How We Work: Supporting Governors and Their Staff

NGA Health, a part of NGA Solutions: Center for Best Practices, serves as a hybrid of a think tank and consultancy for governors and their staff on high priority health care issues. The organization provides state leaders with research, policy analysis, technical assistance, and resources through multi-state projects, national convenings, in-state visits and publications. NGA Health’s work with states spans across 7 focus areas and is funded by grants and corporate donations.

Focus Areas

**Supporting New Leadership**

- Value (Medicaid, Value Based Purchasing, Commercial Market & Pharmaceuticals)

**Opioids and Addiction**

- Infant and Maternal Mortality

**Behavioral Health and Social Determinants of Health**

- Data-Driven Policy Making (Cross-Sector Data Sharing and Medicaid Evaluation)

**Health Care Workforce**

- Aging and Long-Term Services and Supports

Opportunities for State Health Leaders

NGA Health offers a variety of learning and networking opportunities for state leaders, which promote peer exchange for governors and their staff through:

**Multi-State Initiatives:**

- Learning Collaboratives: Peer-based engagement and exploration of a large-scale policy area
- Learning Labs: Opportunities to learn about and replicate innovative initiatives across states
- Policy Academies: Twelve- to eighteen-month intensive technical assistance on specific policy areas across several state programs

**Expert Roundtables**

Convening of state leaders, federal officials, researchers, and industry experts to identify best practices, surface new insights, address specific challenges, create alignment and discuss differences in approaches to policy issues while collaboratively considering new policy directions.

**Publications**

Practical materials to inform governors’ offices about available policy options to address pressing public health matters.

**National Meetings (e.g. Health Policy Leaders Institute & Boot Camp)**

Annual meetings for state health policy leaders and “boot camp” for new Health Policy Advisors and Health Secretaries during major election years to connect with peers, discuss hot topics, and share best practices.

**Governors’ Health Policy Response Team**

Tailored support to address state priorities through focused engagements targeting specific issues through in-state visits, research, and connecting states.

**Monthly Updates and Communications**

Ongoing, informal engagement among states (e.g. monthly calls, webinars, and a monthly newsletter.)