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## State Health Freedom Groups: Essential and Foundational to the Movement!

State health freedom efforts in 2006 have profoundly contributed to the new growth of the health freedom movement! Twelve states have introduced legislation to protect consumer access to traditional practices. Eighteen more states are preparing for the future. These are in addition to the six states that now protect consumer access to unlicensed health care practitioners, including Oklahoma, Idaho, Minnesota, Rhode Island, California, and Louisiana, and the nearly 30 states that protect the right of medical doctors to use non-conventional or alternative healing practices.

NHFA's Legal and Public Policy Director, Diane Miller, receives information requests every day from state health freedom groups from across the country. She sees these calls as top priority because she knows how hard state leaders are working and firmly believes that we need to be able to educate our local lawmakers and representatives of the importance of maximum consumer options and the protection of health freedoms. Diane sees relationship with local lawmakers as essential and foundational in order to branch out and educate federal and international representatives effectively

Lawmakers are increasingly influenced by political and financial forces and our personal trusting relationships are increasingly important as we identify our health freedom leaders and champions.

State lawmakers are key players in the health freedom movement because states have the responsibility to make sure their citizens are safe. Occupational and professional laws fall under their jurisdiction. One hundred years

ago, many state legislatures made the practice of natural therapies and traditional healing practices a crime, requiring all persons offering to heal the sick to be licensed medical doctors. Of course this was followed by a rush to the legislatures by many professions to secure their own exclusive licensing privileges. But licensing had its own down-sides; because licensed medical professionals could be

disciplined under the licensing laws and have their licensed revoked if they practiced anything but conventional medical practices. Laws making the unlicensed practice of medicine a crime, and laws making the practice of non-traditional medical practices by doctors grounds for disciplinary actions are still on the books, and have dictated what our health care culture has become today. These laws have resulted in a loss of access to wonderful healing resources and common-sense practices, and their prohibition has sometimes caused harm

and even death.

State health freedom organizations are working hard to pass criminal exemption and safe harbor laws to protect consumer access to all health care practitioners. Keeping in place avenues of re-

course and truthful information to consumers, these new safe harbor laws protect the rights of natural health practitioners to practice without being arbitrarily disciplined, criminally charged, or civilly fined. Traditional naturopaths, homeopaths, herbalists, energy workers, and many more are now being protected in states that have successfully passed these new types of laws, and consumer access to these practitioners is being preserved. The new laws help expand the culture and reclaim

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*North Carolina leaders from Citizens for Health Freedom gathered for the hearing of HF 1303, 'The Consumer Health Freedom Act'. Left to right: Diane Miller JD, NHFC; Larry Green, CHF; Julie Insley, 2005 Legislative Liaison for CHF.*

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## On Health Freedom Comments from Diane Miller

Director of Legal and Public Policy  
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**H**ealth Freedom means "...to be able to make ones own choices in order to survive ....to be able to make ones own choices in order to live the quality of health one wishes... to avoid death or disability...to be in charge of one's own body and one's own health and survival." Do we have that freedom today? Yes! Of course we do! *Unless* we take a second look, and discover that our options are being systematically deleted, making health freedom an illusion.

For example, if we have freedom to make choices, but only one choice is legally available in our country, then our freedom becomes meaningless. Health freedom advocates will not tolerate this. In the United States we are guaranteed the protection of many of our personal freedoms. But health freedom is unique among all of these freedoms because without it we do not thrive and survive. The dominance of the conventional medical model of health care has encouraged laws that have made the practice of natural therapies and the promotion of natural substances and devices for cure a crime in many situations. This injustice is the core of the health freedom movement.

Laws about practitioners and substances greatly impact our exercise of health freedom and practitioner and product laws require close scrutiny. Client/practitioner relationships are regulated under state laws, whereas the trading of substances, products, and devices is primarily regulated by the federal government under commerce laws. There are also international commerce laws and trade agreements that impact our access to products.

What can we do? Most immediately, citizens in every state should join their state health freedom movement and reclaim and protect freedom on the state level to access all health care practitioners. In addition, citizens can help impact federal and international laws by joining state, national, or international organizations that are closely monitoring and participating in federal legislative efforts or international decision making bodies. Our own relationships with lawmakers, Congressmen and Congresswomen, are key to the success of the health freedom movement. We need to alert them of the need to view health care laws and trade agreements from the eyes of consumers, and not just from the eyes of increased commerce, trade, and corporate benefit.



Keynote speaker Diane Miller addresses "Leaders Becoming Leaders/Teams Becoming Teams."

