



Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate

Impact Report



Executive Director's Note

Dear Community,

Just over two years ago, I stepped in as Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate's (HPHC) Executive Director and the time has been filled with great meaning and momentum thanks to you – our dedicated network of health professionals and climate justice advocates.

Together, we have grown HPHC to work even more consistently and effectively at the forefront of Minnesota's most pressing climate concerns.

Collectively, we have heard the call to action and have joined with frontline community leaders and committed countless hours to shape public opinion, policy, and systemic decision-making to change the trajectory of Minnesota away from climate harms toward climate solutions

You have been there to help the campaign to close the Hennepin County trash incinerator, to help people stay healthy when air quality is compromised by pollution or wildfire, to prioritize community and ecology over big data and technology, to participate in peer-led education through Climate Convos and community learning exchanges, and to reduce the carbon footprint of health systems by adopting climate-resilient practices.

At HPHC, what we do is strengthened by how we do it. We are the health voice of climate justice coalition work throughout Minnesota including Duluth, Ely, Mankato and places in between. We uphold the science, narratives, and lived experience of those most impacted by climate change as the source of knowledge upon which to build climate progress.

This unique combination makes HPHC's network, made up of supporters like you, staff, and field experts an unparalleled group of trusted messengers to share health equity truths with agencies and people in positions of power.

We are fortunate that state leaders know how to listen and make way for change. And if they are immobile or misguided at times, our network will always be there to hold the line and show what's right. Protecting health and climate is what we will assuredly continue to do.

Thank you for being a crucial part of HPHC's network.

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a Healthy Climate*



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Mission & Priorities

About

HPHC protects and improves human health by promoting climate health in Minnesota and beyond.

Mission

We activate health professionals of all training backgrounds to address climate change through interprofessional education, clinical practice, and public advocacy.

When you give, you support:



\$25 Newsletters and action alerts to keep HPHC's network informed.

\$50 Monthly Climate Convo session available to health professionals across the state.

\$100 One scholarship to our biennial Minnesota Healthy Climate Summit.

\$500 Community listening sessions on topics like wildfire smoke & extreme heat safety.

\$1,000 Climate & Health Equity Leaders Fellows becoming confident climate advocates within their health professions.

Simply scan the QR code to make your gift or visit hpforhc.org/donate

Network Highlights

HPHC's network of hundreds of MN health professionals made their voices heard through presenting at community events, responding to action alerts, authoring opinion pieces in the media, and more to ensure health and justice were centered in local climate progress.

HPHC welcomed our **largest cohort** yet of the Climate & Health Equity Leaders (CHEL) Fellowship program, originally launched by volunteer health leaders within HPHC's network. Program alums are leading within HPHC, and their communities and health systems.



10 Times HPHC members brought a crucial health perspective and influenced the public conversation through opinion editorials and news media coverage.



36 New volunteers welcomed into HPHC's growing network of interdisciplinary health professionals, representing psychiatry and mental health to radiology to dietetics.



Statewide Impact

Thanks to you, we engaged more health professionals from a variety of lived experiences and locations to build an even stronger collective of voices responding to the emerging health impacts of climate change in Minnesota.

Local and State

HPHC is at the forefront of policies that will treat the root causes of climate change, like championing a Climate Superfund in Minnesota to hold large polluters accountable.

Federal

We also joined national partners in raising our voices against federal climate rollbacks that will make the air dirtier and our health worse.



Climate Resilient Healthcare Handbook

Resources & Guidance for Healthcare Professionals

Our ARCH committee launched the *Climate Resilient Healthcare Handbook*, which has been accessed by health professionals across MN & the U.S.

150

Members engaged in HPHC's online Climate Convos series in the first half of 2026 alone, representing Ely to Marshall and in between.

Duluth: Formed a Duluth-based hub to connect health professionals passionate about local issues.



Rochester: Presented on the health perspectives of clean heat and data centers at the 2026 Mayo Fellows Association Dinner.

November 5 and 6, 2026

Registration
opens
Summer 2026!

MINNESOTA HEALTHY CLIMATE SUMMIT



HPHC's 2026 Minnesota Healthy Climate Summit will provide continuing education, leadership opportunities, and peer support to health professionals across disciplines and career points.

Held in-person in the Twin Cities, the summit will convene a large, interdisciplinary health movement to address one of the most pressing issues of our time: the health impacts of climate change as federal actions and corporate polluters accelerate harm.





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