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APHS Releases Report Outlining System Changes to Modernize and Strengthen Health and Human Services Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On the Inauguration Day of the 45th President of the United States, the American Public Human Services Association (APHS) released its report, [*Creating a Modern and Responsive Health and Human Services System*](#), outlining changes that are needed to the nation’s health and human services systems. This report outlines how federal policymakers can partner with America’s health and human services system leaders to modernize and strengthen the nation’s health and human services programs. Designed *with and through* APHS members, this report builds on the [*Pathways*](#) work of the past several years and captures overarching guiding principles and policy priorities through the lens of the three APHS Collaborative Centers.

“We live in a time of unprecedented change and opportunity,” said Tracy Wareing Evans, President and CEO of APHS. “As health and human services leaders, we are advancing new approaches that are innovative, efficient, and responsive to the needs and demands of a dynamic and rapidly changing society. We look forward to partnering with members of the 115th Congress and President Trump and his administration to build a system that leads to stronger, healthier families and communities.”

To supplement the transition report, two of APHS’s Collaborative Centers, the [*National Collaborative for Integration of Health and Human Services*](#) (the National Collaborative) and the [*Center for Employment and Economic Well-Being*](#) (CEEWB) also released reports.

The National Collaborative report, [*Promoting Greater Health and Well-Being – Guiding Principles, Policy Priorities, and Helpful Tools*](#), builds on the vision for health and human services public and private sectors to operate a system designed to provide a modern marketplace experience and to improve population well-being, while bending the health and human services cost curve over the next decade. The CEEWB report, [*TANF at 20 - Time for Rational Changes: Including Integration with Other Employment Programs and Expanded Work Supports*](#), offers specific recommendations regarding TANF as a step toward rebuilding a healthy partnership between the federal government and its state and local partners.

To read the full reports, click on their respective links:

- [Creating a Modern and Responsive Health and Human Services System](#)
- [Promoting Greater Health and Well-Being – Guiding Principles, Policy Priorities, and Helpful Tools](#)
- [TANF at 20 - Time for Rational Changes: Including Integration with Other Employment Programs and Expanded Work Supports](#)

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