In the USA we live in a country founded on laws. When laws change, culture changes. When natural remedies were outlawed in the US, gradually over generations people lost their respect for them and the wisdom they embodied. Changing laws is essential. We *can* have a win win situation! Health freedom workers across the nation and world are educating people about freedom and the importance of natural health, and working to change laws and public policies that have been the source of oppression and sometimes death for years. The full breadth and beauty of natural health and healing is returning to our people!

**Health Freedom Expos  
Take Hold Across the USA:  
Next Expo: Chicago June 9-11, 2006**

**H**ealthkeepers Alliance has successfully launched Health Freedom Expos across the country. The Expos are drawing serious health freedom leaders and citizens to come together to learn about how they can strengthen the health freedom movement and learn from successful practitioners about natural health care options of all kinds.

NHFC Legal and Public Policy Director, Diane Miller, presented on Codex Alimentarius, and also on State Health Freedom Activities in the US. She spoke at the first 2005 Expo attendees in Los Angeles, the June Chicago Expo, the November Dallas Expo and the 2006 Long Beach Expo. Renowned presenters at the Expos have included Dr. Donsbach, Clinton Ray Miller, Hulda Clark, Joan Vandergriff ND, Burton Goldberg, Tim Bolen, Charlotte Gerson, and many others. Eager citizens come to the Expos to learn about health freedom principles and equip themselves with tools necessary to defend their health care options.

Upcoming Expos are:  
Chicago, Illinois June 9-11, 2006:  
Richmond Virginia September 22-24, 2006:  
Austin, Texas December 1-3, 2006: and  
Long Beach, California, March 2-4, 2007

**Emord, Associates Launch Coalition  
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*“Currently FTC can investigate any company's  
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# NHFC Health Freedom Conference A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 2005 National Conference for Health Freedom Advocates was an unprecedented gathering of health freedom leaders from around the country. The breadth of topics covered ranged from global issues such as CODEX, to federal issues of regulation of supplements, to state topics including the right to practice the healing arts and how to mobilize your state for health freedom. health freedom movement.

Keynoters Dan Haley, author of

*Politics in Healing*, Carolyn Dean, MD, ND, Author of *Death by Modern Medicine*, and Diane Miller, JD, Director of Legal and Public Policy for NHFC and NHFA, were a highlight, along with a very large and illustrious cast of speakers that energized and educated us on health freedom. After the Health Freedom Awards Banquet, Miller's documentary film on CODEX "We Become Silent" was a striking reminder of the need for health freedom reforms in our coun-

try and worldwide.

The conference closed with a pilot of the concept of Health Freedom Assembly, where each health freedom leader expressed his/her organization's mission statement and goals for health freedom.

We wish to thank the generous sponsors that made this conference possible: Dr. Clark Research Association, Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, National Guild of Hypnotists, Spring Forest Qi Gong, East West Academy of Healing Arts, and Mastel's Health Foods.

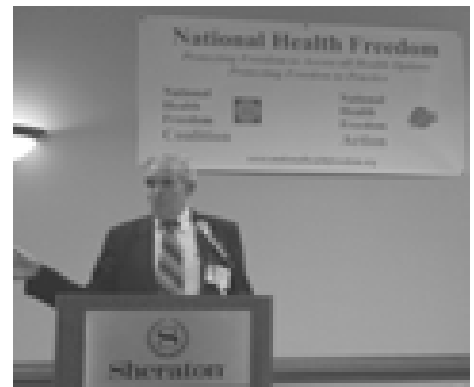


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Conference Panel members speak on "Building Teams and Alliances that Bring Success". Left to Right: Clinton Miller, National Health Freedom Action and Sunshine Health Freedom Fund, Joan Vandergriff, Sunshine Health Freedom Fund, Wendell Whitman, Certified Natural Health Professionals, Cynthia Reed, Louisiana Health Freedom Coalition, Peter Hutchinson, Texas Health Freedom, and Tim Bolen, Jurimed.com.



Keynote speaker Carolyn Dean, MD, ND, "And They Became Silent."



Keynote speaker Dan Haley, speaks on "Crimes Against Truth"

## Conference Highlights



Recipients of NHFC 2005 Health Freedom Awards: **Wendell Whitman** – Founder of Healthkeepers Alliance and 2005 Health Freedom Expos; **Kevin Miller** – Contribution to health freedom through artistic works and reporting; **Cynthia Reed, Louisiana Health Freedom Coalition** – Successful passage of SB 189 "Disclosures by Purveyors of Food and Dietary Supplements and Homeopathic Remedies"; **Joan Vandergriff, Sunshine Health Freedom Fund** – Front-line advocates over 40 years for health freedom; **Carolyn Dean, MD ND** – President, Friends of Freedom International; **Doug Huseby** – Champion for Corporate Wellness; **Tim Bolen** – Quack Pot-Buster Extraordinaire. Not pictured: **Jack Ritchason, Sunshine Health Freedom Fund**; and **Alliance for Natural Health, David Hinde and Robert Verkerk** – Constitutional challenge against European Union Food Supplements Directive.

