

# The National Public Health Partnership



American Public Health Association

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### *On Convening the National Public Health Partnership*

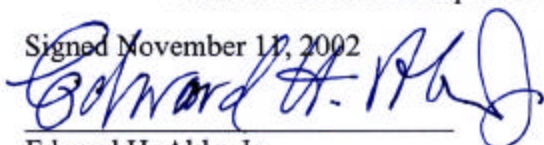
This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the parties' intent and agreement to work together as *Conveners* of the National Public Health Partnership (NPHP) towards a common goal of advancing the quality of and capabilities to support public health programming in museums and science centers. The National Health Museum will administer the NPHP, which seeks to develop linkages between the public health and museum and science center communities and engage these groups in an outcomes-oriented dialogue.

By bringing together audience-rich museums and science centers with the content and subject expertise provided by public health organizations, the NPHP seeks to create new synergies, models, and venues with the ultimate goal of using informal learning venues to contribute to our national capacity to address the increasingly complex public health concerns of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

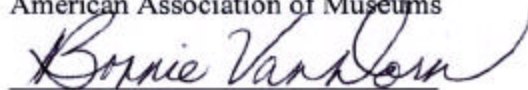
We, the undersigned representatives of our respective organizations, agree to the following principles as a demonstration of our resolve to work together to craft a common agenda and collaboratively develop strategies for the future course of the NPHP.

1. We will commence, actively participate in, and encourage others to join an ongoing dialogue between the public health and museum and science center communities.
2. We will provide guidance to the NPHP about its overall agenda and program by helping to assess needs and identify opportunities to work together.
3. We will encourage the public health community to recognize and utilize museums and science centers as effective places for informal public health education, while also helping to build capacity for public health programming in museum and science center settings.
4. We will publicize the work of the NPHP as part of individual and joint outreach efforts to create a well-informed public health and museum and science center constituency.

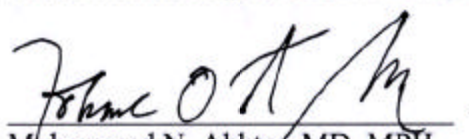
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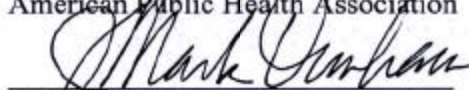
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