

National Health Council – Membership Listing

Voluntary Health Agencies

Alpha-1 Foundation
The ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
American Cancer Society
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Heart Association
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation
Amputee Coalition
Arthritis Foundation
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Barth Syndrome Foundation
Colon Cancer Alliance
COPD Foundation
Foundation for Ichthyosis and Related Skin Types
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Hydrocephalus Association
Immune Deficiency Foundation
The LAM Foundation
The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
LIVESTRONG Foundation
Lupus Foundation of America
March of Dimes Foundation
The Marfan Foundation
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Down Syndrome Society
National Eczema Association
National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
Parkinson's Action Network

PKD Foundation
Prevent Blindness
Prevent Cancer Foundation
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation
Spina Bifida Association
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education & Support Network
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease

Professional and Membership Associations

AcademyHealth
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association on Health and Disability
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Society of Anesthesiologists
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Caregiver Action Network
Community Health Charities
Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers
Drug Information Association
Medical Device Manufacturers Association
Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Business Coalition on Health
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
National Minority Quality Forum
National Pharmaceutical Council
Partnership for Prevention
Personalized Medicine Coalition

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Nonprofit Organizations

FasterCures – A Center of the Milken Institute
Food and Drug Law Institute
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind
HealthHIV
Kanter Family Foundation
Miracle Flights for Kids
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Venture Capital Association

Business and Industry

Abbott
AbbVie
Actavis
Allergan
Astellas Pharma US
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals
Biogen Idec
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Celgene Corporation
Eli Lilly and Company
Genentech
GlaxoSmithKline
Grifols Inc.
Johnson & Johnson
Merck & Co.
Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
Novo Nordisk
Pfizer Inc
Purdue Pharma, L.P.
Sanofi
Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
UnitedHealth Group
WellPoint

Associate Members

Edelman
Quintiles



National Health Council

1730 M Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036-4561 ■ 202-785-3910 ■ www.nationalhealthcouncil.org ■ info@nhcouncil.org

Founded in 1920, the National Health Council (NHC) is the only organization that brings together all segments of the health community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people living with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 100 national health-related organizations and businesses, its core membership includes the nation's leading patient advocacy groups, which control its governance. Other members include professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations with an interest in health, and major pharmaceutical, medical device, health insurance, and biotechnology companies. To learn more about the NHC, visit www.nationalhealthcouncil.org.

Our Mission and Vision

The mission of the NHC is to provide a united voice for people with chronic diseases and disabilities. We envision a world in which all people receive health care that meets their personal needs and goals.

Our Values

Trust, collaboration, inclusiveness, and empowerment guide all aspects of the NHC's interactions among the diverse sectors of the health community. We operate with integrity, transparency, and honesty. We are patient-focused and forward thinking, ever mindful of our mission to provide a united voice for people with chronic diseases and disabilities.

Strategic Priorities

- Advance patient-focused care, health research, and the patient advocacy movement through the development of targeted public awareness and advocacy initiatives.
- Strengthen the value of the National Health Council to its stakeholders by enhancing the NHC's emotional brand.
- Help grow the ability of patient advocacy organizations to meet their missions and support the mission of the National Health Council.
- Enhance the capacity of the National Health Council to meet its mission.

