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Dear Colleague,

The [National Network of Public Health Institutes](http://nnphi.org) (NNPHI) is pleased to announce the next **Open Forum Meeting for Quality Improvement (QI) in Public Health** being held in Portland, Oregon on June 19-20, 2012. This is the 5th Open Forum Meeting hosted by NNPHI. The meeting is designed to support the continued momentum of QI and accreditation as key strategies for improving the health of our nation.

NNPHI is highly interested engaging Tribal health organizations in the Open Forum and has made available a limited number a limited number of sponsorships that will cover travel and the registration fee for representatives from Tribal health organizations.

The Open Forum Meeting is part of the *[Strengthening the Community of Practice for Public Health Improvement \(COPPHI\)](#)* and is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The 2-day gathering will convene leaders and practitioners representing key organizations and investments shaping quality in public health today, such as the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB); the CDC's National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII); 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 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.

Please check out the [meeting site](#) for additional detail, including a draft agenda. As one attendee at the December 2011 Open Forum Meeting said, "This is the best meeting I have ever attended. I finally understand how all of the pieces fit together!" We hope you will consider joining us!

Please note that the registration deadline is **May 21, 2012**.

If you are interested receiving sponsorship to the meeting, please contact Anooj Pattnaik at apattnaik@nnphi.org as soon as possible as space is filling up.

Sincerely,
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