## **Stop Censorship** *continued from page 3*

*finances, trade secrets, and other proprietary information without any proof in hand that an ad in question is false. That is an abuse of federal power. Ads are by definition public. The FTC can examine them and consult with scientists concerning the truth or falsity of their health benefit representations. Requiring the FTC to possess evidence that ads are false before it commences an investigation of a company's finances, trade secrets, and other proprietary information is the bare minimum we should expect of that agency. Probable cause or proof in support of a search and seizure*

*warrant are required before government searches our cars, houses, and personal effects. Companies that sell dietary supplements and their executives deserve the same rights protection.” (Emord <http://www.emord.com/stories/censorship.htm> ) Diane Miller attended the Washington D.C. meeting that launched the Coalition and attended the hearing sponsored by Congressman Ron Paul's office and the Liberty Committee that launched the campaign. Emord and Associates have done a remarkable job at defining the issues, drafting the legislation, and gathering support for this important federal freedom effort.*

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## ***2006 World Health Freedom Assembly***

***September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006***

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## ***Leadership Conference for Health Freedom Advocacy***

***October 1, 2006***

***William Mitchell College of Law***

***St. Paul, Minnesota USA***

***Three days of complete health freedom! Don't miss this historic event! Health freedom leaders from around the world will gather for a two-day Assembly, followed by a full-day of Leadership Training for Health Freedom Advocacy.***

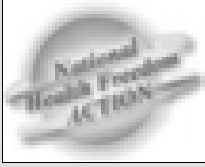
The 2006 **World Health Freedom Assembly** will bring together leaders of non-profit health freedom organizations from around the world. These leaders, sitting in a formal Round, will endorse a “Declaration of Health Freedom”, and create formal public policy resolutions, guiding principles to promote health freedom worldwide. This will be a momentous meeting in strengthening the global health freedom movement.

The Saturday night Annual **Health Freedom Awards Banquet** will recognize the heroes who have worked so hard and the successes they have achieved for all of us.

On Sunday, **Leadership Training for Health Freedom Advocacy workshops** will provide a full day of advocacy training for health freedom leaders. It will enhance skills for grass-roots mobilization and legislative reform that leaders can bring to their local or national governments and successfully introduce change. Workshops by experienced health freedom leaders will provide training on how to organize a successful health freedom movement, including how to get started finding other people of like mind and form a group, and how to develop this group of people into an effective force in making needed change. You will learn how to mobilize the grassroots, and how to fundraise effectively, how to introduce legislation, lobby the legislature, prepare for and conduct successful hearings, and finalize legislative reform. Panels of leaders from various states and countries will share the unique challenges they face, the strategies they have employed, and the successes they have achieved.

***Join us for this historic and instructive event! Together we can create a movement with world-wide impact, bringing health freedom to all people!***

For more information, go to [www.nationalhealthfreedom.org](http://www.nationalhealthfreedom.org).



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## Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation Launches their Powerful "Pathfinder Program"

Nature's Sunshine distributors from across the country along with health freedom consumers of all kinds contribute to the Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation because they know that SHFF is a powerful and effective leader in the health freedom movement. SHFF Board members Joan Vandergriff, Troy Bledsoe, Jim Jenks, and Kirk Bashaw, work hard to keep their finger on the pulse of the movement and give financial support to key state and national leaders working for health freedom.

In August SHFF launched their new Pathfinders Program with the goal of having a Pathfinder leader in every state coordinating the Nature Sunshine distributors so that they can quickly mobilize a call to action for health freedom alerts. Pathfinder leaders are now joining existing local health freedom groups or starting new state-based health freedom organizations in order to be team players in the work to protect health freedom.

SHFF has an amazing website linked to many health freedom alerts where you can learn how to "shine a light on health freedom". [www.sunshinehealthfreedomfoundation.com](http://www.sunshinehealthfreedomfoundation.com). Congratulations to SHFF for their new Pathfinders program for Nature's Sunshine distributors and for their long term role as leaders in the health freedom movement.

