



**National  
Health  
Freedom  
Coalition**

**Annual  
Report  
2015**

*Promoting  
Freedom of  
Choice  
and  
Access  
To Health Care  
Choices*



# A Letter from the President

## Marianne Lonergan Curtis

April, 2016

Dear Friends of Health Freedom:

As President of the Board of National Health Freedom Coalition (NHFC), I want to personally thank you for all your support this past year. This year more than ever we have had to work hard to preserve our freedom of choice and our rights as Americans.

NHFC promotes health freedom by educating more people state by state how to organize health freedom groups, and how to build relationships with their legislators and local businesses, as well. Not only has NHFC prepared and made available to groups and individuals throughout the nation tools to be successful in their state, but we also educate those groups and individuals how to utilize these tools, and give suggestions based on issues they are facing in their state or at their capitol. Our team here at NHFC can give guidance and suggestions that come from years of expertise in knowing the laws and understanding the appropriate actions to take to preserve our rights, freedoms and choice with regard to health. We also can guide these groups and individuals to take advantage of the wealth of expertise with our sister organization, National Health Freedom Action (NHFA). NHFA's team of attorneys watch for bills on the legislative floor across the country that could threaten our freedoms; and then they get the word out to you and empower all those interested to take action. They help with lobbying efforts and bill writing; their expertise in language that protects the freedom of all concerned is a major benefit when groups are working with NHFA. If you need professional testimony, they are available, as well.

Our annual Health Freedom Congress 2015 continued to be a huge success in building relationships among many diverse and autonomous health freedom groups across the nation and the world. We employ the Open Space model with Denise Lewis-Premeschek and this has proven to help our leaders think more creatively together and to find solutions to issues that aid in more productive strategies. We are all realizing more than ever the importance of groups and organizations working together for our health freedom. Although we are diverse and autonomous, as it should be, our Congress serves to help us realize that there are many ways we can support each other in our efforts to preserve our health freedoms and rights that becomes a win-win for all!

If you know of anyone who needs help and education creating a group in their state for health freedom, or someone who would like to support our efforts on their behalf, please share our contact information and especially our new website that was launched in April 2016. I think you will find it more informative and easier to navigate than ever before. Our website url address is still the same: [www.nationalhealthfreedom.org](http://www.nationalhealthfreedom.org)

The pages to follow will show you some of the detail of our work this past year thanks to your generous contributions.

Thank you again! And in Good Health,

A handwritten signature of Marianne Lonergan Curtis in black ink on a light-colored background.

Marianne Lonergan Curtis, CAMT,CFT President,  
National Health Freedom Coalition

# National Health Freedom Coalition

## Our Core Work

### Barriers to Health Freedom

**Consumers are losing 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, can be prosecuted for practicing medicine without a license.

**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 produce from the farm are being raided. Many people needing dental care must settle for toxic mercury fillings to get government subsidies. Consumers do not have labels to tell them whether a food is GMO produced.

### NHFC is educating for positive change!

NHFC teaches people what health freedom is, and what they need to do to protect their health freedoms. We help citizens form state health freedom groups, and train them how to make the changes they want. We educate them about safe harbor approaches that give holistic practitioners exemptions from medical practice acts so that they can legally practice. Today there are ten states that have successfully passed safe harbor legislation that gives natural health practitioners such as herbalists and homeopaths an exemption from the medical practice act. We train parents how to mobilize in their state to protect the right of parents to decline vaccines.

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### Bringing the Health Freedom Community Together

NHFC hosts an annual US Health Freedom Congress, a gathering of health freedom leaders, in order to increase collaboration and cooperation in the health freedom movement. NHFC has hosted ten of these gatherings, and each one has resulted in an increase in the networking and communication between health freedom groups, leading to increased effectiveness.

# NHFC Work in 2015

## ***Working for access for all people to the health care products, practitioners, and information they choose***

National Health Freedom Coalition worked on many fronts to preserve access to health freedom for all Americans. NHFC educated folks on GMO labeling, because people have the right to know the status of their foods. NHFC educated on vaccine exemptions, because parents have the right to make medical decisions for their children.

NHFC has continued to educate citizens in many states on holistic practitioners' right to practice. This past year saw the passage in Nevada of the tenth safe harbor law in America, giving practitioners in those states an exemption from medical practice acts. **Congratulations Nevada!**

**NHFC has been active in over 30 states, helping to launch and guide state health freedom groups. NHFC trains individuals and groups on how to get active to make the changes in their states to enhance health freedom.**

(Photo) **Jerri Johnson** represents NHFC at the Truth, Transparency & Freedom Rally calling on the CDC to tell the public the truth about vaccine injuries and deaths.



## **Ten years of Health Freedom Conferences!**

The 2015 US Health Freedom Congress celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of health freedom leaders hosted by National Health Freedom Coalition.



2003 – Our first National Health Freedom Conference! Diane Miller presents Health Freedom Awards to Clinton Miller and Jim Turner



2006 World Health Freedom Assembly at William Mitchell School of Law, St Paul, MN

# The 2015 U. S. Health Freedom Congress!

## *Exponentially Expanding The Voice of Health Freedom!*

The 2015 US Health Freedom Congress was held at Hamline University in St. Paul, where over twenty health freedom organizations and forty additional organizations and participants representing millions of health freedom-conscious Americans came together to discuss urgent concerns for health freedom.

**The Open Space Sessions**, facilitated by Denise Lewis Premshak of Voice for HOPE, gave leaders an opportunity to voice their priorities, create focus groups, and develop strategies. This approach to dialogue was extremely successful in bringing people together, and led to NHFC being asked to facilitate similar discussions among vaccine freedom advocates in California.



*1 US Health Freedom Congress Circle*



*2 Brian Hooker, Keynote Speaker and 2015  
Health Freedom Awardee*

Brian S. Hooker, world leader, scientist, and advocate for scientific integrity at the CDC and vaccine safety gave the keynote address. Hooker's presentation was stunning, giving leaders the insight and courage they need to leverage the cause of human, civil and parental rights in the area of informed consent and vaccine safety.

NHFC presented **Health Freedom Awards** to four outstanding health freedom leaders: **Jim Jenks**, Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, Nevada Coordinator; **Pete Kennedy, JD**, Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund, Raw Milk Advocacy; **Frank Wallace**, Wyoming Food Freedom; and **Brian s. Hooker**.



*3 Pete Kennedy, JD  
Farm-to-Consumer Legal  
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with empowered people,  
making informed  
health care decisions.***

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**An educational 501(c)3 non-profit organization**  
**"promoting freedom of access to health care"**

**Our Vision:** *A healthy nation, with empowered people, making informed health care decisions.*

**Our Mission:** *To promote access to all health care information, services, treatments and products that the people deem beneficial for their own health and survival; to promote an understanding of the laws and factors impacting the right to access; and to promote the health of the people of this nation.*

***Working nationally, internationally, and statewide to ensure your  
Health Freedom!***

***Join us and help us ensure your health care choices.***  
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