

National Health Freedom Coalition

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!***

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Access
In Health Care*



A Letter from the President

Marianne Lonergan Curtis

August, 2013

Dear Health Freedom friends:

The freedom to make health care decisions for one’s self and one’s family is a basic liberty that we must forever understand and protect. National Health Freedom Coalition (NHFC) is committed to educating all health seekers about health freedom, so that people can participate in protecting the freedom to access whatever health care information, practitioners, and products that we need to make the most beneficial decisions for our health.

Unfortunately, consumers are at risk of losing access to many health care practitioners because some of the laws in our country favor only conventional medicine, or create barriers to practice for many practitioners. The investigation and detaining of medical doctors, dentists, homeopaths, naturopaths, and alternative practitioners of all kinds continues, even when there is no showing of harm.

And consumers are at risk of losing access to precious dietary supplements and nutritious foods because attempts to restrict these substances continue, even when there is no showing of harm. Producers are restricted from making truthful statements about the benefits of their products. Meanwhile, GMO (genetically modified organisms) food is in widespread use, with no requirements to inform consumers of what they are eating. And drugs and vaccines that have harmful impacts on the population continue to be promoted without adequate warnings or informed consent.

NHFC educates about the importance of freedom of speech in all of these areas and calls for transparency in order to empower consumers to make informed decisions.

Inside this report you will see a glimpse of the important work that our team is doing for you and for health freedom. NHFC is a leader in supporting collaboration among key leaders in the health freedom movement. It is working to transform our healing systems by engaging citizens and leaders in the freedom conversation and by educating about the importance of protecting the ability of all people to access what and whom they need on their healing journey. NHFC supports all people having the ability to make truly informed health care decisions, and envisions a healing system that will reflect all that is good and healing for the people. We are filled with gratitude to be working together with all of you to strengthen the voice of health freedom. We could not do this work without you, and we appreciate so much your participation and support.

Warmest Blessings for Your Good Health,

Marianne Lonergan Curtis, CAMT, CFT
NHFC – President

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Our Core Work

Responding to the Public

NHFC responds daily to calls from around the country. Calls come from citizens, practitioners, and

manufacturers who are worried about losing access to natural health practitioners or products.

Educating About Health Freedom

NHFC educates citizens about health freedom by phone, emails and in-person meetings.

We travel to state capitols and grassroots venues, providing on-site presentations on health freedom principles, laws and public policies. We teach citizens how to best articulate health freedom concepts in public forums, and we provide an extensive informational website.

Educating About Political Process

We educate citizens on participation in the political process by providing advocacy

and lobbying training sessions. We help citizens start state health freedom groups, from the very beginning stages of incorporating, all the way through to their active stages where they are ready to implement effective projects to promote health freedom.

Providing Timely Updates and Alerts

Consumers are daily bombarded with information about health freedom issues, and many

look to NHFC for timely analysis on whether a particular event or happening will infringe on their health freedoms.

Building Collaboration in the Health Freedom Community

NHFC has long held the belief that if we work together we will have a stronger voice for health freedom. Since 2001 we have hosted seven national leadership conferences, bringing state and federal health freedom organizations and companies together to build solidarity in the freedom movement. We are daily in touch with health freedom leaders in small or large group conversations, and we host and manage a state leaders Yahoo group where state health freedom leaders can confidentially communicate with each other about key strategies and health freedom issues.

Global Health Freedom

As the world changes and globalization takes hold there are many health freedom issues impacting consumer options in health care. The passage of the Codex Guidelines for Vitamins and Minerals is just one example of where the assumption that dietary supplements are dangerous drug-like products has manifested and transformed into an international trade guideline. NHFC has attended Codex meetings in Geneva and Rome and stays in contact with the US NGO representing US consumers at Codex, National Health Federation, in order to help strengthen the voice of health freedom internationally. NHFC hosted the World Health Freedom Assembly in 2006, which brought together 14 international health freedom organizations that drafted and endorsed the **International Declaration for Health Freedom**, signed by 18 international health freedom organizations.

2012 National Health Freedom Coalition Financial Report

Statement of Revenue & Expense - 2012

REVENUE	
Grants, matching	48000
Grant, other	14500
Contributions	
- matching	32781
- year end	1830
- other contributions	250
Total, contributions	34861
Memberships	1865
HF Congress Revenue	36003
Sales	20
Interest revenue	6
TOTAL REVENUE	135255
EXPENSE	
Wages	60035
Payroll Taxes and benefits	14038
Contracted services	13478
Supplies, merch fees, food	3711
Telephone	2067
Information technology/ on-line	3999
Postage	421
Rent, space	4145
Utilities	1152
Copying, printing	74
Travel, lodging, transportation	3693
Depreciation on equipment	673
Insurance	374
Mail appeal expenses	921
Health freedom Congress expenses	32046
Grant to National Health Freedom Action	5000
Filing fees, service charges, misc.	111
TOTAL EXPENSE	145938
NET, REVENUE over EXPENSE	-10683

Balance Sheet - December 31, 2012

ASSETS	
Checking	24608
Misc Receivables	5270
Security deposit	500
Total Current Assets	30378
Fixed Assets:	
Equipment	3898
less: accumulated depreciation	-1579
Total Fixed Assets	2319
TOTAL ASSETS	32697
LIABILITIES	
Payroll taxes owed and accrued	1075
Accounts payable	1421
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2496
Unrestricted net assets	30201
TOTAL NET ASSETS	30201
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	32697

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The Year 2012 in Review

NHFC Hosted the United States Health Freedom Congress



On June 14th, 2012, NHFC implemented and hosted the US Health Freedom Congress in Schaumburg, Illinois. Thirty five national health freedom organizations and forty additional observing organizations representing millions of Americans came together to build collaboration in the health freedom movement, to pass resolutions and to celebrate and present awards for special achievements.