## Homeopathic Organizations Embrace Health Freedom

A groundbreaking Joint American Homeopathic Conference was held for the first time in history April 7-11, 2006 in San Jose, California. In opening remarks and introductions, homeopathic organizations announced their support for health freedom. The conference was presented by the National Center for Homeopathy in association with the North American Society of Homeopaths, the Homeopathic Nurses Association, the Homeopathic Academy of Naturopathic Physicians, and the American Institute of Homeopathy. Sponsors included the Holistic Pediatric Association, the California Homeopathic Medical Society, and the Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy. Members of the Council for Homeopathic Certification and Homeopaths without Borders were also present.

During the opening ceremonies, Board Members of the National Center for Homeopathy announced that NCH had made a formal decision to support health freedom. The NCH decision was in the context of overall support for a wide variety of ways to make homeopathy more legal and accessible, including health freedom. In addition, the North American Society of Homeopaths announced their long-term commitment to health freedom, as this organization is the only professional homeopathic organization that represents those practitioners who, without health freedom laws, would not have the right to practice.

Diane Miller was present for the announcements and during the conference gave a luncheon presentation on health freedom principles to leaders of the Homeopathic Action Alliance, an organization where each of the above organizations hold a representative seat. We congratulate the homeopathic community for their vision and value of personal freedoms.

# Dr. Clark Research Foundation Donates Matching Grant to NHFC *Doubles Your Monthly Donations for Health Freedom!*

National Health Freedom Coalition has received a matching grant of up to \$1,000 per month from the Dr. Clark Research Foundation to match donors that pledge to make a monthly contribution to NHFC. That means that if you make a pledge of monthly support to NHFC, your donation can be doubled! Please consider pledging your support now. No

amount is too small for a monthly pledge. Your support will help to increase our income so that we can have a more predictable budget for our health freedom work. Your monthly pledge can be facilitated in a number of ways. Call 952 476 8617, or mail this form, or pledge online at:

[www.nationalhealthfreedom.org](http://www.nationalhealthfreedom.org).

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- I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE HEALTH FREEDOM ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE.

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Title \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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States that have introduced health freedom bills in the past or are supporting bills currently moving:

**State Health Freedom Groups:** *Continued from page 1*

STATE	CONTACT	BILLS
Arkansas	<b>Arkansas Health Freedom Coalition (ARHFC)</b> Phone: 479-637-4361 or 479-637-4441 Email: arhfc@lycos.com www.arhfc.org	2005 - SB 976 (Altes)
California	<b>California Citizens for Health Freedom</b> Frank Cuny frank@citizenshealth.org	2005 - SB583 (alternative cancer treatments)
Colorado	<b>Colorado Citizens for Health Freedom</b> Phone: 719-231-5715 Email: advancedtherapy@hotmail.com	2006 - HB06-1170
Florida	<b>Florida Health Freedom Coalition &amp; Action</b> FHFC & FHFA Phone: 305-668-2800 www.floridahealthfreedom.org info@floridahealthfreedom.org	2004 introduced health freedom
Georgia	<b>Complementary and Alternative Medical Assoc.</b> <b>CAMAction and CAMA</b> Phone: 404-284-7592 Websites: www.CAMAction.org and www.camaweb.org Email: www@camaweb.org	2005 - HB 680 (Smith)
Hawaii	<b>Representative Cynthia Evans</b> Phone: 808-586-8510 E-mail: repevans@Capitol.Hawaii.gov www.capitol.Hawaii.gov/site1/house	2003 introduced health freedom 2006 - SB2099
Idaho	<b>Coalition for Natural Health</b> www.naturalhealth.org	2005 - Health Freedom law protected
Iowa	<b>Iowa Health Freedom Coalition (IHFC)</b> Phone: 319-269-6343 E-mail: ljhanz@yahoo.com Website: http://www.iowahealthfreedom.org	2006 - SF 291 (Hatch)
Kentucky	<b>Representative Mary Harper</b> http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/House/hseadd.htm	2003 introduced health freedom
Louisiana	<b>Louisiana Health Freedom Coalition (LHFC)</b> Phone 225/756-8400 E-mail: lhfc@lahfc.org www.lahfc.com	2005 SB 189 (Broome) PASSED 2006 – SB451
Michigan	<b>Michigan Natural Health Coalition</b> Phone: 989-779-0730 www.mnhc.info/mnhc_001.htm mnhcinfo@yahoo.com	2006 – HF5918
Minnesota	<b>Minnesota Natural Health – Legal Reform Project</b> www.minnesotanaturalhealth.org	2005 - Protected MN 146A 2006 - HF 3213, SF 2984 Expanded practices for licensees
New Mexico	<b>Health Freedom Act Initiative from New Mexico Complementary and Alternative Health Practitioner</b> Website: . www.nmcaamp.org, http://www.mindbodyspiritjournal.com/?cat=14	2006 - SM 20 Study bill
New York	<b>NYNCCP - New York Natural and Complementary Practices Project</b> newyorknaturalhealthproject.org nynhp@earthlink.net	2006 – Amended S4790
North Carolina	<b>North Carolina Health Freedom Federation: CHF (Citizens for Health Freedom); CHF-NC Fund; CNHP (Certified Nutritional Health Professionals); CNH (Coalition for Natural Health); SHFF (Sunshine Health Freedom Fund)</b> E-mail: chf@nc.rr.com www.citizensforhealthcarefreedom.com Phone: 704-692-7952	2005 - HB 1303 (Luebke) 2006 - Study bill
Ohio	<b>The Health Freedom Coalition of Ohio (HFCO)</b> E-mail: info@ohiohealthfreedom.org www.ohiohealthfreedom.org Phone 614-306-3477	2005 - HB 117 Reidelbach 2005 - SB 98 Clancy

