

NHFA 2017 Annual Report



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM
ACTION

“NHFA's help has meant everything for our success in Virginia. Diane Miller helps us understand the language of the bills. The role that NHFA plays has been huge in giving us the support we need to fight these bills.”

- Becky Hanks, Virginians for Health Freedom

Letter from the President

Jerri Johnson



Dear Health Freedom Friends:

Our ability to **make our own choices** for our health care is **crucial**, isn't it? Can you imagine a world in which someone else dictated for us whether we had to treat our sore throat with antibiotics, or tonsillectomy, or even a particular natural remedy? What? Maybe you preferred to use lymphatic massage, homeopathy, or a chiropractic adjustment, or an herbal remedy, or any of a host of wonderful approaches that work best for you and are in sync with your healing path. Yes, your

health is everything to you, and **your right to care for your health in the way that makes the most sense to you** is paramount. National Health Freedom Action is working every day to keep your options open.

This requires understanding of the laws and public policies that exist, the barriers that currently prevent us from having full freedom, and **a vision for a future where options are always freely available.** Our attorneys focus every single day on these things, and they are taking action to make the changes that are needed to ensure your access to the practitioners, the products, and the information that you need to stay healthy.

THANK YOU for your support for National Health Freedom Action. It makes it possible for us to follow our great passion – keeping health options open for everyone!

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



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerri Johnson".

Jerri Johnson

President, National Health Freedom Action

NHFA's Passion: Reforming health laws to protect access and freedom of choice

Barriers to Health Freedom

Many consumers have lost access to holistic health care practitioners.

Licensed Practitioners practicing holistic approaches can lose their licenses for practicing outside of prevailing and accepted standards of care. **Other practitioners**, such as herbalists, homeopaths, traditional naturopaths and energy workers, are vulnerable to prosecution for practicing a profession without a license. That's why NHFA steps up to change the outdated laws and public policies that put so many practitioners at risk.

Government regulations and laws are blocking people's fundamental rights. Parents are being required to vaccinate their children, or forced to approve chemotherapy treatments for them. Farmers selling fresh produce from the farm are being raided. Many people needing dental care must settle for toxic mercury fillings because of government subsidies. Consumers do not have labels to tell them whether a food is GMO produced.

NHFA is Working for Positive Change

NHFA is working in many states to support health freedom groups and their efforts to change the laws so that they reflect the principles of health freedom.

Right of Practitioners to Practice. NHFA is working to pass safe harbor legislation, protecting the ability of herbalists, traditional naturopaths, homeopaths, and many other practitioners to practice without fear of criminal or civil charges for the unlicensed practice of a regulated health care profession. **There are now ten states** that have some form of Safe Harbor laws! NHFA is committed to taking these victories to the rest of the country to ensure that holistic healing is accessible to all!

Right of parents to make health care decisions for their children. Parents should have the right to decide what kind of health care they wish to use for their children. This includes decisions about vaccination, treatment for illness, and prevention. NHFA works with state health freedom groups to address infringements on parental rights.

Right of citizens to access safe, nutrient-dense foods. Individuals should be able to produce and market organic foods, raw milk and other farm products. Foods produced with genetic engineering (GMO) should be clearly labeled.

NHFA: Working on Many Fronts for Health Freedom!

Right of practitioners to practice: NHFA promoted safe harbor legislation and opposed restrictive bills.

NHFA is working with state groups to pass safe harbor exemption legislation for health care practitioners who do not hold state occupational licenses. These bills protect practitioners by giving them exemptions to licensed practice acts. This year, NHFA focused on an exemption bill in Wisconsin and on guiding a group in Washington state to go forward with an exemption bill soon. NHFA is helping to form activist groups to work on exemption bills in Connecticut, Tennessee, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas.

NHFA is working to stop monopolistic health care occupational bills that would give one particular group the right to practice but would forbid others from doing so.

NHFA successfully opposed a dangerous bill amendment in Oregon that would have restricted wellness coaches, life coaches, and hypnotherapists from practicing. NHFA helped stop a bill in Massachusetts that would have regulated bodyworkers and encouraged the bodyworkers to collaborate with the Massachusetts group working on passing a safe harbor exemption bill.

