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February 2010

President's 2011 Budget Released, CDC Funding Cut

The Campaign for Public Health Foundation has updated its unique CDC budget tracking chart with data from the President's budget proposal. [Click here](#) to view the chart on The CPH Foundation's site.

The Campaign for Public Health believes the Obama Administration set the bar too low for prevention and wellness funding in its most recent fiscal year 2011 budget request to Congress. Despite calling for greater focus on prevention in his first address to Congress last year, Mr. Obama's second budget request to Congress is a sharp departure from what many in the public health community felt would be a time of much-needed investments in our nation's beleaguered public health infrastructure.

In the President's budget request to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget proposed cutting the CDC's core discretionary budget by \$131 million. With a one-time shift of some \$224 million in funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, OMB may have managed to backfill this critical agency in the short term. Still, the message this sends Congress and the longer-term vision it paints for this agency are both troubling. Recommending to Congress that the CDC absorb another cut in funding is a dangerous step for our nation's public health programs and sends these critical disease prevention efforts in the wrong direction.

To read the full statement, [click here](#).

March 2010

Members of Congress ask Appropriators for Higher CDC Funding

On Friday, March 19th, more than twenty members of the U.S. House of Representatives signed on in support of an important letter that was sent to the senior members of the House LHHS appropriations subcommittee. This letter asked that appropriators give vital public health, prevention and wellness programs a greater priority in the FY2011 LHHS appropriations bill. Within the letter was a specific request that appropriators fund the core programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, our nation's premier health protection agency, at an \$8.6 billion level in FY2011.

The Campaign for Public Health applauds those members of Congress who signed on to this letter in support of higher CDC funding, for their commitment to our nation's health.

To view this noteworthy letter, [click here](#).

CPH Applauds Congress for Health Reform Passage

The Campaign for Public Health applauds the House of Representatives and the United States Senate for including strong disease control and prevention provisions in the historic Health Reform bill passed by Congress on March 21. CPH has advocated for a greater investment in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) since 2004. We are very pleased to see the substantial investment in prevention and wellness through the Prevention and Public Health Fund. These funds will help the CDC do more to proactively protect Americans from disease. While our nation's health system

has historically focused on treating illness rather than looking for ways to keep Americans healthy, many provisions in this bill reflect a stark departure from that troubling trend.

More information on this Public Health Fund can be found [here](#). This, however, is only one area of the bill that specifically focuses on prevention. Many of the bill's other provisions also include a place at the table for public health, wellness and prevention efforts. CPH commends members of both the House and Senate and congratulates President Obama for crafting a measure that makes the prevention of disease an integral part of our nation's health care system.

For additional information on the public health provisions within the health reform bill, [click here](#).

Take Action

President Obama's budget request to Congress asks for a \$130 million cut to the core disease control and prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Congress needs to hear from you to know that this is not acceptable!

Representatives Kay Granger (R-TX), Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) are inviting their colleagues in the House of Representatives to co-sign a letter to the Appropriations committee **asking for more funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**. After only a few days, over a dozen members have agreed to co-sign the letter.

Please call your representative today to ask that they sign-on to this letter in support of greater CDC funding. The deadline to sign-on has been extended until this **Friday, March 19th**. A strong showing of support is needed.

If you aren't sure which member of Congress represents you, visit <http://www.house.gov/htbin/zipfind> to look up your Representative by zip code.

Ask for the Legislative Assistant who handles health issues, and kindly request that your Representative support prevention efforts by signing on to the McGovern/Granger appropriations letter requesting increased funding for the CDC's work to prevent disease, disability and death.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

Public Health Leaders Roundtable Meeting Features Key House and Administration Staff

On March 8, CPH hosted the first meeting of its Public Health Leaders Roundtable in the new year. **Marc Garufi**, Chief of the Office of Management and Budget's Public Health Division was one of two guest speakers. Mr. Garufi touched on the President's FY2011 budget proposal for the CDC, the division's mission to improve public health in a fiscally responsible manner and the government's commitment to public health.

Nicole Kunko, Professional Staff of the LHHS Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations of the U.S. House of Representatives also spoke at the meeting. Ms. Kunko addressed the current state of health reform, the CDC's budget structure and public health funding priorities.

Both speakers were present for an extensive question and answer period, during which Roundtable members asked a variety of questions about pending health reform legislation and the future of the U.S. health system among other issues.



