

# NHFC 2017 Annual Report



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM  
COALITION



# Letter from the President

## *Rosanne Lindsay*

Dear Friends of Health Freedom:

As president of the Board of the National Health Freedom Coalition (NHFC), I want to honor your work and **thank you for your support** over the last year.

One of my first decisions was to accept the role of Director for the Program Committee of the 2018 U.S. Health Freedom Congress. I was happy to step into the position to allow Diane Miller, Director of Law and Public Policy, more time to focus her attention on the numerous issues requiring her expertise to preserve our inherent rights and the freedom to choose. It is through our mutual relationships that NHFC gets its strength. And **strength** is what we require going forward under a climate of censorship and oppressive policies. We all seek to **preserve the right to access** all health care information, services, treatments and products that we **choose** for our health and healing. However, to maintain our rights, we must be willing to **defend** them.

Going forward, NHFC seeks to grow our organization, and our reach, through upgrades to the NHFC (and NHFA) websites. We hope to activate this platform as a hub for health freedom, and as a portal to connect individuals to our member organizations directly.

NHFC continues to connect with people at upcoming conferences and rallies, working with state health freedom leaders on health freedom in their states, networking between member organizations, and collaborating and celebrating each other's accomplishments at the Congress. This year's Congress featured speakers from six long-time member organizations who offered their peers, and the community, inspiration and Words of Wisdom based on the theme *Wisdom And Its Application: A Sacred Synthesis*. Member-leaders included Scott Tips, Leo Cashman, Peter McCarthy, Robert Scott Bell, Julie Whitman Kline, and Camilla Rees. To cap off the event, our esteemed colleague Jim Turner, Esq. presented his keynote, titled *Health Freedom: Use It Or Lose It, Lessons From 50 Years of Activism*.

Health is only possible if we, as individuals, are free to make choices. Freedom is only possible if we are responsible for our choices. Therefore, the **power to heal is the freedom to choose**.

I look forward to another powerful year as we come together in spirit and in person. Our website address is still the same: [www.nationalhealthfreedom.org](http://www.nationalhealthfreedom.org)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

In health and freedom,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosanne Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosanne Lindsay, ND, MA  
President, National Health Freedom Coalition

# National Health Freedom Coalition

*Promoting freedom of choice  
And access to health care choices*

## Barriers to Health Freedom

Many consumers have lost access to the health care options of their choice for healing. NHFC educates citizens as to why these events happen and what they can do about it.

- 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 a profession without a license.
- Government regulations and laws are blocking people's fundamental rights to make health care decisions. Parental decision-making rights are being denied when governments require children to be vaccinated before they go to daycare or school, or to undergo chemotherapy or other toxic treatments and procedures against parental wishes.
- Quality of food and protection of the land and natural resources is jeopardized. Organic food standards are being challenged and the danger of genetically modified foods is being covered up.
- Farmers selling fresh produce from the farm are being raided. Food sovereignty is in danger.

## NHFC Educating for Positive Change

NHFC raises awareness of what health freedom is and what needs to be done to protect it. We support citizens in **forming state health freedom groups** and train them on how to participate in the legislative process to make the changes they want. NHFC receives a broad range of requests from citizens, including: help in understanding legislative bills; where to turn if a practitioner has been shut down for practicing a healing art; how to become active when a person's right to decline vaccines, or their right to obtain organic and non-genetically modified foods or fresh raw milk from a farm, or their right to parent their child without intervention from Child Protective Services has been jeopardized; and much more.

### Mission Statement of the National Health Freedom Coalition:

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.

# NHFC Moving Forward in 2017

## Bringing the Health Freedom Community Together

NHFC is known nationally for hosting the US Health Freedom Congress, a gathering of health freedom leaders, to increase collaboration in the health freedom movement. NHFC has hosted eleven of these gatherings, leading to increased effectiveness in the movement.

