



# Public Health Systems Research Leadership Forum

***Purpose: Celebrate five years of  
accomplishments***





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***Begin to lay out the plan for the next five years***



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# Council on Linkages: Accomplishments

For 15 years, the Council has worked to improve public health practice and education by:

- *fostering, coordinating, and monitoring links between academia and the public health and healthcare community;*
- *developing and advancing innovative strategies to build and strengthen public health infrastructure; and*
- *creating a process for continuing public health education throughout one's career.*



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# Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice

- Overall objective -- to improve the relevance of public health education to practice and to promote education throughout one's career
- Grew out of the Public Health Faculty / Agency Forum

[www.phf.org/Link.htm](http://www.phf.org/Link.htm)

## **17 NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Public Health Association  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of University Programs in Health Administration  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Community-Campus Partnerships for Health  
Council of Accredited Masters of Public Health Programs  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Local Boards of Health  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Library of Medicine  
QUAD Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations  
Society for Public Health Education



# Progress has been made

## ...In Practice

- Major national associations have made workforce development a priority
- National public health practice guidelines effort (initiated by Council)
- Development of *Healthy People* Infrastructure Focus Area
- Academic health departments have increased in number and scope
- Majority of local health departments use Core Competencies



# Progress has been made

## ...In Academia

- Accreditation criteria include practice
- Most accredited public health programs include practice in mission
- Student practica are universal
- Majority of accredited schools and programs use Core Competencies



## Academic/Practice Linkages have been enhanced

- Documented and developed database of over 200 collaborative projects
- Compiled and disseminated tools to foster academic/practice linkages
- Recognized exemplary partnerships with annual Linkages Awards
- Promoted and facilitated development of academic public health departments



# PHSR Five Year Campaign

- **National Agenda**
- **Research Interest Group**
- **Centers of Excellence**
- **PHSR Fellowship Program**
- **PHSR Funding**
- **Annual Forum**



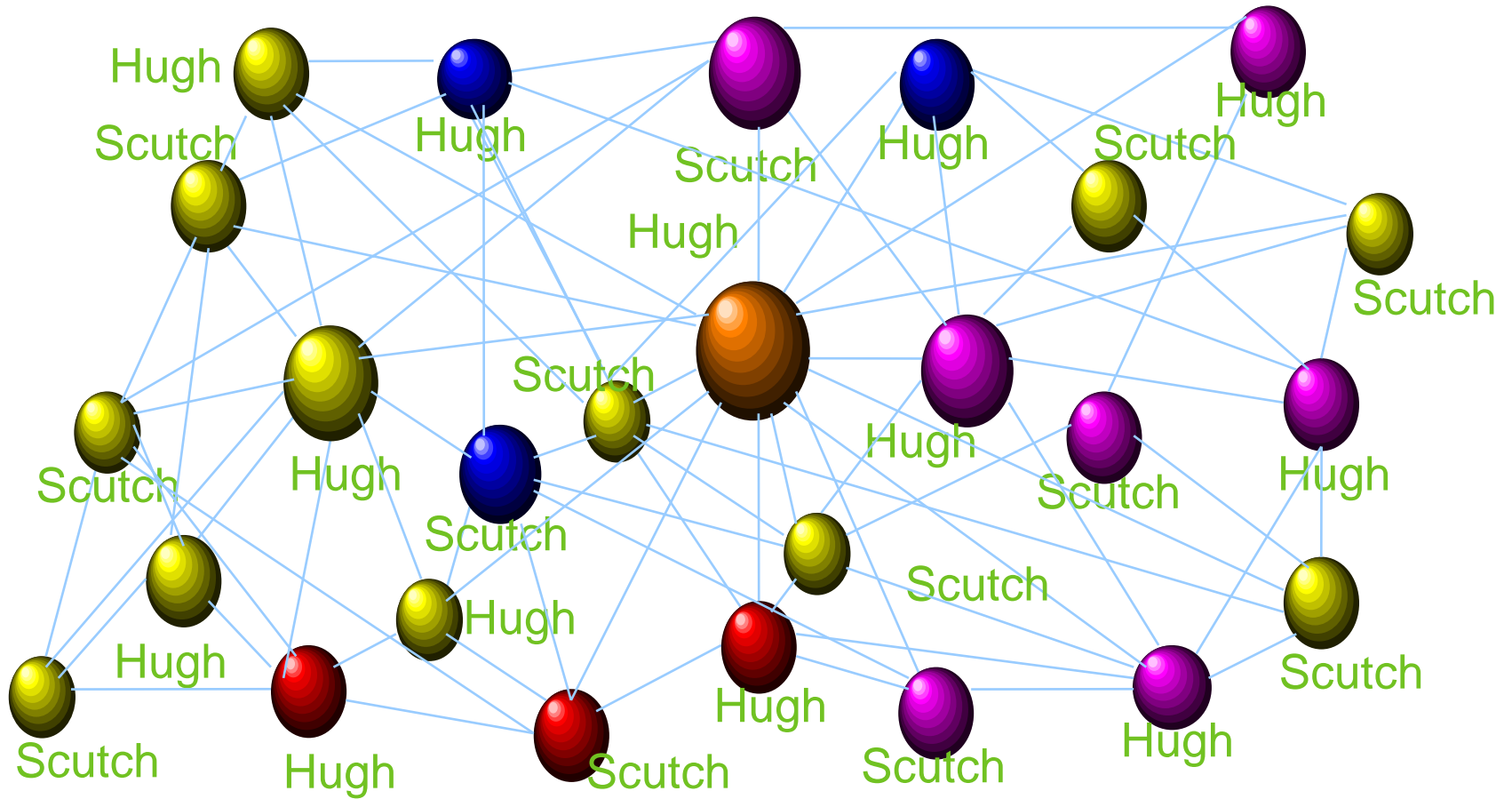


# What's been achieved....

- Public health systems research agendas - general, workforce, rural, preparedness
- “Centers of Excellence” - several universities
- Customers and demand for research - NACCHO resolution
- PHSR “support group” - AcademyHealth
- Research fellowship program - Pfizer
- Funding for PHSR – RWJF/HCFPO
- Reconvening of Forum annually



# In the beginning.....



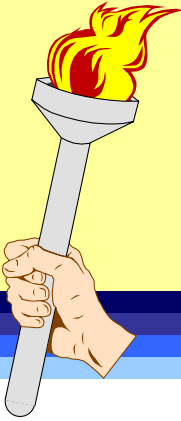


# The results.....





# Passing the Torch



**The next five years.....**

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
- **AcademyHealth**
- **State and Local Health Departments**



# Our panelists please...

- **Dr. Stephanie Bailey**, Chief, Office of Public Health Practice, CDC
- **Mr. Ron Gonzalez**, National Urban Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- **Dr. David Helms**, President and CEO, AcademyHealth
- **Dr. Paul Halverson**, Director, Arkansas Division of Health



# Lots more to be done...

- **Prioritize PHSR Agendas**
- **Increase PHSR Funding**
- **Translate, Disseminate, and Implement Findings**
- **Evaluate Impact on Practice Organizations and Communities**
- **Expand Centers of Excellence**
- **Increase Numbers of Researchers**
- **Maintain and Grow PHSR Interest Group**



# Great Success to Date

