

2024 Legislative Session Update

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ADAMS COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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General Assembly Updates

- 350+ bills introduced to date (all info as of 2/8/24)
 - 1 signed into law (including 1 ACHD priority bill)
- ACHD has taken positions on 12 bills
- Given expert testimony twice
- Major trends:
 - Mental/behavioral health
 - Substance use
 - Housing



General Assembly Updates

- Joint Budget Committee & Governor at odds over spending
- ARPA \$\$ deadline to spend shifting around state budget
- Rep. Julia Marvin rounds at 100-member CO General Assembly
 - 30/100 now come from vacancy committees
- New Behavioral Health Administration announced
 - Dannette R. Smith, most recently the CEO at the Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services



ACHD Legislative Positions – Direct Impact

- SB24-022: Regulate Flavored Tobacco Products
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Confirms county ability to regulate tobacco and nicotine products, including based on flavors. Intersects with current community health work and plans to regulate tobacco in unincorporated Adams County
- HB24-1055: Child Passenger Safety and Education
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Updates child seat safety standards in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics standards. Creates grant program to fund car seat distribution. Nurse Visitation program distributes car seats and WIC staff report receiving many requests from clients about where to obtain car seats



ACHD Legislative Positions – Direct Impact

- HB24-1088: Modifications to the Child Fatality Prevention Act
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: **Oppose**
 - Summary: Would make multiple changes to the Child Fatality Review process that decrease the ability of public health to investigate child deaths and implement measures to avoid future deaths
- SB24-043: Authorizing Direct-to-Consumer Sales of Raw Milk
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes*
 - Position: **Oppose**
 - Summary: Allows sale of raw milk at farmers market, roadside stands, and direct-to-consumer. LPHA's won't have direct regulatory/oversight role, there will likely be an increase in ACHD response to outbreaks in the county



ACHD Legislative Positions – Direct Impact

- HB24-1037: Substance Use Disorders Harm Reduction
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: **Amend**
 - Summary: Among many things, would confirm LPHA ability to distribute smoking supplies/glassware as a part of Harm Reduction programs. Intersects with Harm Reduction goal/priority to implement this program for our clients in Adams County



ACHD Legislative Positions – Community Impact

- HB24-1003: Opiate Antagonists and Detection Products in schools
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Allows students to carry Narcan and testing strips at school; broadens school related places and spaces that can stockpile Narcan and testing strips; expands civil immunity for people that use Narcan/testing strips on school grounds. Intersects with ACHD Harm Reduction work, including work we've done in school districts
- HB24-1007: Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Prohibits cities and counties from establishing occupancy limits in residential housing unless related to health and safety standards



ACHD Legislative Positions – Community Impact

- HB24-1009: Bilingual Child Care Licensing Resources
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Requires Department of Early Childhood to translate resources and outreach materials for potential child care providers into Spanish and easy to read language. Intersects with Maternal and Child Health work
- SB24-007: Behavioral Health First Aid Training Program
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No*
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Creates ‘Train the Trainer’ programming to train community how to recognize and address behavioral health issues/crises. Amendment added by ACHD would explicitly allow LPHA’s to apply for this funding.



ACHD Legislative Positions – Community Impact

- HB24-1084: Repeal & Reenact Earned Income Tax Credit Increase
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No*
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Increases state EITC match to 50% of federal EITC for 2023 tax year. Intersects with work being done by MCH team at pilot tax site at HSC
- SB24-001: Continue Youth Mental Health Services Program
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Makes iMatter program for youth experiencing mental health issues permanent

