to invite you to the 8th Annual Nurture NJ Leadership Summit on Wednesday, December 10th!

Each year, my incredible team and partners bring together experts from across the state and country to build community and strategize approaches to ending New Jersey's maternal and infant health crisis. Last year's Summit brought together nearly 700 national experts, doulas, hospital CEOs and health care providers, elected officials, activists, representatives from state departments and agencies, nonprofit leaders, moms, dads and more to develop strategies for growing and

diversifying our perinatal workforce.

This year's Summit will focus on the critical importance of building trust and a community that works together to drive systemic change. This interactive convening will include panels of state and national experts as well as breakout tables where participants will be able to participate in collaborative discussions and problem solving.

Please join us - in person - on Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 from 8:30am-4:00pm at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel & Executive Meeting Center (3 Tower Center Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ 08816).

Registration and more information can be found here: Nurture New Jersey Summit 2025 - Child Welfare Education Institute | Stockton University. <https://stockton.edu/child-welfare-education-institute/nurture-nj-2025.html>

Our collective efforts have driven remarkable progress – from launching the nation's most robust universal nurse home visitation program, Family Connects NJ, to establishing the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority – the only governmental agency of its kind dedicated to the health and well-being of moms and babies, and we are starting to see our impact! We've seen a reduction in low-risk cesarean births, an increase in utilization of paid leave, the scientific underpinnings behind the 70+ pieces of legislation that Phil has signed, and evidence of Nurture NJ's influence on catalyzing momentum around maternal health efforts. These are just a few examples that show our efforts to address our maternal mortality crisis come from every angle, and they are working!

We are striving to improve the entire experience of pregnancy, delivery, and the postpartum period for mothers, babies and families. There is still much more work ahead, but with this year's Summit, I am eager to learn alongside you how we can continue to build on our accomplishments to advance our shared mission to make New Jersey the safest, most equitable state in the nation to deliver and raise a baby.

Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on my team if you have any questions or thoughts as we work on the final details of the Summit. Looking forward to seeing you on December 10th!

My very best,

Tammy

Tammy Snyder Murphy

First Lady of New Jersey

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