Support to hire Lobbyist to assist with legislative advocacy efforts

Whereas the UPHA is a leader in public health advocacy; and

Whereas the UPHA must be effective and proactive in advocating and promoting public health policy; and

Whereas building and maintaining close relationships with legislators and other policy makers is critical to our ability to effectively influence public health policy; and

Whereas hiring a lobbyist to assist UPHA with legislative advocacy efforts would give us a larger direct presence with legislature; and

Whereas hiring a lobbyist would allow us to most effectively mobilize our volunteer members in policy advocacy.

Be it therefore resolved that:

UPHA will explore 501(c)3 regulations of legislative advocacy efforts; and

UPHA will explore options for paying for a lobbyist; and

UPHA will explore options for hiring a part-time, time limited Lobbyist to assist with legislative advocacy efforts; and

UPHA Officer and Board will develop necessary bylaw changes and job description of the Lobbyist; and

At the 2013 Annual Business Meeting of the Association, the necessary bylaws changes and policy guidelines creating this organization staffing change, will be formally presented to the membership for adoption.

Respectfully submitted by:
Officers and Board of UPHA