many healing practices, returning balance back into the realm of health care options. When states change at this core level, it will open minds and hearts and cause a ripple effect, and contribute to the healing of the federal and international situations as well.

2005/2006 brought many opportunities for Diane Miller to travel and meet state leaders in their home states, traveling to Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, North Carolina, Iowa, Utah, and Michigan to assist health freedom leaders in their efforts. In Colorado she gave keynote presentations in Colorado Springs and Fort Collins, Colorado and met with health freedom activists from Colorado Springs Health Freedom Steering Committee, Colorado Fort. Collins health freedom committee, and Colorado Natural Health Coalition. (See State Update).

In Dallas, Texas, Diane met with Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation officers to discuss how to mobilize the grassroots for health freedom across the United States and met with the leaders of the Texas health freedom group, called Texas Complementary and Alternative Medicine, to discuss their state efforts. The Texas group is working hard to prepare health freedom legislation for the 2007 session. (See state update).

In Louisiana Diane attended a 2005 hearing in Baton Rouge held to determine whether to license Naturopathic Physicians. At the hearing NHFA encouraged the introduction of health freedom legislation and reviewed language for it to go forward. Congratulations to Louisiana Health Freedom Coalition and all of the hard working health freedom advocates for taking health freedom language forward and passing it unanimously in June 2005. Great work Louisiana!

In June 2005 Diane testified at the capitol in Raleigh North Carolina at a hearing on HB 1303, a North Carolina health freedom bill. There is a

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strong grassroots movement for health freedom in North Carolina, that has been developed over a number of years by strong activists. Diane met many of these activists at the capitol and had an opportunity to work with them side by side as they kept their health freedom bill alive. The bill is now being studied by a special subcommittee to come up with agreeable language for all parties. (See state update)

In Iowa, Diane gave a keynote presentation at the 2005 Iowa Health Freedom Expo in Waterloo. The Expo included many booths for Iowa practitioners and product businesses, and the energy was high for expanding the health freedom leadership and moving the health freedom legislation in the 2006 session. Iowa Health Freedom Coalition is a strong grassroots force in Iowa and has their pulse on the need for freedom on all levels; they have done a great job via many avenues on educating people about health freedom. (See state update)

The following is a brief update on state groups that have been actively working on legislative issues for health freedom:

**Arkansas** introduced a health freedom bill for access to unlicensed practitioners in spring 2005 SB976. A bad amendment was put on so the Arkansas Healthcare Freedom group requested that it be withdrawn from consideration. Instead the sponsor has placed it before the Interim Public Health Welfare and Labor Committee for study. ARHFC has refined the bill and will try again in 2007 for passage.

**California** already has a law (remember famous SB 577!) that protects consumer access to unlicensed practitioners. However, on Feb 18, 2005 it introduced a bill, SB 583 Cancer Treatment to repeal the terrible law that says that medical doctors can only treat cancer with surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy. Frank Cuny at CA Citizens for Health Freedom is leading the efforts.

