**COVER LETTER**

**2014 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**What is the National Leadership Academy for the Public’s Health?**

Today’s context for public health leadership is complex, rapidly evolving, and calls for new approaches to the development of leaders for today and the future. The National Leadership Academy for the Public’s Health (NLAPH) is an innovative approach to leadership development that brings together teams of leaders from multiple sectors to advance their leadership skills build stronger collaborations and move towards health equity in their communities.  NLAPH is implemented by the Center of Health Leadership and Practice (CHLP), a Center of the Public Health Institute (PHI).

The program develops advanced leadership skills through blended learning modalities including a series of **webinars**, **a national retreat**, **coaching support** from national experts, and **peer networking**.  These leadership skills are further refined through the experiential learning of **an applied health leadership project** which seeks to improve population health.

**The result**: **Highly competent teams of leaders equipped with knowledge and skills to** **work across sectors and actively engage communities to address population health inequities**.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Teams of four leaders from different sectors (public, private, non-profit, other) are invited to apply as a team.  Examples of multi-sector teams include a representative from the city public health office, an urban planner, a business representative, and a local non-profit leader.  Each team must have one member from the local, state or public health department.

**When can my team apply?**

The application for the 2014 cohort is now available online at [www.healthleadership.org](http://www.healthleadership.org/). All applications must be submitted by **November 26, 2013 by 5pm PST.** The team selections will be announced by December 20th, with the one-year program beginning in January 2014.

**What is the cost for my team to participate?**

NLAPH is free for all selected teams including the cost of round-trip transportation & lodging at the national retreat, access to all program material and archived webinars, and enrollment in the Leadership Learning Network (CHLP’s on-line leadership learning group) after completion of the program year.

**Application and further program information is available at:** [http://www.healthleadership.org](http://www.healthleadership.org/)

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