

Aging and Long-Term Care

- Legislation requiring the State of Illinois to develop a strategic action plan for aging equity

Community Safety

- Defunding and abolition of the police, with sustained public funding for community wellbeing and safety, including non-police public health responses to violence, health, social, and economic problems

Health Care as a Human Right

- Universal health insurance coverage, especially for undocumented immigrants, through an expansion of the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults/Seniors program
- Sustainable funding, accountable governance, and equitable health care access at Cook County Health

Health Workforce

- Community health worker voluntary certification, reimbursement, and sustainable career pathways
- Sustainable public health jobs and transparent, affordable, and accessible education and career pathways to grow the public health workforce

Public Health Equity

- Sufficient, flexible, and sustained public funding for state and local public health departments
- Healthy, safe, affordable, equitable, and accessible housing, including proactive rental inspections and just-cause for eviction ordinances
- Environmental justice progress, including passage of a cumulative impact ordinance in Chicago

Reproductive Justice

- Equitable access to a full range of contraception and abortion services and resources
- Expansion of birthing options by allowing licensed certified professional midwives to practice as primary birth attendants, increasing birth center reimbursements, and reducing unnecessary administrative rules

Trauma-Informed Care and Systems

- Widespread trauma-informed policies, practices, policy development standards, and trainings supported by sufficient public funding

The Health & Medicine mission is to build power and momentum for social justice and health equity in Illinois.

The Health & Medicine vision is a society free of social and health inequities so that all people can attain their full potential.

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