

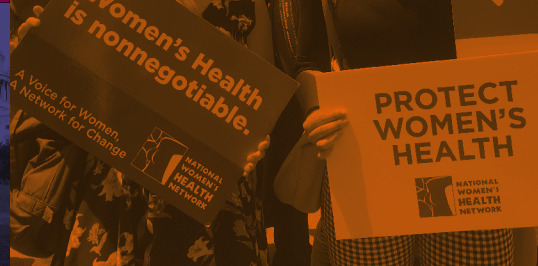
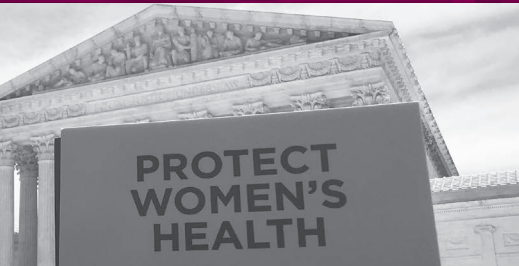


2019 ANNUAL REPORT

WOMEN'S LIVES ARE ON THE LINE!

OUR MISSION: We improve the health of all women by developing and promoting a critical analysis of health issues in order to affect policy and support consumer decision-making.

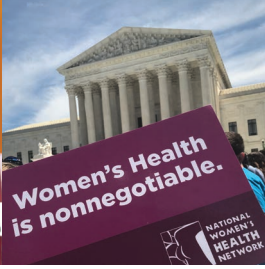
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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH NETWORK

A VOICE FOR WOMEN, A NETWORK FOR CHANGE

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Raising Women's Voices (RWV) for the Health Care We Need

When conservatives attacked women's access to health care in 2019, the NWHN was there to fight them.

■ With our support, our regional coordinators pivoted to an all-hands-on-deck defense of abortion care in their home states and nationwide after the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh in late 2018 unleashed a storm of attacks on abortion access.

■ But that's not all. We helped the larger movement generate hundreds of thousands of public comments in support of ACA abortion coverage, immigrant access to health care, Medicaid coverage, and more. We couldn't always stop bad rules from being issued, but we could give the courts ammunition to block them from going into effect.

■ Our unique analysis explaining how the ACA's Medicaid expansion addresses the racism baked into the state-based structure of original Medicaid was shared throughout the broader public health movement.

■ Our "enrollment is resistance" campaign helped ensure the strongest possible ACA enrollment for 2020. One of the best ways to protect the ACA from legal and legislative attacks is to make clear that millions of Americans want and need the affordable and comprehensive coverage that it makes possible, even as conservatives push forward yet another frivolous lawsuit to strike it down.

■ RWV co-founder Byllye Avery and NWHN staff continued to provide financial support and technical assistance for organizational development through the Working Against the Grain project to strengthen the capacity of people of color-led groups. In 2019, we added the Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable (MS-BWR) as a grantee.

Challenging Dangerous Drugs and Devices

The NWHN remains one of the few women's health organizations focused on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that doesn't accept funding from the industries that it regulates. That leaves us free to speak up when dangerous products harm women's health.

■ In 2019, we expanded our earlier work fighting for safe personal care products into a full-fledged advocacy campaign. Toxic ingredients and contaminants in makeup, hair dyes, baby powder, and more have been linked to numerous health problems — with the biggest impact on Black women. But current federal law hobbles FDA oversight. We testified before Congress and the FDA about these issues, spoke at a congressional briefing, lobbied members of Congress, helped a House committee draft marquee legislation, organized reproductive justice organizations to fight on this issue, and launched a public awareness campaign. Our work was covered in Good Morning America, ABC News, and more.

■ We spoke out against dangerous drugs like Vyleesi (a newly approved sex drug for women) and Makena (a drug intended to prevent preterm birth in at-risk women), raising concerns about the two drugs' serious safety and efficacy problems. Following our advice, an FDA advisory committee recommended withdrawing Makena from the market.