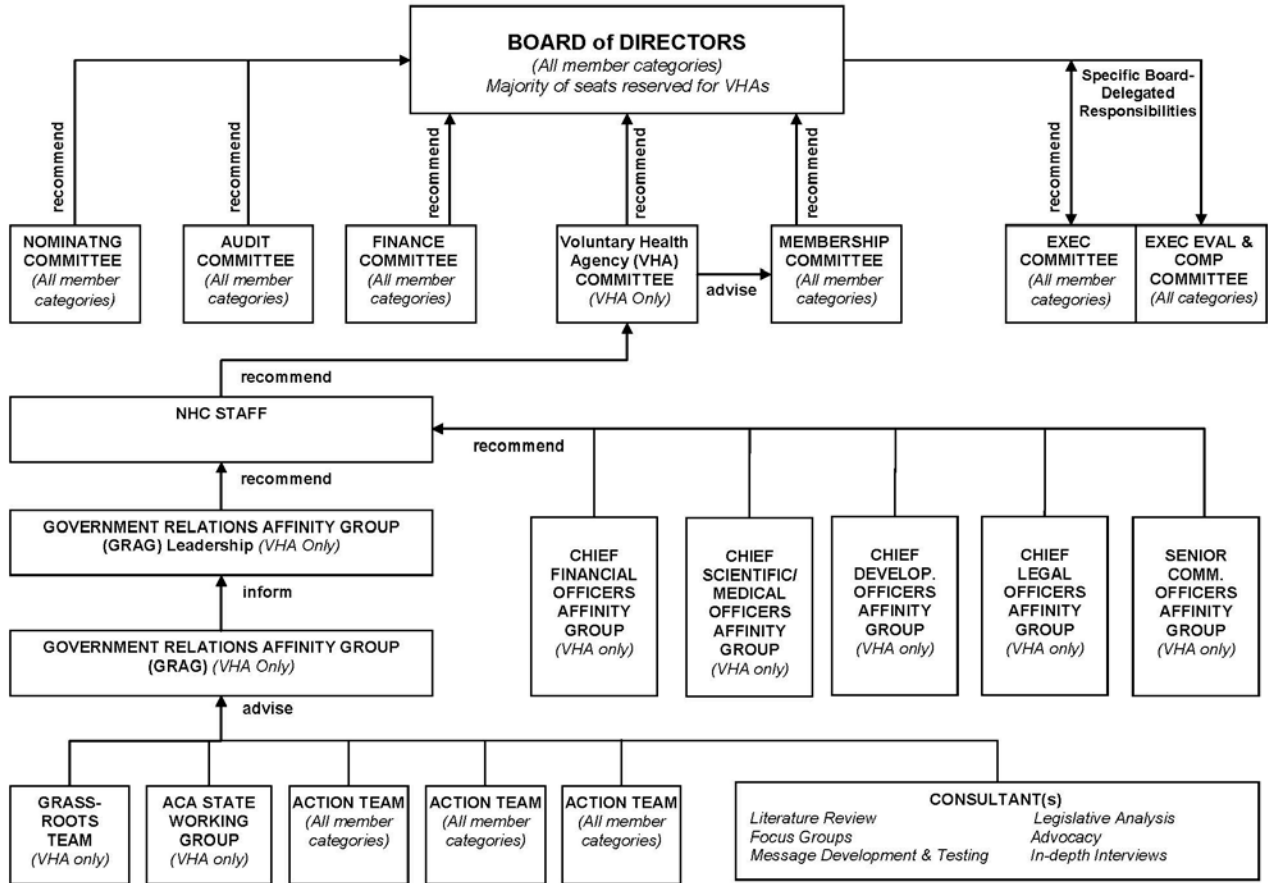
How We Develop Our Policies

The NHC Board of Directors created the Voluntary Health Agency (VHA) Committee, which includes all chief executive officers of member voluntary health agencies (also known as patient advocacy organizations). The VHA Committee initiated the Government Relations Affinity Group (GRAG), comprised of government relations and government affairs professional staff from NHC member VHAs. GRAG receives input from Action Teams, which are comprised of participants from all NHC member categories. Action Teams are charged with exploring select policy topics in depth and providing input to

(more)

GRAG. GRAG, in turn, makes policy recommendations to the NHC staff. The NHC Board of Directors, with input from the VHA Committee, has the ultimate policy decision-making authority.

Committed to Putting Patients First®



The National Health Council is a stake**broker** in the health community – bringing together diverse stakeholders to work for health care that meets the personal needs and goals of people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. As such, we make a distinction between consumers and patients.

- A **consumer** is a generally healthy individual who moves in and out of the health care system as his or her needs change over time.
- A **patient** is someone who is dependent on the health care system for the rest of his or her life after the diagnosis of a medical condition or disability. A patient relies on the health care system to feel better and to have a longer, healthier, and more robust life. An individual patient’s views on health issues, such as the benefit and risk of new treatments, will vary depending on the severity of his or her condition and personal circumstances.
- A **patient advocacy organization** takes a holistic view of the conditions for the patients it represents and seeks universal support from stakeholders for its mission and programs. Many patient advocacy organizations work through the NHC to address systemic health care policy issues, creating a united voice for the broader patient community and their family caregivers.



National Health Council

1730 M Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036-4561 ■ 202-785-3910 ■ www.nationalhealthcouncil.org ■ info@nhcouncil.org

STAFF ROSTER

Myrl Weinberg, FASAE, CAE Chief Executive Officer

Marc Boutin, JD Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

Kelly Garrity Director, Membership Affairs and Development

Eric Gascho..... Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs

Nancy Hughes, APR..... Vice President, Communications and Marketing

Susan H. Lau..... Vice President, Member Services

Donna K. O'Leary..... Vice President, Organizational Affairs and Meetings

Sarah Elizabeth Reid Member Relations Associate

Jill Roberts..... Manager, Communications and New Media

Carol Sadoff..... Chief Financial Officer

Meagan Wiseley Office Associate



2015 Voluntary Health Leadership Conference — *NHC Staff*

Myrl Weinberg, FASAE, CAE, is Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Council (NHC), and her extensive career has focused on health care delivery, medical research, long-term care, and related issues that affect people with chronic conditions. She has testified before Congress and federal regulatory bodies and is a frequent speaker on the patient perspective in health policy. Before joining the NHC, she held numerous senior managerial positions at the American Diabetes Association, including Vice President for Corporate Relations and Public Affairs.

Myrl has a long history of board and committee service. She is currently a member of the NIH Cures Acceleration Network (CAN) Review Board and co-chair of the NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Patient Engagement Subcommittee. She also serves on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Value Incentives Learning Collaborative, an activity of the Roundtable on Value & Science-Driven Health Care; Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation (CISCRP) Board of Advisors; Brookings Active Surveillance Implementation Council; and the Roche International Science and Ethics Advisory Group.