STATE	CONTACT	BILLS
Oklahoma	<b>Health Freedom Action Network</b> http://www.oklahomahhealthfreedom.org E-mail: em-mail@cox.net Phone: 405-751-9086	Historically Health Freedom State
South Carolina	<b>Citizens for Health Freedom S. Carolina 501(c)3</b> Call NHFA for contact info <b>Citizens for Health Freedom S. Carolina 501(c)4</b> Call NHFA for contact info <b>South Carolina Health Freedom Coalition 501(c)4</b> Phone: 843-756-8965 FAX: 843-756-8977 E-mail: crowell@sccoast.net	2006 – Freedom amendment on Dietitian bill
Texas	<b>TFHSC (Texas Health Freedom Steering Committee): TCAM - Texas Complementary and Alternative Medical Association; CNHP – Certified Nutritional Healthcare Professionals; and SHFF- Sunshine Health Freedom Fund</b> Contact: gretchenbrfp@yahoo.com , texascam@earthlink.net www.tcam.org	Opposing dietitian bills
Utah	<b>Utah Group</b> Contact: Gene Harkin Email: dr.gene.harkins@gmail.com	2006 – HB136
Virginia	<b>Virginia Chapter of the CNHP Certified Natural Health Professionals</b> Email: theherbbasket@erols.com Phone: 804-862-2771	2006 – SB422
Washington	Contact Info from NHFA upon request	2004 introduced health freedom

**Below are the State Organizations in a variety of developmental stages of health freedom work from beginning to develop effective teams, to research and drafting language, to mobilizing the grass roots, setting priorities, to hiring lobbyist and gaining sponsorship.**

STATE	CONTACT	BILLS
Connecticut	<b>Connecticut Health Freedom Movement</b> Contact: Craig Repasz, 18 Nutmeg Hill Rd., Hamden CT 06514@hotmail.com	New Group Forming
Illinois	Contact NHFA for info	New Group forming
Indiana	<b>Healthkeepers Alliance</b> 3 Church Circle #100 Annapolis, MD21401 1.888.965.5005 FAX 1.574.268.2120 information@healthkeepersalliance.org www.healthkeepers.net	Health Freedom Expos 2006 Chicago, IL, June 9-11 2006 Austin, TX, December 1-3 2006 Richmond, VA, September 22-24
Kansas	<b>Kansans for Health Freedom</b> 866-899-7905 herbsforhealth@4state.com and herbalsurvival@cox.net	Expanding Group
Massachusetts	<b>Health Freedom Action Massachusetts, Inc (HFAM)</b> www.healthfreedommassachusetts.org Email: freedom@healthfreedommassachusetts.org 617-524-2223	Active Group
Nevada	<b>Nevada health freedom advocates</b> Contact info from NHFA upon request	New Group forming
New Hampshire	<b>New Hampshire Citizens for Health Freedom</b> Phone: 603-355-2202 e-mail: gbedding@verizon.net www.nhhealthfreedom.org	Active Group
Pennsylvania	Contact NHFA for information	New Group Forming
Wisconsin	<b>Wisconsin Health Freedom Coalition</b> Email: info@wihfc.com website:www.wifhc.com	Active Group

## **State Health Freedom**

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**Colorado** has a strong health freedom movement to protect access to unlicensed natural health care practitioners. HB06-1170 was introduced January 20, 2006, and successfully moved through the House of Representatives. It passed the health committee with a good majority, passed the House appropriations committee, and finally passed the full House in April 2006. However it did not pass the Senate, and health freedom advocates are in communication to prepare for 2007 session. 2005/2006 leadership was provided by Coalition for Natural Health, Colorado Coalition for Natural Health and supported by the Colorado Springs Health Freedom Steering Committee, Sunshine Health Freedom Pathfinders, and NHFA. Groups are collaborating to build a strong health freedom presence in Colorado and hoping for a successful bill passing in 2007

**Florida** introduced Naturopathic Physician bills in 2006 (HB 1261 Naturopathic Physicians and SB 2678 Naturopathic Medicine) and Florida Health Freedom Action was disappointed that the bills would not have protected unlicensed practitioners from prosecution under all professional practice acts. In response FHFA leaders participated in an important initiative by joining eight other leading natural health groups in Florida to draft and promote a bill called a "consensus bill". The new bill would have combined a health freedom bill to protect consumer access to unlicensed practitioners, with a limited licensing bill for Naturopathic Physicians. Many long hours and negotiations took place to arrive at a draft consensus document but the language was not put into any moving bill. The work and collaboration by the groups proved to be very educational for Florida leaders and they now have a better understanding of all of the issues involved in each of their agendas, and they are hopeful that these deeper understandings will help

Florida eventually arrive at a place where all consumer options are available.

**Georgia** introduced HB680 in March 2005 to protect consumer access to health care practitioners. They are now preparing to re-introduce their health freedom bill next session and they are hopeful that they will gain the leadership team together to work the bill during session and pass it into law. Leader Marge Roberts is at the helm and is gearing up for a successful session.

