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ASPPH Statement on President's FY 2024 Budget Proposal

March 13, 2023 – The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) applauds President Biden's commitment to strengthening the nation's public health infrastructure and expanding access to quality healthcare in the fiscal year (FY) 2024 **budget proposal**. We particularly commend the Administration's support for programs that are critical to advancing the mission of ASPPH and its members.

We are pleased to see funding increases for key public health agencies including:

- \$11.6 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a \$2.4 billion increase above the FY 2023 enacted level
- \$48.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), \$811 million above the FY 2023 enacted level, and \$2.5 billion for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)
- \$2.7 billion for Health Workforce Programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a \$892 million increase above the FY 2023 enacted level
- \$447 million for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), a \$74 million increase above the FY 2023 enacted level
- \$11.1 billion over five years to eliminate Hepatitis C through a new Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandatory spending program

ASPPH is encouraged by the proposed \$2.5 billion for ARPA-H and we urge collaborations with academic public health partners to better catalyze research linked to public health needs. While we are appreciative of the increase to the NIH budget, the agency serves as the primary federal supporter for important research at our nation's schools and programs of public health. Thus, we encourage at least \$50.924 billion for the NIH base budget to ensure ongoing work at the Institutes and Centers.

While the president's budget underscores the importance of addressing healthcare workforce shortages through innovative approaches, we urge that this also be applied to the public health workforce. HRSA is well-positioned to strengthen the next generation of professionals who have educational training in public health and related disciplines through new programs such as the Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Program. This program was reauthorized by Congress last year and is vital to help public health graduates make significant contributions to advance the field of public health practice, particularly in preparation for the next public health crisis.

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

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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