The Roundtable looks on as House staffer Nicole Kunko discusses health reform.



Research!America President Mary Woolley discusses the President's budget proposal with a member of the Office of Management and Budget

April 2010

Give CPH Your Feedback, Fill out our New Survey Today

The Campaign for Public Health has developed a quick survey for our partners, colleagues and website visitors to use to give us feedback on our programs, mission and communications methods.

Now in our sixth year, CPH is currently undertaking a review of our strategic plan. Your feedback is critical to our work and we are eager to incorporate your views.

This survey will take you approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Your anonymous critique of these and other aspects of our work would provide us with valuable information as we move forward.

To take the survey, [click here](#).

May 2010

CPH & The CPH Foundation Release Summer 2010 Newsletter

The Campaign for Public Health and The CPH Foundation have released the third edition of their joint newsletter, entitled *The Update*, which contains relevant and timely information on both organizations as well as other policy news from Washington.

To read the Summer 2010 edition of *The Update*, [click here](#).

News from CPH:

- CPH Leadership on Capitol Hill for Advocacy Meetings
- APHL Annual Meeting Includes CPH Executive Director as Guest Speaker

News from The CPH Foundation:

- The CPH Foundation Hosts Members of Congress on Tour of the CDC's Atlanta Headquarters
- CDC Director Speaks with House and Senate Staff on Capitol Hill
- Disease Surveillance Fact Sheets Blanket Capitol Hill



June 2010

Our 2009 Annual Report is Available

The CPH's 2009 Annual Report covers many of the highlights of our work last year. To read the report, [click here](#).

APHL Board & Affiliates Addressed at Annual Meeting

CPH Executive Director Karl Moeller gave a presentation to the Association of Public Health Laboratories' Board Members and Council of Chairs at their Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 6.

To view the presentation, [click here](#). Please note, it may take a few minutes to download due to the size of the file.

September 2010

Sen. Johanns' Amendment Threatens Prevention Fund

On September 14th, the Senate was scheduled to vote on an amendment by Senator Johanns to the Small Business Jobs & Credit Act, which addressed a tax concern of the business community. Unfortunately, Senator Johanns' amendment proposed paying for the cost of his amendment by redirecting nearly all of the funds set aside over the next 10 years for The Prevention and Public Health Trust. This fund is a 10 year investment in preventive health and will help address the nearly \$2.3 trillion we spend on healthcare each and every year - the vast majority of which is spent treating those suffering from preventable conditions. CPH led an advertising effort to help make the Senate aware of the short sightedness of this raid on the Prevention Trust. The ad, which includes a list of supporting organizations, can be found [here](#).

October 2010

CPH Addressed ASTHO Board & Affiliates in Colorado

On October 19, the Campaign for Public Health's executive director addressed the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Board of Directors while attending ASTHO's Policy Summit and Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. ASTHO's affiliate council was also updated on CPH's current efforts. The Campaign for Public Health greatly appreciates ASTHO's invitation to join this meeting. The trip was a chance for CPH to meet with public health partners and informally network with other health professionals.

November 2010

CPH Reception with APHA's Dr. Georges Benjamin

The Campaign for Public Health and its sister organization, The Campaign for Public Health Foundation, hosted a networking reception during APHA's 2010 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. APHA's executive director (and our Board member), Dr. Georges Benjamin, kindly provided the meeting space for this elegant reception. Approximately 40 senior health leaders and colleagues attended the event. State health department officials, staff from a major national foundation, corporate leaders, senior CDC staff, non-profit organization leaders and our Board members all enjoyed the informal meeting. During the event, Mr. Moeller briefly showcased our work and discussed the future plans of both growing organizations.

December 2010

Some Answers, but Uncertainty Continues into FY2011

A short term Continuing Resolution has now passed and will keep the government running until March 4, 2011. The CDC's budget has done well in that measure. Between now and March, legislators will need to re-group to work out funding until the end of September of 2011 when the federal fiscal year ends. In a nutshell, the final FY11 year-end appropriations level for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) budget is still uncertain.

The Campaign for Public Health crafted a chart detailing the complex FY11 budget debate. ***We updated the chart on December 23, 2010.*** The document poses questions about funding outcomes for FY 2011 and looks ahead to the start of the 2012 debate. The future of the Prevention Fund will have a tremendous impact on the CDC's funding. Click [here](#) to view the chart.