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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Project Director, Public Health Association Legal Project

**SUMMARY:** The American Public Health Association, on behalf of itself, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), and the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), seeks a dynamic Project Director to lead a new effort to bolster the use of public health law in the practice of public health. This exciting new two-year effort, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), aims to increase collaboration between the four associations around public health law issues and increase the promotion and use among public health practitioners of public health law as a tool for public health. The project is a collaborative project that will be managed jointly by the four associations through a steering committee composed of representatives from each association. The project director will be the primary staff person responsible for carrying out this initiative, under the guidance of the steering committee. The project director is expected to split her or his time between the four different partner organizations and to work on projects specific to each partner organization as well as joint projects.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Implement all aspects of the Partnership work including:

- Carrying out an assessment of each of the four organization's public health law needs and assets, in order to guide the project's activities over the two year project period.
- Identifying and implementing strategies to address the organizations' public health law needs and to further integrate public health law into each organizations existing and planned activities. Examples of the types of initiatives that might be deployed include: helping to connect local, state, and territorial practitioners with public health law resources and expertise; conducting research on public health law issues; developing trainings and guidance on various legal topics; drafting relevant reports, fact sheets, and articles for dissemination through association newsletters, websites, and other channels.
- Linking the organizations to other existing public health law resources, such as CDC's Public Health Law Program, RWJF's Public Health Law Research program, the Public Health Law Network, the National Policy & Legal Analysis Network to Prevent Childhood Obesity (NPLAN), the Tobacco Control Legal Partnership, and the Public Health Law Association. Collaborating, as needed, with these other initiatives on joint projects and efforts.
- Keeping abreast of emerging topics and advancements in the field of public health law, and integrating this information into the associations' public health law activities.
- Helping identify resources and opportunities to support the Partnership beyond the initial two-year grant period.

**REQUIREMENTS:** J.D. degree from an accredited law school and admission to a state bar. 5 years public health law experience, preferably including at least 2 years working for or with a state or local health department. Knowledge and understanding of the uses of public health law in public health practice. Experience with the organizations in the partnership. Self-starter and creative thinker, able to define and develop a new initiative. Strong interpersonal and communication (oral and written) skills. Comfortable having multiple reporting relationships. Advanced degree in public health a plus

This is a two-year grant-funded position, with the possibility of continuation based on funding and performance.

**CLOSING DATE:** Please submit your materials by July 31, 2011 for best consideration. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

**SALARY RANGE:** \$85,000-120,000 based on experience

**HOW TO APPLY:**

**INTERNAL CANDIDATES:** Current employees who wish to bid on a posted position may do so by submitting a cover letter and resume to HR.

**EXTERNAL CANDIDATES:** Please submit cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references along with salary requirements by the closing date.

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