



Meeting Report

National Advisory Committee Meeting on Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security's Model State Indoor Air Quality Act

In-Person Meeting, March 6–7, 2023

The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security hosted an in-person meeting of subject matter experts in Arlington, VA, on March 6–7, 2023, to discuss a draft blueprint of the “Model State Indoor Air Quality Act” (MSIAQA). Prior to the meeting, members of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\) Project Team](#) drafted a blueprint for the forthcoming act, comprising 6 major articles and more than 50 potential provisions.

The blueprint outline broke down prospective provisions for the model act into primary, optional, and tabled categories. Primary provisions included legislative topics selected in advance by the Project Team for inclusion in the MSIAQA. Additional provisions included topics identified by the Team as optional or tabled for inclusion in the MSIAQA.

The premier objective of the initial meeting of the National Advisory Committee was to seek expert opinion on the draft blueprint and allow committee members to propose new potential provisions.

On the evening of March 6, 2023, the Center for Health Security hosted a working dinner to allow attending committee members to convene and provide preliminary opening comments on the MSIAQA draft blueprint. The National Advisory Committee Meeting, held the next day on March 7, 2023, was attended by 6 members of the IAQ Project Team and 20 external National Advisory Committee members. National Advisory Committee members who could not physically attend the March 7 meeting had the opportunity to provide input virtually or at the working dinner.

Dr. Gigi Kwik Gronvall, Senior Scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, and Dr. Paula Olsiewski, Contributing Scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security—both members of the IAQ Project Team—welcomed committee members to the meeting, performed a round of introductions, and discussed the need for quality indoor air in public buildings. Professor James G. Hodge, Jr., Director of the Center for Public Health Law and Policy at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (ASU), and Erica N. White, Research Scholar at ASU’s Center for Public Health Law and Policy, discussed the legal background for model IAQ standards and led committee attendees in a series of roundtable discussions on the potential provisions.

During the sessions, committee members reviewed and considered each of the potential provisions to assess their utility for inclusion in the model act. The meeting was held as not-for-attribution to promote candor and full sharing of perspectives and ideas. Through robust discussion, committee members were able to provide sufficient feedback to aid in the development of the MSIAQA. Once revisions to the MSIAQA are complete, members will have an opportunity to provide feedback to the IAQ Project Team. A final draft of the MSIAQA is expected to be released in early Summer 2023.

The meeting concluded with a farewell address by Drs. Gronvall and Olsiewski stressing the importance of IAQ, the timeliness of the forthcoming act, and the cross-professional interactions needed to achieve lasting change and advance the public’s health.



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