■ We worked directly with members of Congress to hold the Trump administration accountable in the public health fight against the opioids crisis and the abrupt closure of women's health helpline run by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Securing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Autonomy

The NWHN promotes and defends women's sexual and reproductive health and autonomy by changing official policies and individual practices.

■ In 2019, we published a policy toolkit for reproductive health activists in partnership with the National Institute for Reproductive Health (NIRH). The toolkit builds on the Statement of Principles that we developed with SisterSong in 2016 to address coercion in the provision of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). We used the toolkit and statement to help train and influence clinicians, counselors, activists, and health administrators around the country.

■ We testified before the FDA in support of the low-dose contraceptive patch, Twirla, a safer choice than the only other patch on the market. By a vote of 14 to 1, the FDA advisory committee agreed with us, echoing many of the points we'd made in our remarks. We also assisted members of Congress in calling for contraceptive clinical trials that include truly representative populations of potential users.

■ We successfully lobbied California lawmakers in support of state legislation to require medication abortion be made available on public college campuses. While we don't typically lobby state legislators directly, we view the new law as a prototype for how other states can improve access.

■ We continued to raise concerns about the privacy vulnerabilities of fertility apps like Natural Cycles and FEMM, warning women to think twice, and fought the Trump administration's efforts to divert federal taxpayer dollars away from real family planning clinics and toward fake clinics pushing fertility awareness.

"You tell things the way they are. It's the truth & not the hype. You're not influenced by advertisers, so you can speak the truth." – ER, LONGTIME NWHN MEMBER IN SD

12th ANNUAL
**BARBARA SEAMAN AWARDS FOR
 ACTIVISM IN WOMEN'S HEALTH**

We haven't slowed down our work to advance women's access to health care. At our annual event we were joined by guest speaker, Dr. Jamila Perritt, as we celebrated the work of three remarkable women, Lifetime Achievement Honoree Harriet A. Washington, author of *Medical Apartheid*, as well as Emerging Activists Tarryn Bazemore Williams and Tamoyia Ragsdale, Coordinators of the Volunteer Doula Program at Community of Hope.



Lifelong Women's Health Activists: Judy Norsigian, Amy Allina, Adriane Fugh-Berman, Vivian Pinn, Cynthia A. Pearson, and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Harriet A. Washington.



Board Member Kentina Washington-Leapheart presents the Emerging Activist Award to Tarryn Bazemore Williams.



Tamoyia Ragsdale; Tarryn and Tamoyia are co-coordinators for the Volunteer Doula Program at Community of Hope located in DC.



LEFT: Staff and Interns at the annual Barbara Seaman Awards. ABOVE: Board members at the annual Barbara Seaman Awards. Event Photos by: Peter Cutts Photography

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Income	\$1,187,909
Total Expense	\$1,313,155
Beginning Net Assets	\$647,528
Change in Net Assets	(\$71,105)
Ending Net Assets	\$576,423

Preliminary statement. Audited statements will be available at www.nwhn.org.

"You keep an eye on the subtle issues. I read your newsletter and I learn about things I wouldn't know about otherwise. You fight for women's health."

— MM, LONGTIME NWHN MEMBER IN WI



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Grants \$375,000

Donations \$329,048

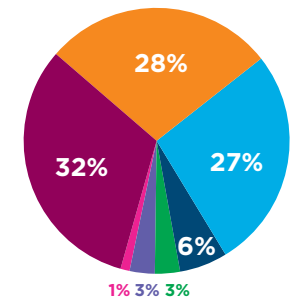
Membership \$325,663

Google Adwords In Kind \$66,491

Fiscal Sponsor Fees \$40,461

Annual Event \$36,690

Other Income \$14,556



EXPENSES

Member Services \$434,559

Raising Women's Voices \$258,033

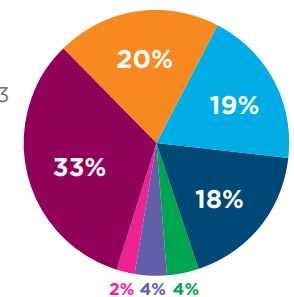
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