



## **Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals Report**

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### ***Overview***

The Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (Core Competencies) describe foundational skills for the broad practice of public health and are widely used within the field. The [current version](#) of the Core Competencies was adopted by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice (Council on Linkages) in May 2010. Recognizing that the field of public health is not static, the Council on Linkages committed to reviewing the Core Competencies every three years to determine if changes are needed to keep pace with the realities of public health practice. A discussion around the need for revisions is being facilitated online through a post on the PHF Pulse Blog, [Shape the Future of the Public Health Workforce with Your Comments on the Core Competencies](#). All Council on Linkages members and members of the wider public health community are encouraged to visit the blog post and engage in a dialogue about the Core Competencies. This input will help to inform the decision of whether to initiate a revision process and guide the direction of such a process if initiated. Because there will be limited time for discussion during the Council on Linkages conference call meeting, it is important for discussion to occur through the blog post.

### ***Action Item: Vote on Beginning the Process of Revising the Core Competencies***

During this meeting, a vote of the Council on Linkages will be held to determine whether to proceed with revising the Core Competencies. There will be an opportunity to discuss next steps regarding the Core Competencies following the vote. Topics for this discussion may include feedback on use of the Core Competencies, suggestions related to content, or initial planning for the revision process, as appropriate. Further comments and suggestions are also welcome following the meeting by email to Kathleen Amos at [kamos@phf.org](mailto:kamos@phf.org).