2022 Policy Priorities

NCAH convenes, mobilizes, supports, and empowers partners to advance equitable policies that reduce health disparities, prevent chronic disease, and promote health

Commercial Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation
- Promote policies that support the implementation of an effective Tobacco 21 law in North Carolina, including retailer licensing
- Promote increased and recurring appropriations for robust and evidence-based tobacco prevention and cessation programs and services
- Promote policies that increase the price of tobacco products, and create price parity among tobacco products

Access to Healthy Food
- Promote policies that increase access to healthy food in schools and childcare centers
- Support policies that prioritize healthy, local food within the Healthy Opportunities pilots
- Support the retention of COVID flexibilities for SNAP, WIC, CACFP, and other programs
- Support policies that increase the capacity of food hubs across the state

Active Living
- Promote recurring, permanent appropriations to establish the North Carolina Safe Routes to School program as a permanent program within NCDOT
- Promote the restoration of Master’s pay for teachers, including Physical Education and Health teachers
- Support funding mechanisms that allow local communities to promote access to routine physical activity, including safe bicycle and pedestrian access

Cross-Cutting
- Support policies and appropriations for closing the health insurance coverage gap
- Support policies that reduce inequities and barriers to health, including housing, transportation, and equitable pay and leave policies
- Support policies that maintain and restore local control

NCAH may also support other mission-related policies as they arise.

Promote - Lead efforts and actively advocate for
Support - Support efforts led by members and partners
Monitor - Track and react to as necessary