**Hawaii:** In 2004 Hawaii introduced health freedom legislation to protect access to unlicensed practitioners. No action took place. However in 2006 a bill was introduced to exempt homeopaths that were CCH certified from criminal charges under the Naturopathic Physician law (SB 2099). The bill was in response to a Naturopathic Physician Board shutting down a professional homeopath. NHFA encouraged homeopathic groups to work with activists in Hawaii to amend the proposed amendment and expand it to full health freedom exemption laws. However the original amendment did not get a hearing before session ended. Hawaii is in need of health freedom activists to re-introduce the original health freedom bill.

**Idaho** passed a bill in 2005 licensing Naturopathic Medicine Doctors. It is important to note that sections of this new law protect Idaho's long-standing health freedom exemptions, and also provide circumstances where practitioners that are not licensed can use the title doctor. The Coalition for Natural Health played a leadership role in Idaho and worked on the amendments to this bill as compromise legislation. The language regarding doctor is groundbreaking and may be used in drafting for other states.

**Iowa** SF 2095 was introduced January 27, 2006, to protect consumer access to practitioners that do not hold a medical license. The bill successfully passed the Health

Subcommittee 4 – 3, but did not get a hearing in the full health committee due to the opposition of the Committee Chairman to the bill. In the fall of 2005, Iowa Health Freedom Coalition held a Health Freedom Expo in Waterloo with wonderful booths and speakers. Iowa has one of the most well-developed grassroots movements in the country for natural health options.

**Kansas** worked hard in 2004 along side of Coalition for Natural Health to oppose or amend a licensing bill for Naturopathic Doctors that would have infringed on health freedom. Now Kansas for Health Freedom is seeking a team to work for their own health freedom legislation. Troy Bledsoe, Board member of Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, is located in Kansas and eager to gain supporters for their movement

**Kentucky** introduced a health freedom bill (HB 181) based on the CA language in 2004 and no action was taken. However, leadership has come forward from the Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation pathfinders group and Kentucky is preparing to mobilize for health freedom in the future.

**Louisiana** Senate unanimously passed SB 451 on May 8, 2006. It is a health freedom bill sponsored by Senator Sharon Broome. Leaders are now working hard to assure its passage in the House. Louisiana passed a health freedom bill in June 2005 to protect access to vendors of foods, dietary supplements, and homeopathic remedies. And now the new bill expands that new law to include all other natural health practitioners. For their 2005 victory, Louisiana Health Freedom Coalition and their President, Cynthia Reed, were awarded a health freedom award at the 2005 NHFC annual conference and also an award at the 2005 summer meeting for Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation.

**Michigan** under the sponsorship of Michigan Representative Mortimer, has introduced a health freedom bill, .

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## **State Health Freedom**

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HF 5918, to protect consumer access to practitioners that provide complementary and alternative health care, both licensed and unlicensed practitioners. In addition Michigan Health Freedom Coalition has worked hard to amend a dietitian bill that would have jeopardized consumer access to many practitioners who give nutritional advice. Diane Miller of NHFA traveled to Michigan in April 2006 to make a presentation to the Michigan legislative working group regarding health freedom. The Michigan leaders are working hard promoting the principles of the health freedom movement.

**Minnesota Natural Health Legal Reform Project** worked to promote a mercury free vaccine bill 2006 session. They also monitored other bills such as the NP licensing bill introduced in 2005 and watched for changes being suggested to the health freedom law passed in 2000. In addition they drafted and introduced HF 3213, sponsored by Rep. Ray Vandever, and SF 2984, sponsored by Senator Michelle Bachman, to protect the right of licensed medical professional to practice complementary and alternative health care. There is great interest in moving this bill in the 2007 session.

**New Mexico** has launched a New Mexico Health Freedom Act Initiative and has incorporated their new organization "New Mexico Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practitioners" and hired a lobbyist. They will be monitoring legislation that impacts health freedom and preparing to introduce a health freedom bill. In addition, the New Mexico legislature has a bill, MS 20, in spring of 2006, which was a study bill to study complementary and alternative health care including reviewing regulatory options

**New York Health Freedom and NYNCP** have been supporting S4790 that will protect access to unlicensed practitioners. The bill was

introduced in 2005 and New Yorkers are asking grassroots activists to come forward to help move the bill and gain financial support to support a lobbyist. NHFA provided comments to New York health freedom groups on the amendments made to the bill in spring of 2006. Hopefully all groups will collaborate in 2006/2007 to move the health freedom bill forward. In addition New Yorkers are working to oppose Naturopathic Licensing bills A5208 and S1617 because they have not been amended to protect consumer access to all natural health care practitioners.