NHFA is opposing legislation in New York that intends to establish dietetic and nutrition licensure, which threatens to make it illegal for others to give nutritional advice.

NHFA successfully mobilized to amend a bill in California which would have prevented traditional naturopaths from using the title naturopath. NHFA also opposed restrictive Naturopathic licensing bills in several states because they did not contain adequate exemptions for complementary and alternative health care practitioners who do not wish to be licensed.

We were honored to have Diane Miller, NHFA's Director of Law and Public Policy, provide an article for publication in *The American Homeopath Journal*, the journal of the North American Society of Homeopaths.

NHFA is having success! Ten states now have a safe harbor bill in some form. NHFA's goal is no less than safe harbor protection in all 50 states to ensure consumer access to holistic practitioners.



Jerri Johnson, NHFA President and Rosanne Lindsay, NHFC President at Wisconsin capitol.



Diane Miller JD, Director of Law and Public Policy speaking in California.

In 2017, NHFA helped state groups mobilize to stop bad legislation that would interfere with health freedom, and to work toward passage of positive legislation.

Right of parents to make informed health care decisions for their children

Dangerous bills were introduced in many states in 2017 that intended to restrict the right of parents to decline some or all vaccines. NHFA stands strongly for the right of parents to make these decisions for their children. NHFA worked together with other health freedom organizations to maintain parental decision-making. **With very few exceptions, these bills were defeated in legislatures across the country.**

In Minnesota, a measles outbreak prompted calls for removing parental exemption rights. NHFA has been in touch with many members of the Somali community, who have related severe vaccine injury in their children following the MMR vaccine. NHFA wrote a letter to the Department of Health, and copied key legislators, regarding the unusual prevalence of severe vaccine adverse events in the Somali community.

NHFA is working intensively in California, where all parents of school children must agree to vaccination if they can't obtain medical exemption. NHFA is working closely with great California advocates to restore parental decision-making in California.



Abdirizak Jama, a Somali parent of a vaccine-injured child speaking at the US Health Freedom Congress.



Rosanne Lindsay gives presentation on health freedom at American Herbalist Guild Symposium.



Center: Jerri Johnson with vaccine safety advocates discussing parental rights to restore health care decisions for their children. Right: Jerri Johnson and Sally Tamplin at 2017 Joint American Homeopathy Conference in Phoenix.



NHFA welcomes new staff person, Kazi Jones, Senior Operations Analyst

We are excited that Kazi Jones has joined the executive and leadership teams to help streamline operations to ensure continued success. Kazi comes to us with over 10 years experience in guiding operations for non-profits, primarily in the Washington DC area. She is a non-profit consultant with a passion for increasing efficiency and implementing processes in order to support the mission and goals of organizations. Her great enthusiasm and positive energy for small non-profits is evident and we look forward to growing our organizations and mission with her on board.



Our Team

We welcome to our NHFA Board of Directors Rosemary Gladstar, a true leader in the field of American Herbalism. Rosemary is the author of eleven books, and the Founding President of United Plant Savers and founder and former director of both the International Herb Symposium and The New England Women's Herbal Conference.



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NHFA Financial Statement for 2017

2017 Statement of Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE:	
Contributions, grants	<u>178001</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	178001
EXPENSE:	
Wages, payroll taxes, benefits	101069
Contracted services	19250
Web site and online	5101
Rent, telephone, utilities	2741
Travel, transportation, lodgin	3625
Postage, copying and printing	362
Supplies, software, merchant fees	1630
Equipment maint & depreciation	331
Conference booths & tuition	1285
Advertising, insurance	<u>365</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	135759
NET, REVENUE over EXPENSE	42242

Balance Sheet – December 31, 2017

ASSETS	
Checking	101225
Misc receivables	<u>285</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	101510
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	6190
Payroll taxes payable	2158
Benefits payable	<u>1050</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9398
NET ASSETS	
Program Restricted Net Assets:	25040
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>67072</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	92112
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NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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.

Join us and help us ensure your health care choices.

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