



## **Public Health Workforce Development Inventory Initiative**

**July 26, 2012**

### ***Overview***

One objective of the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council) [Strategic Directions](#) adopted in June 2011 is to “support the development of a highly skilled and motivated public health workforce with the competence and tools to succeed.” Strategy 1 under this objective is to “develop a comprehensive plan for ensuring an effective public health workforce.” One of the tactics to accomplishing this strategy is to “participate in, facilitate, and/or convene efforts to develop a national strategic and operational plan for public health workforce development and monitor progress.” The Public Health Workforce Development Inventory Initiative is focused on contributing important information about workforce development plans and activities that can help identify needs and gaps in public health workforce development. Furthermore, this baseline information can contribute to ongoing workforce development planning activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

### ***Current Activities***

Council staff will be setting up conference calls with each Council member organization to discuss public health workforce development activities and plans. Staff are currently in the process of developing themes and an interview guide to facilitate collection and cataloging of relevant information. Information gathered will be entered into a database for analysis and updating over time. This information is intended for use by Council member organizations as future workforce development initiatives are developed and can serve as an environmental scan for public health workforce strategic planning.

### ***Action Item for Council Members***

By August 17, 2012, please provide to Kathleen Amos ([kamos@phf.org](mailto:kamos@phf.org)) the names and contact information of people within your organization who we can interview about your organization’s workforce development activities and plans. We recognize that this may involve more than one individual and phone call. Having this information will facilitate development of a comprehensive and useful inventory of public health workforce development activities and plans.