

The [National Network of Public Health Institutes](#) (NNPHI) is pleased to invite you to our next **Open Forum Meeting for Quality Improvement (QI) in Public Health**. This is the 6th Open Forum hosted by NNPHI and it is scheduled to take place at the Charlotte Marriott City Center in Charlotte, North Carolina on **December 6-7, 2012**.

The Open Forum Meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. ET on Thursday, December 6th and conclude at 2:00 p.m. ET on Friday, December 7th. NNPHI will waive the registration fee and reimburse the cost of travel, hotel stay, and provide a per diem for up to 8 participants representing tribal health organizations.

The Open Forum Meeting is part of the [Strengthening the Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement](#) (COPPHI) award program and is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The 1.5 day gathering will convene leaders and practitioners representing key organizations and investments shaping quality improvement (QI) in public health today, such as the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB); the CDC's National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII); and other RWJF and CDC-supported initiatives that are building capacity for accreditation and QI, including Practice Based Research Networks (PBRN), Public Health Systems and Services Research (PHSSR) and Community Health Assessment and Improvement Planning (CHA/CHIP).

We are also pleased to be joined by national public health organizations supporting accreditation and QI, such as the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO); the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO); the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH); the National Indian Health Board (NIHB); the Public Health Foundation (PHF); the American Public Health Association (APHA), and many others leading QI efforts.

To view archived meeting materials from past Open Forum Meetings, click [here](#).

If you are interested in this opportunity for sponsored attendance at the next Open Forum Meeting for QI in Public Health, please contact NNPHI Program Coordinator Whitney Magendie at wmagendie@nnphi.org or 504-301-9847.

We hope you can join us in Charlotte!