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CEPH Elects New Officers for 2011

WASHINGTON – Oct. 20, 2010 – The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is pleased to announce its election of new officers for 2011. The election took place at CEPH’s fall board meeting, which was held Oct. 14-16, 2010.

The officers serve as the CEPH Administrative Committee and include President Stephen W. Wyatt, Vice President Michael D. Barnes, Secretary Patricia M. Lowrie and Treasurer J. Alan Baker.

Administrative Committee members serve one-year terms but are eligible for re-election. This is Dr. Wyatt’s second term as president; all other officers have been newly elected to their positions.

Dr. Wyatt is the Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. In addition, he is a tenured professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health. He has served as the associate director for Cancer Control, University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center and the director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Wyatt was appointed by the Association for Schools of Public Health in 2008 for a term that extends through 2013.

Dr. Barnes is the MPH Program Director at Brigham Young University. He is a tenured professor with teaching interests in public health education and intervention methods, health communication, as well as community mobilization and policy advocacy. His research interests include assessing health communication interventions; family as a context for public health practice; and mass media interventions and communication-based legislative action for issues. Dr. Barnes was jointly appointed to the governing board of CEPH by APHA and ASPH in 2008 for a term that extends through 2013.

Ms. Lowrie serves as a public member of CEPH’s Board of Councilors and is charged with representing the public at large. Ms. Lowrie is the director of the Women’s Resource Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing. She also holds the title of assistant to the dean: affirmative action and diversity programs at Michigan State’s College of Veterinary Medicine. Ms. Lowrie was appointed to the governing board of CEPH in 2007 by the American Public Health Association and Association of Schools of Public Health for a term that extends through 2012.

Mr. Baker spent 25 years at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in Maryland. He had a variety of administrative and public health positions including Medicaid specialist, chief budget analyst, management analysis division chief, executive assistant to the Secretary, deputy

director of local and family health, Charles County health officer and director of human resources. Subsequently, he spent 5 years as chief of staff at the American Public Health Association where he was also the first director of the public health policy division. Mr. Baker was appointed to the CEPH Board of Councilors by APHA in 2010. His appointment continues through 2012.

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