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ASPPH Statement on President’s FY 2023 Budget Proposal

March 29, 2022 – The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) commends President Biden’s commitment to strengthen the health of Americans through important investments in public health, biomedical research, and education programs in the fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget proposal. We also applaud the Administration for prioritizing pandemic preparedness and response efforts, as the nation continues to tackle COVID-19 and prepares for future public health threats.

We are pleased to see support for federal agencies and programs critical to ASPPH, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and the Department of Education (ED).

ASPPH is also grateful for the $10.6 billion proposal for the CDC, a $2.2 billion increase over the FY 22 enacted level. We are grateful for continued investments in crucial initiatives, such as the CDC Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics, Prevention Research Centers, and Climate and Health programs. We particularly applaud the $110 million proposal for the CDC Climate and Health Program, which is a $100 million increase above the FY 22 enacted level. Support for this program is essential as academic public health leaders continue to explore ways to combat health impacts inflicted by climate change. ASPPH applauds the President’s proposal for a new “mandatory pandemic preparedness” account, including $28 billion to support efforts at CDC. This funding will help rebuild the nation’s public health infrastructure, develop an adequate public health workforce, and strengthen data systems. While the new account will need to be enacted through legislation by Congress, we appreciate the Administration’s acknowledgement of necessary public health investments. Funding for such priorities is critical, especially as deliberations around supplemental COVID-19 funding continue on Capitol Hill.

We are encouraged by the $4 billion increase for ARPA-H. As the new agency forms, we strongly agree with the proposal to catalyze innovative breakthroughs in health through public-private partnerships. We urge the inclusion of academic public health collaborators and research topics linked to public health needs as the agency is stood up. While the budget proposes approximately $49 billion for NIH, or a $4.3 billion increase, we realize the majority of this funding is dedicated to ARPA-H leaving the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) with limited investments. We support the additional $12 billion in “mandatory pandemic preparedness” funding for NIH. However, such funding will heavily rely on congressional action. With NIH as one of the primary federal supporters for important research at our nation’s schools and programs of public health, we encourage robust funding for the FY 23 NIH base budget until Congress can successfully establish a new mandatory account.

Additionally, ASPPH is pleased by the $527 million proposal in overall funding for AHRQ, the $12 billion...
increase in discretionary funding for ED including a $1,775 annual increase for the maximum Pell Grant, and a $1 million increase for HRSA’s Public Health and Preventive Medicine program.

ASPPH looks forward to working with the Administration and Congress to further strengthen the funding for important initiatives outlined in this proposal to ensure optimal public health for all.

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) is a 501c3 membership organization located in Washington, DC. ASPPH’s mission is to strengthen the capacity of our member schools and programs by advancing leadership, excellence, and collaboration for academic public health. Our members are CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health as well as schools and programs in applicant status for CEPH-accreditation.

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