Myrl also serves as vice chair of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance Board of Directors. She is a member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and an ASAE Fellow. Previously, Myrl served on ASAE's Board of Directors, ASAE Joint Finance Committee, ASAE Ethics Task Force, and ASAE Fellows Nominating Committee.

The National Health Council (NHC) is a founding member of the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP). The NHC was also instrumental in the creation and operations of the International Alliance of Patients' Organization (IAPO), where Ms. Weinberg served as Chair of the Governing Board.

Myrl pursued advanced graduate study at Purdue University. She holds a master's degree in special education from George Peabody College and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Arkansas.

Marc Boutin, JD, is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In addition to overseeing financial management and operations at the NHC, Marc builds consensus among member patient advocacy organizations enabling them to speak with one voice on systemic health research and health care policy initiatives. This united effort results in legislation and regulations that address the collective needs of patients and their family caregivers. In addition, he provides guidance to patient organizations on various association issues, including corporate structure, government relations, fundraising, and outreach. Marc is a regular spokesperson before the media, Congress, and policymakers on major issues of interest to the patient community.

Marc has been actively involved in health advocacy, policy, and both federal and state legislation throughout his career. He is a member the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations Governing Board, Community Health Charities Board of Directors, PCORI Advisory Panel on Patient Engagement, and the North America Advisory Board to the Drug Information Association. He has also served on Institute of Medicine committees, National Institute of Health panels, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's stakeholder group.

Kelly Garrity is Director of Membership Affairs and Development. She has been with the NHC since July 2008. In her role, she functions as a program manager for operations and member services within the NHC. She previously worked with human resources at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP and Brandon Technology Consulting. Kelly received her bachelor's degree in international business from Strayer University in 2005 and completed her master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University in 2011.

Eric Gascho was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Government Affairs in December 2013. He has been with the NHC since August 2009. In his role, Eric helps the National Health Council and its member organizations develop policy positions that seek to improve the lives of people with chronic diseases and disabilities and advocates for these policies on Capitol Hill and within the executive branch. Prior to joining the NHC, he worked in the government relations department of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. Eric earned his bachelor's degrees in government and business management from the University of Redlands in California.

Nancy Hughes, APR, is Vice President of Communications and Marketing. Prior to joining the National Health Council in October 2008, she was the Vice President of Communications and Information Services at the American Academy of Physician Assistants for 15 years. Nancy began her career as a radio and television reporter in Colorado covering politics and local government. She transitioned to the other side of the microphone to work as the deputy press secretary for Colorado Governor Dick Lamm. Nancy has also served as press secretary for Colorado Congressman David Skaggs, Vice President of Communications for the Denver Chamber of Commerce, and Public Affairs Manager for MCI-West Division.

Susan Lau has worked with the National Health Council since 2003 and currently holds the title of Vice President, Member Services. In that capacity, she oversees the Standards of Excellence Certification Program[®], provides technical assistance to member patient advocacy organizations on management and governance issues, and develops member recruitment and retention strategy. Susan had a consulting practice for a number of years, providing a range of management and publishing services to clients including the American Diabetes Association, COPD Foundation, Spina Bifida Association, and United Telecom Council. Earlier in her career, she held the position of National Vice President of Publications and Publisher at the American Diabetes Association with full profit and loss responsibility for a \$25 million publishing program including periodicals, scientific journals, and books.

Donna K. O'Leary is Vice President of Organizational Affairs and Meetings. Prior to joining the NHC in April 1995, she was the computer system manager/executive assistant for one of Washington's top 10 lobbying law firms. Donna's background consists of more than 25 years in administration, data processing, meeting planning, and computer management. Donna holds a business of meetings certification.

Sarah Elizabeth Reid is Members Relations Associate. Prior to joining the NHC in May 2014, she worked in corporate and foundation relations at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Sarah earned a bachelor's degree in the history of art and political science from Vanderbilt University in 2012.

Jillian Roberts is Manager of Communications and New Media. Prior to joining the NHC in April 2013, she was the Social Media Specialist for The Campus Kitchens Project. Jill earned a bachelor's degree in American studies from Dickinson College in 2008 and a master's degree in communication, culture, and technology from Georgetown University in 2010.

Carol Sadoff, CPA, is Chief Financial Officer. She has worked for NHC since March 2004. Carol's not-for-profit health care work experience includes Director of Finance for the Stanley Medical Research Institute and the American Kidney Fund. Earlier in her career, Carol worked as an audit manager with a national public accounting firm and as controller for profit motivated businesses. Sadoff earned a bachelor of arts from Dickinson College and a master of business administration from Rutgers University Graduate School of Business.

Meagan Wiseley is NHC Office Associate. Prior to joining the Council in April 2014, Meagan worked in higher education at Marymount University. Meagan serves as the first point of contact for both NHC members and the general public. She assists the executive staff with organizational affairs and meetings, member services, communications and marketing, and finance and administration. Meagan earned a bachelor's degree in communications and journalism from the University of New Mexico in 2011.