Election 2016:
What does it mean for public health?

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Welcome

• Election results may have come as a surprise
• Changing landscape, but always is with new Administration
• NACCHO’s priorities remain the same
  • Being the voice for locals in DC
  • Advocating for programs and funding to strengthen HDs and communities
• You too must step up and tell your story
Overview

• One-party rule
• Public Health Opportunities
• Budget Challenges
• Prevention and Public Health Fund
• Affordable Care Act
• Medicare/Medicaid
• NACCHO Activities
• NACCHO Transition Priorities
• Take Action
One-party Rule Returns

- President-Elect Donald Trump/Vice President Mike Pence
- Republican Majority in House and Senate
- New Senate Minority Leader
  - 60 Votes Needed to Pass Most Legislation
- New Members of Congress
  - 30 Democrats
  - 26 Republicans
Public Health Opportunities

• Support for PH is bi-partisan
• Prevention Saves $$$$ 
• Local health departments improve economic well-being, educational success and nationwide competitiveness
• Infectious disease prevention, immunization, emergency preparedness are bipartisan issues
• Zika provides a case study of why sustained funding is needed.
Budget Caps

• Strict caps limiting spending return in FY2018

• Sequestration created “firewall” between defense and non-defense spending

• Trump plan calls for 1% cuts to non-defense for 10 years

• Programs most vulnerable are chronic disease, environmental health and family planning.

• If PPHF is eliminated, pressures on health, education and labor spending increase.
Mandatory Funding is at Risk

• Prevention and Public Health Fund provides 13% of CDC’s budget in FY2016
  • Immunization, lead poisoning and other programs

• Community Health Centers
• Nurse Home Visiting Program
• State Children’s Health Insurance Program
President Trump’s First Budget

- FY2018 Budget Proposal expected in March/Apr. 2017
- A president’s first budget lays out major policy priorities
- Trump not tied to traditional Republican interests
- Has shown willingness to “buck the tide”
Future of Affordable Care Act

• In 2015 Republicans passed and President Obama vetoed a bill to repeal parts of the ACA.

• Some possible changes in 2017:
  • Repeal individual and employer mandate
  • Roll back Medicaid expansion
  • End exchange subsidies
  • Filling in Part D donut hole
  • Ability for young adults to stay on parents’ insurance
  • Pre-existing condition exclusions
Replace ACA with What?

• Allow Sale of Health Insurance Across State Lines
• Allow Individuals to Deduct Health Insurance Premiums From Taxes
• Create Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)
• Concerns from:
  • Health care industry
  • Governors
  • Employers
  • Beneficiaries of the law
• Transition/replace can take up to 2 years
Medicare/Medicaid

• Speaker Ryan’s Medicare/Medicaid Roadmap
  • Rolling back Medicaid expansion
  • Block granting Medicaid to States OR per-capita cap with flexibility on eligibility, benefits, and program structure
  • Defined contribution for Medicare
  • Future of Center for Medicare/Medicaid Innovation?
Medicare/Medicaid

• Healthcare payment and delivery reform is likely to continue
• Transition from volume to value and focus on quality
• Implementation of MACRA (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act) likely
NACCHO Transition Priorities

• Policymakers urged to support local health department capacity to:
  • Serve as chief community health strategist
  • Prepare and respond quickly to emergencies
  • Improve health for all by acting on factors outside health care
  • Protect the safety net as changes are made to health care access
NACCHO Transition Priorities

• Policymakers urged to:
  • Support the governmental public health system through funding
  • Transition the health care system to focus on population health improvement (including access to health care for all)
NACCHO Activities

• Share policy priorities with transition team
• Engage the Office of Management and Budget on FY2018 President’s budget proposal
• Hill visits in January, Feb, March, and April
  • Members on Committees of Jurisdiction and Appropriations
  • All new Members
• Engage and support CDC and HHS staff throughout transition process
• Working with partners on issues of common interest
Take Action

• Get to know your Members of Congress and staff
• Work with community partners to advance public health message

• NACCHO resources: http://www.naccho.org/advocacy

• Visit NACCHO’s Legislative Action Center & join NACCHO’s Congressional Action Network http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/take-action
Discussion and Questions

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Additional questions?

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