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National Network of Public Health Institutes Welcomes Two New Members: Mississippi Public Health Institute and San Diego State University Institute for Public Health

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The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) announces two new members, the Mississippi Public Health Institute and Institute for Public Health at San Diego State University . Their admission brings NNPHI’s total membership to 38 public health institutes (PHIs) in 28 states plus Washington, DC – double the 19 members NNPHI had at its inception in 2001.

“Working in partnership with its funders, members, and national partner organizations, NNPHI has experienced significant growth financially, organizationally, and programmatically over the past decade,” says Joe Kimbrell, CEO of NNPHI. “This growth is not only signified by an expanding number of NNPHI members, but by an improved capacity of PHIs, enhanced communications to promote awareness and understanding of PHIs, increased NNPHI leadership and staff capacity, and increased number and reach of NNPHI programs and national initiatives.”

The Mississippi Public Health Institute formed in 2011 and seeks to identify public health priorities for Mississippi while pursuing resources, partnerships, and collaborative efforts to address gaps in public health services, research, and education across the state. It has a broad health focus that includes the areas of chronic disease, access to care, and public health workforce development. The Institute for Public Health at San Diego State University formed in 1992 to serve as a bridge between the public health academic community and public health practice. Its seeks to improve the public’s health by promoting best practices through quality evaluation, training, technology, practice-based research, and effective partnerships that bridge academic and community knowledge. Its academic-practice partnerships are regional, California statewide, and along the international border.

NNPHI looks forward to increased opportunities for PHI collaboration, networking, and sharing of best practices that the addition of these new members to the network will yield. To learn more about NNPHI’s expanding national membership, please visit <http://nnphi.org/members>.

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About the National Network of Public Health Institutes

Created in 2001 as a forum for public health institutes (PHIs), today NNPHI convenes its members and partners at the local, state, and national levels in efforts to address critical health issues. 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 at www.nnphi.org.