2012 US Health Freedom Congress VOTING MEMBERS

AHI Productions, Alliance for Natural Health USA, Autism One, Bolen Reports , The Canary Party , Citizens for Health, Clinton Miller Health Freedom Advocates, CoMeD, DAMS Dental Amalgam Mercury Solutions, Dr. Clark Research Association , Electromagnetic Health.org, Emord & Associates, P.C., Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund, Gary Null & Associates - (provided a first showing of his new documentary “*War on Health: the FDA’s Cult of Tyranny*”), The HealthKeepers Alliance ,IAACN International and American Assoc. of Clinical Nutritionists, The Institute for Responsible Technology, Institute of Integrative Nutrition, Rick Jaffe Law Firm, Michigan Natural Health Coalition, Minnesota Natural Health - Legal Reform Project , National Health Federation ,National Health Freedom Action, National Health Freedom Coalition, NASH North American Society of Homeopaths , The Nutritional Magnesium Association, Ohio Sunshine Health Freedom Coalition, Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, Dr. Sherri J. Tenpenny , Texas Health Freedom Coalition, Robert Scott Bell Radio, Truehope Institute, Virginians for Health Freedom, Voice for HOPE – Healers Of Planet Earth

Health Freedom Awardees



Wynn Werner and NMCAAMP (New Mexico Complementary and Alternative Medicine Project) ; Judith McGeary, JD, and Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance; Becky Hanks, and Virginians for Health Freedom; Rick Jaffe, Esquire; Jim Jenks, and Nevada Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation; and Robert Scott Bell, Keynote Presenter at the Awards Banquet.

2012 Health Freedom RESOLUTIONS



Voting Members adopted:
Resolution 1A Protecting Humanity from Mercury-containing Drugs; and
Resolution 3B Supporting the California Right to Know Genetically Engineered Food;



Voting Members also adopted the health freedom principles embodied in 13 additional resolutions with the support of the member organizations to the extent determined by each organization’s governing principles including the following resolutions:
Resolution 2B Resolution on Electromagnetic Health
Resolution 3A Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know
Resolution 4A Dietary Supplement Protection
Resolution 5A Misrepresentations of High Fructose Corn Syrup HFCS
Resolution 6B Food Freedom
Resolution 7A Right to Refuse Vaccination
Resolution 8A Water Fluoridation Resolution
Resolution 9A Dental Amalgam (Mercury) Fillings
Resolution 11A Autism
Resolution 13A Protecting the Profession of Colon Hydrotherapy
Resolution 14A Informed Consent
Resolution 15A FDA Warning Letters
Resolution 16A FDA Treatment of Synthetic Botanicals

Educating On Laws and Public Policies That Impact Access to Health Care Options and Information

For 12 years, National Health Freedom Coalition has taught grassroots advocates about health freedom issues and how to participate in the political process to protect health freedoms.

Health Freedom EXPOS

► In 2012 NHFC made presentations at the Health Freedom Expos in Long Beach CA, and Chicago IL. Attorney Director Diane Miller’s presentations covered safe harbor laws for natural health practitioners in the many states, federal health claims laws, federal labeling issues for genetically modified foods (GMOs) and UN Codex issues regarding dietary supplement guidelines.

► Many state advocacy groups submitted information requests to NHFC, asking for information or training on how to be effectively involved in the political process, asking for NHFC’s participation in group start-up conference calls, and for more information on bills that might have been introduced in a state. Some of these state groups were:

Health Freedom State Groups



Illinois Health Freedom Leaders

Colorado Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, Colorado Springs Health Freedom Steering Committee, Ohio Sunshine Health Freedom Coalition, Virginians for Health Freedom, Wisconsin Health Freedom Coalition, Illinois Citizens for Health Freedom, Pennsylvania Health Freedom Coalition, and California GMO Labeling advocates, as well as International Colon Hydrotherapy Association I-ACT. Many of these groups were concerned about state laws that make natural health care practitioners vulnerable to criminal charges of practicing medicine without a license. Some states were concerned about how their Dietitian laws restricted their freedom of speech, or about overly broad bills that would restrict the rights of citizens to speak about nutrition, or massage bills that would attempt to block the right of citizens to do healing touch. Many of these groups went on to advocate for safe harbor

legislation to protect consumer access to herbalists, naturopaths, homeopaths, colon hydro therapists, and many other complementary health care practitioners.

HOT ISSUES

1. GMO labeling
2. Forced-Chemotherapy
3. Fluoride and Mercury

► NHFC educated as many consumers as possible about GMO’s (genetically modified organisms), and pointed readers to resources about the health risks of GMO’s and the need for proper labeling.

► NHFC attended hearings in the case of the State of MN v. Persian where the parents of a 12 year old girl with cancer were being charged with neglect for successfully and effectively choosing alternative treatments instead of chemotherapy for their daughter.



► NHFC attended the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology Conference, a conference that addresses a broad range of issues by leading professionals in the field of toxicology, including the toxic nature of fluoridation of water, and mercury in vaccines and dental amalgam fillings.



► NHFC is excited to announce that attorney Anne Tenner, JD, a top notch Hamline University School of Law graduate, has joined the staff. Anne is a valuable staff member promoting the NHFC mission of health freedom. Already she has made presentations in Hawaii, Washington DC, and Minnesota. NHFC’s new subscription to Westlaw Capitol Watch, supported by funding from a generous donor, has given Anne the tools she needs to keep abreast of the status of hundreds of legislative bills across the country.