

NHFA 2019 Annual Report



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM
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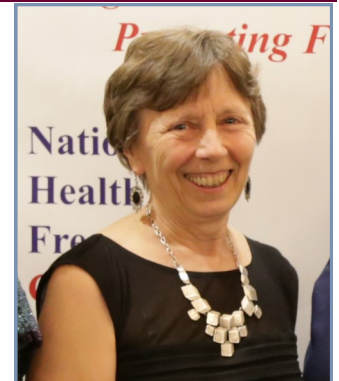
Letter from the President

Jerri Johnson

March 2020

Dear Health Freedom Friends:

Is your health freedom at risk? By that, I mean your ability to decide what kind of health care you use for your body – AND what kind of chemicals, frequencies, and other harmful things in your environment impact your health. We at NHFA believe that, more than ever, our collective health freedoms are at risk, and more than ever, we are called upon to stand up for ourselves and demand, not only individual choices, but societal choices about our health.



This 2019 Annual Report highlights a remarkable year as **National Health Freedom Action continues to be the voice of the people, ready to take action to protect our choices.**

I am writing this letter to you in March of 2020, and the issue of Corona Virus is evolving quickly and challenging how we will respond as health freedom advocates. People are being ordered to sequester themselves, sometimes at the loss of their jobs, their business, their sanity. Vaccines are being fast-tracked – and what kind of safety testing is being done to ascertain safety of these vaccines? Citizens are asking, will there be vaccine mandates, or will we be given the choices that we deserve and need? Will coercion be used, for example, certification of immunity or vaccination before buying an airline ticket?

One strategy is being promoted – “Don’t come in contact with any germs,” but other important strategies are important such as: “Prepare your body to be healthy and strong to protect itself against any and all challenges.”

NHFA is working to ensure that you can have access to healthy foods, supportive supplements and homeopathic remedies, organic farmers, coops, and farms, health care practitioners, and safe environments that you need, and the **truthful information you need to make your choices.**

NHFA’s special project of working to ensure that practitioners of the healing arts can legally practice is having success. **In 2019, Maine became the eleventh state to have a safe harbor practitioner exemption law** in place for practitioners to practice. And as of this writing, **Wisconsin’s bill** has passed the Assembly Health Committee and Floor, and the Senate Health Committee – waiting to reach the full floor. **Massachusetts’ bill** is also moving strongly, having passed the Senate Health Committee this spring. **Momentum is building to reach our goal of practitioner access in every state!**

With great gratitude,

Jerri Johnson

President, National Health Freedom Action



P.S. If you would like to start a health freedom group in your state – contact us! We’re here to make that work.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE HEALERS



Great news in Maine! A project of dedicated Maine activists called **Safe Harbor Maine**, worked with Senator Mirimant and NHFA staff attorneys to introduce and pass into law LD 364, “An Act to Establish the Right to Practice Complementary and Alternative Health Care Act”. The efforts resulted in an amazing victory on June 11, 2019. The new law will protect Maine citizens’ access to their many wonderful non-licensed practitioners, such as homeopaths, herbalists, traditional naturopaths, nutritional consultants, and many more, who are providing complementary and alternative health care.



More great news for access to practitioners! **Wisconsin** introduced their Consumer Protection for Complementary Healthcare Act,

SB 546/AB 429 on October 14, 2019. NHFA, along with **Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation**, and **Wisconsin Health Freedom Coalition (WIHFC)** worked hard to get this safe harbor practitioner exemption bill introduced and prepared for its first hearings (*As of the time of printing the Wisconsin bills have passed out of committee in each chamber and out of the Assembly and the Assembly bill is positioned to be voted on in the Senate*).



Massachusetts introduced S665/H3660, the “Protection and Access to Complementary and Alternative Health Care,” another “Safe Harbor” practitioner exemption bill. There was a great turnout by citizens for the first hearing and 30 people testified in support of the bill. NHFA is honored to work with **Health Freedom Action Massachusetts** on this great effort. Holistic health care is not a protected right in Massachusetts and S665/H3660 will protect non-licensed complementary and alternative health care professionals who avoid the

National Health Freedom Action worked this year to ensure access to holistic practitioners, products, and information for all individuals nationwide. We collaborated with health freedom organizations on the ground in states, and with national organizations, providing strategy coaching, drafting of bills and amendments, and testifying at hearings.

There are now eleven states that have some form of Safe Harbor Practitioner Exemption laws! NHFA is committed to taking these victories to the rest of the country to ensure that healing is accessible to all!

OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS HEALTH FREEDOM

NHFA helps state groups oppose legislation that attempts to put out of business important complementary and alternative health care practitioners and products. In order to protect access to nutritional consultants, bodyworkers, herbalists and many more, we sent out alerts to oppose Dietitian Licensing bills in **New Jersey**, Bodywork licensing bills in **Massachusetts**, a Chinese Herbology licensing bill in **Illinois**, and a Naturopathic Licensing bill in **Wyoming**. In order to help protect access to homeopathic remedies, we sent formal comments to the FDA opposing their new draft guidance document entitled **Drug Products Labeled as Homeopathic: Guidance for FDA Staff and Industry** which has the potential to unnecessarily remove important homeopathic remedies currently used by consumers from the market.



SUPPORTING PARENTAL HEALTH CARE DECISION-MAKING

NHFA works hard to protect longstanding parental decision-making rights so that they are not denied when governments recommend children be vaccinated before they go to daycare or school, or to undergo chemotherapy or other toxic treatments and procedures against parental wishes. NHFA is an active member of a large MN coalition of leaders who support parental rights and is also working weekly with California leaders who work to regain their rights to attend schools and day cares when they decline vaccines.

THE POWER OF CONTACTING LEGISLATORS

Lawmakers need to hear from their constituents.

In 2019 NHFA staff highlighted eight states to send programmed electronic alerts to citizens that allow constituents to directly write to their leg-

islators on health freedom bills. Twenty additional states requested our help and guidance. The need is great, and we are only limited by our staff size. Citizens respond to alerts by sending thousands of calls and letters to their legislators about the importance of their health freedom. These communications help legislators move freedom bills forward.



THE POWER OF WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER HEALTH FREEDOM ORGANIZATIONS

Getting the word out is essential for taking action.



With our supporters' help NHFA has completed its new website, has upgraded its alert software to expand effectiveness, and has begun to be more active on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Our colleagues in the health freedom movement, many of them Voting Members of the US Health Freedom Congress, are putting out priceless information and alerts about important health freedom topics and NHFA is dedicated to sharing those alerts with our contacts.

ACTION TRAVEL



NHFA attorneys communicate remotely with many state groups but travel is important when bills come to hearings. Diane Miller traveled to both **Iowa** and **Massachusetts** to testify in support of the safe harbor practitioner bills.

Attorney Anne Gillum traveled to **Wisconsin** to advocate for the safe harbor practitioner exemption bills and to meet with the WI Medical Society.

Anne also attended the **Minnesota Lobby Day for Vaccine Rights** at the Minnesota State Capitol.

Anne and Diane both traveled to the **Nature's Sunshine Products**

Convention and gave a presentation to NSP distributors regarding safe harbor practitioner exemption laws.



NHFA and sister organization (NHFC), attend Conferences to educate and promote health freedom

- **AutismOne** – attended by Jerri Johnson and Anne Gillum
- **American Herbalist Guild Symposium** – Jerri Johnson attended
- **International Herbal Symposium** – Diane Miller was a keynote speaker



- **Trinity Health Freedom Conference** – attended by three staff members and Diane Miller presented a workshop
- **Alliance of International Aromatherapists Conference** – Anne Gillum presented
- **JAHC Homeopathic Conference** - attended by Sally Tamplin and Lynette Albrecht

Mission Statement of National Health Freedom Action:

To ensure that the people of this nation have access to the broad domain of healing and health care information and services, to ensure the right of practitioners of the healing arts to practice, and to educate the public, promote health and well-being, conduct surveys and research, and participate in legislative, regulatory, legal, or public policy-reform and lobbying to accomplish the goal of health freedom.

A group of ten people, including students and staff, posing for a photo in a room with stone walls. The group consists of five men and five women of various ages, all smiling at the camera. They are standing in two rows, with some individuals placing their hands on the shoulders of others. The background features large, textured stone walls and a dark wooden door. The floor is covered with a patterned carpet.

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NHFA Financial Statement for 2019

2019 Statement of Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE:

Contributions and grants	153931
Memberships	<u>141</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	154072

EXPENSES:

Wages	105723
Payroll taxes & benefits	13299
Contracted services	17604
IT—Online services	7066
Storage, utilities, telephone space	3570
Travel, transportation & lodging	9895
Supplies, software, merchant, bank fees	1266
Postage, printing	1073
Equipment, maint, repair, depreciation	753
Training, tuition, booth fees	1410
Insurance, advertising	493
Grants to other organizations*	<u>1621</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	163773

Net, REVENUE over EXPENSE	-9701
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Balance Sheet, December 31, 2019

ASSETS:

Checking	53885
Misc receivables	<u>570</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	54455

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	6426
Payroll taxes payable	2604
Wages and benefits liabilities	<u>2530</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11560

NET ASSETS:

Program Restricted Net Assets:	22904
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>19991</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	42895

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	54455
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Our Vision

A healthy nation, with empowered people, making informed health care decisions.

Our Mission

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Join us and help us ensure your health care choices.

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