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## Vermont Public Health Institute Joins the National Network of Public Health Institutes

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) welcomes Vermont Public Health Institute (VPHI) as a new, Provisional/Developmental member of NNPHI. As they work towards establishing organizational and fiscal operations while finalizing a programmatic scope, provisional NNPHI members demonstrate a strong commitment to national public health system initiatives that encourage innovation and collaborative, multidisciplinary decision-making. NNPHI provides technical assistance and facilitates resource-sharing among its network to support the growth of these emerging centers of excellence. Vermont Public Health Institute's admission brings NNPHI's total membership to 44 public health institutes (PHIs) with activity in all 50 states and territories, in addition to ten regional public health training centers serving the full US population, including Tribes.

"I am honored that VPHI is now part of our growing network dedicated to improving the public's health," said Vincent Lafronza, President and CEO, NNPHI. The Board and staff at NNPHI look forward to increasing the network's collective impact across the nation."

Based at the Vermont Public Health Association (VtPHA), VPHI launched officially in April 2014 to create long-term policies, supports, and actions that foster positive health outcomes across Vermont. Vermont Public Health Institute emerged from a 2012 NNPHI initiative to foster innovation, information sharing, and partnership through the nurturing and expansion of new public health institutes. After receiving an NNPHI Emerging Institute grant, representatives from VtPHA, the Vermont Department of Health, the College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, and the University of Vermont Medical Center (formerly Fletcher Allen Health Care) began a two-year strategic assessment and planning process, mentored by seasoned leaders, Cindy Cameron at Michigan Public Health Institute and Amy Rohling McGee at Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Vermont Public Health Institute's leadership is currently exploring regional approaches to better serving the New England region through collaboration across NNPHI's vast network of members and partners. To learn more about VPHI, contact Heidi Klein, Founder, [Heidi.Klein@state.vt.us](mailto:Heidi.Klein@state.vt.us).

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## About the National Network of Public Health Institutes

Public health institutes are nonprofit organizations that improve the public's health by fostering innovation, leveraging resources, and building partnerships across sectors, including government agencies, communities, the health care delivery system, media, and academia. NNPHI's mission is to support national public health system initiatives and strengthen PHIs to promote multi-sector activities resulting in measurable improvements of public health structures, systems, and outcomes. Learn more about NNPHI and its member institutes at [nnphi.org](http://nnphi.org).