



Policy UPHN-005

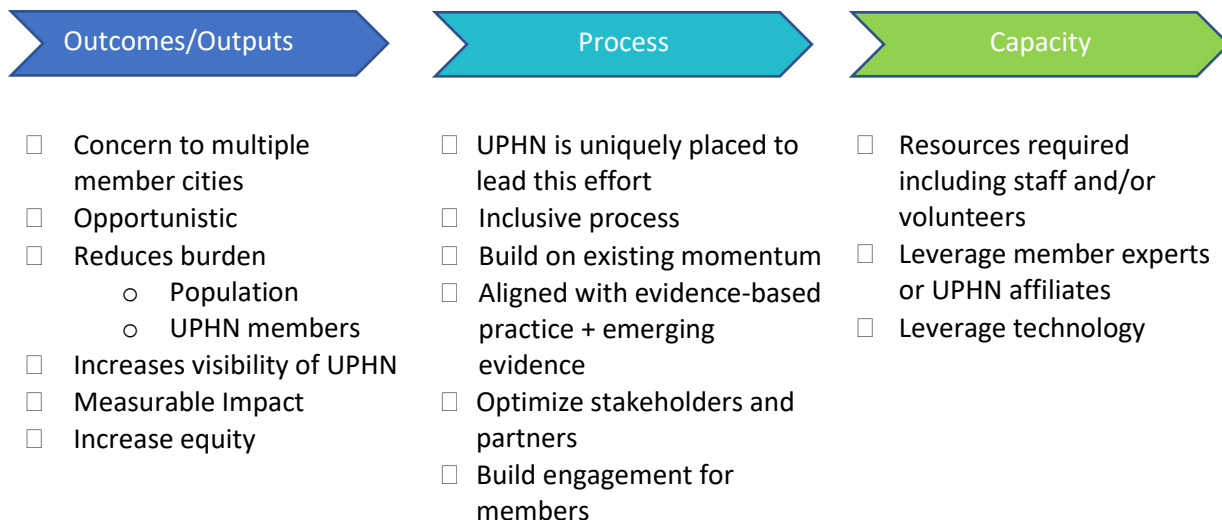
Issue: **UPHN does not have standard criteria for evaluating proposed advocacy issues and endorsement requests.**

Rationale:

- UPHN has advocated on a wide variety of urban public health issues
- As awareness of UPHN increases, requests for endorsement are increasing
- UPHN resources are not infinite and UPHN can only focus on a few advocacy issues at a time
- The purpose of UPHN relies heavily on advocacy. The purpose of the organization, as set out in the articles of continuance is:
 1. To share experience and best practices in delivery and evaluation of public health programs and initiatives in urban centres
 2. To create more awareness/profile for urban public health issues
 3. To advance policy change by developing a collective voice for urban health issues
 4. To foster collaborative action on issues of mutual interest
 5. To provide a forum for other groups/organizations that wish to consult on urban health issues
 6. To foster and facilitate research in public health

Decision:

- UPHN members will have the opportunity to vote to endorse and/or advocate on all issues
- All advocacy issues and endorsement requests require a 2/3 majority for approval with 2/3 of membership voting (quorum)
- For time sensitive issues, the UPHN Executive is empowered to accept or decline endorsement requests if quorum of members is not reached with the vote (external or from members)
- UPHN will engage members in determining advocacy priorities during biannual meetings.
- All working groups set up to explore an advocacy issue must be chaired/co-chaired by a UPHN member.
- An advocacy issue or endorsement request must be evaluated against the below criteria:



Effective Date: November 14, 2019