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APHA Appoints Stephen A. Martin, Jr. to CEPH Board of Councilors

WASHINGTON – March 2, 2011 – The American Public Health Association (APHA) has appointed Stephen A. Martin, Jr., PhD, MPH to serve on the Board of Councilors for the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Martin is the chief operating officer at the Cook County Department of Public Health in Forest Park, Ill. He was appointed in 2002 and is responsible for public health programs and services for one of the nation's largest metropolitan health departments, ranging from emergency preparedness; disease prevention, control and epidemiology; health statistics; health promotion; maternal, child, adolescent and women's health; STD/HIV; nutrition services; violence prevention; and environmental licensing, inspections and complaints.

“Dr. Martin's experience as a practitioner and his familiarity with public health schools and programs will be a great addition to our Board of Councilors,” said CEPH Executive Director Laura Rasar King, MPH, CHES. “We look forward to his perspectives and contributions.”

“I'm honored by my APHA appointment to the CEPH Board of Councilors,” Martin said. “Accreditation is such an important process for schools of public health and public health programs. As the chief operating officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health, I see firsthand the need for quality public health education and I'm looking forward to engaging in this process.”

Martin holds a BS in biology and an MPH in epidemiology from Tulane University and a PhD from the University of Michigan in epidemiologic science. He is a member of APHA, the American College of Epidemiology, Society for Epidemiologic Research and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. Also, he is a fellow of Leadership Greater Chicago and the Institute of Medicine of Chicago.

In addition to serving on the board of CEPH, Martin serves as a member of the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium, Illinois Department of Public Health – LHD Executive Advisory Group, Illinois State Health Improvement Planning Team and the State of Illinois Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board. He is also the secretary/treasurer of the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium and serves on the faculty at the Texas A&M University School of Rural Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, University of North Texas Health Science Center and Governors State University.

Martin's CEPH Board of Councilors appointment continues through 2013.

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