



# COUNCIL ON LINKAGES BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

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## *April 2009 Update*

**Council on Linkages Web Conference Meeting** — [The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice \(Council on Linkages\)](#) will convene via web conference on June 11, 2009 at 10:00 am ET. Council members will discuss the progress of the workgroups, vote on adoption of the revised Core Competencies for Mid Tier Public Health Professionals, and set goals for future projects.

**Core Competencies Workgroup Activities** — [The Council on Linkages Core Competencies Workgroup](#) met via conference call on April 6, 2009. During the meeting, workgroup members discussed a few unresolved questions pertaining to the draft Core Competencies for Mid Tier Public Health Professionals. Following the conference call, the draft was refined based on further input from workgroup members. A final version of the draft Core Competencies for Mid Tier Public Health Professionals will be presented for adoption at the Council on Linkages meeting on June 11, 2009.

**Pipeline Workgroup Activities**—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has funded the [Council on Linkages Pipeline Workgroup](#) to develop a survey of the governmental public health workforce. Information obtained from the survey will assist with determining effective recruitment and retention strategies for the governmental public health workforce. The target audience of the survey will include current and former governmental public health workers who are registered TRAIN users. ([TRAIN](#), is a public health learning management system developed by the [Public Health Foundation \(PHF\)](#). Presently, there are over 270,000 registered users of TRAIN from all 50 states). The survey will be pilot tested in mid-to-late 2009 and fielded in 2010.

**Introducing New Council on Linkages Members** – Council on Linkages Chair Dr. William Keck and staff are delighted to welcome [Dr. José Cordero and Dr. Amy Lee to the Council on Linkages](#). Dr. Cordero is the Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Puerto Rico. He represents the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) on the Council on Linkages. Dr. Lee is the Director of the Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health (CEOMPH) program of the North Eastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM). She represents the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) on the Council on Linkages.

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