During 2017, NHFC staff did foundational work for our **2018 US Health Freedom Congress**, scheduled for June 10 – 12, in St. Paul, MN.

In the spirit of collaboration NHFC leaders were asked to help facilitate a process in California to promote dialogue and collaboration among California vaccine safety leaders working to return health care decisions-making to parents.

In 2017, NHFC **raised awareness on health freedom issues** and recommended best ways for state groups to become active for making changes in their state for health freedom. Issues included **holistic practitioners' rights to practice, homeopathic remedies, free speech rights, and vaccine exemptions** .

Rosanne Lindsay , NHFC's Board President, and Program Director for the 2018 US Health Freedom Congress presented a **workshop** at the American Herbalist Guild Symposium, about laws impacting herbalists.

Jerri Johnson, NHFC's Public Relations Coordinator, met with leaders working to protect vaccine choice at the Autism One Conference in Colorado Springs, and participated in a

**panel presentation** at the Joint American Homeopathic Conference in Arizona, about laws impacting homeopaths.



*Anne Gillum and Diane Miller meeting with California vaccine leaders*



*Rosanne Lindsay presenting workshop in Portland, OR at AHGS*



*Jerri Johnson meeting with Vaccine choice supporters*

NHFC was honored to have Diane Miller, NHFC'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. Diane also spoke and gave workshops at the California Summit #3 in Los Angeles, the Nature's Sunshine Products convention in Orlando, and the Midwest Women's Herbal Conference in Wisconsin.



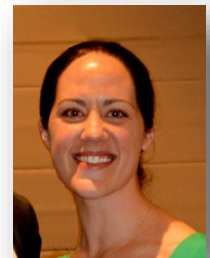
*In March, Physicians for Informed Consent launched their Inaugural meeting in Costa Mesa, CA and Diane Miller was honored to moderate the attorney panel on physician legal issues.*

*Diane Miller and Kirk Bashaw, President of Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation at convention in Orlando, FL*



*Rosanne Lindsay, NHFC President, joined Diane in the summer where Diane presented a workshop at the Midwest Women's Herbal Conference, educating the herbalists about practitioner laws.*

**Assistant Attorney Anne Gillum** responded to calls daily from around the country from citizens and leaders regarding health freedom issues. Anne keeps abreast of state health freedom group formations and facilitates their progress. She uses Westlaw to track bills across the country that may impact health freedom.



**NHFC welcomes Kazi Jones, Senior Operations Analyst**



We are excited that Kazi Jones has joined the NHFC leadership team to help streamline operations for continued success. Kazi has over 10 years experience in guiding operations for non-profits, and has a passion for increasing efficiency and implementing processes. Her great enthusiasm and positive energy is evident and we look forward to growing our organization and mission with her on board.

**Working to promote access for all people to the healing practitioners, products and information that they choose**

# 2017 Financial Statement

## NHFC Financial Statement for 2017

### 2017 Statement of Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE	
Contributions and grants	124206
Special program revenue	<u>933</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>125139</b>
EXPENSE	
Wages, payroll taxes, benefits	59921
Contracted services	22420
Web site and online	11072
Rent, telephone & utilities	3053
Travel , transportation, lodging	4350
Supplies, merchant fees	2705
Postage, copying, printing	2772
Equipment maint & depreciation	331
Training & tuition expense	1252
Insurance, advertising, misc	380
Health Freedom Congress (2018) exp	2027
Special program expense	<u>666</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>110949</b>
<b>NET, REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>14190</b>

### Balance Sheet – December 31, 2017

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking and cash	88528
Accounts receivable	<u>4672</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>93200</b>
Equipment, net of depreciation	<u>887</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>94087</b>
LIABILITIES	
Payroll taxes	673
Accounts payable	3114
Wages and benefits payable	<u>1582</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5369</b>
NET ASSETS	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>88718</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>94087</b>

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**ROSANNE LINDSAY**  
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*Director of Law and Public Policy*







# NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM COALITION

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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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