**North Carolina** health freedom movement includes North Carolina steering committee members, Certified Natural Health Practitioners (CNHP) members, NHFA, Coalition for Natural Health (CNH), and Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation (SHFF) Pathfinder leaders in their efforts to defeat an NP licensing bill and to pass a health freedom bill. HB1303, the health freedom bill, is now traveling through the legislature as a study bill. North Carolina made history when they called for outreach meetings across the state to hear public comments on complementary and alternative health care. The April 25, 2006 meeting was well attended and numerous citizens testified in support. NHFA Diane Miller testified on behalf of the health freedom bill before the NC legislature in 2005.

**Ohio** has introduced SB 98, a health freedom bill to protect consumer access to unlicensed practitioners. Their bill has had numerous hearings in 2005 and 2006 and Ohio leaders continue to work hard to educate legislators about the importance of protecting consumer options in health care.

**South Carolina** needed to act swiftly in April 2006 when they learned that a bad Dietitian bill had passed the Senate and was on its way to a hearing in the House. A group of citizens who had already worked under an educational non-profit organization to educate the public about

the importance of natural health worked to find leaders and incorporate a health freedom lobbying organization in early May 2006. The SC health freedom lobbying organization negotiated with the Dietitians and amendments were added that prevented any new Dietitian Board from taking action against persons who call themselves nutritionists or who do nutritional counseling for health. There are leaders in SC that may plan to consider health freedom legislation in the future.

**Texas** Health Freedom worked hard in the 2005 session to defeat four bad bills regarding dietitians and nutritionists. The strong Texas grassroots were able to successfully mobilize to stop the bills. Now they are actively planning and designing a health freedom bill with hopes of introducing it in the 2007 session. Regular conference calls are being held and Texas leaders are working to craft a good health freedom solution for Texas.

**Utah:** Utah activists have developed a health freedom steering committee to move health freedom bill HB 136. Representative Daw of Utah is sponsoring the bill. The bill was tabled in spring 2006 so that all interested parties can provide language feedback to Representative Daw and come to a consensus bill for next session. There is a possibility that the bill may be heard before next session.

**Virginia** introduced SB 422, a health freedom bill to protect consumer access to unlicensed practitioners. The bill had good revisions and discussion and was tabled at the hearing for further discussions during the interim. Additional hearing will be held in 2006 summer and fall and a vote will be taken on the bill by December 2006.

**Washington** has a new health freedom group forming in 2006. Washington introduced a health freedom bill to protect consumer access to unlicensed practitioners in 2004 but no action was taken. The new group forming is considering going forward again.

## NHFC 's International Health Freedom

NHFC is committed to understanding health freedom in its total context in order to educate consumers in the most comprehensive way about how to preserve their health freedoms. To accomplish this NHFC has made it a priority to participate in the following important international forums:

**NHFC testified before the Canadian Parliament.** Trueman Tuck of Friends of Freedom Canada invited Diane Miller of NHFC to provide testimony to the Canadian Parliament's Standing Committee on Health in the House of Commons in Ottawa on the architecture and health freedom philosophy of DSHEA USA. Diane also addressed the Committee's questions on Codex. The hearing was in support of a bill before the Canadian Parliament that opposed Canada's new laws regulating nutritional supplements like drugs with prohibitive regulations and supporting a model which would regulate them as foods like DSHEA in the US. Many important health freedom leaders testified in support of the Friends of Freedom initiative including Dr. Carolyn Dean who discussed her groundbreaking new book "Death by Modern Medicine" documenting the state of medicine in the US.

**NHFC attended the 2005 Codex Alimentarius Commission Meeting in Rome, Italy.** Diane Miller and NHFA Board Member Marylu Miller attended the Codex meeting and met health freedom activists from around the world and also United States officials in charge of US policies regarding dietary supplements. Both the 2004 and the 2005 trips to the United Nations Codex meetings were responsible for generating the seeds of NHFC's upcoming project, the 2006 World Health Freedom Assembly, to be held September 29, 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1st 2006 at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota. NHFC is committed to bringing key leaders to the table that are working for health freedom and giving them an opportunity to discuss strategies and make resolutions that will impact health freedom public policy around the world.

**Diane Miller addressed the International College of Integrative Medicine** at their annual meeting in Grand Rapids Michigan. The presentation was on Codex Alimentarius. Diane met with medical doctors and professionals from all over the country who are committed in every way to bringing the best of medicine to the people. Many of them are practicing and doing remarkable research in cutting edge modalities and technology. In addition, many of them understand the legal issues surrounding the oppression of complementary and alternative medicine and were very receptive to Diane's presentation and explanation of the Codex issues.



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