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Cook County Department of Public Health Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Linda Rae Murray, Elected President-Elect for the American Public Health Association

Dr. Linda Rae Murray, Chief Medical Officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health was elected to serve as President-Elect of the American Public Health Association (APHA). Dr. Murray has been an active member of APHA for many years; her dedication and accomplishments were recognized at the 137TH Annual Meeting and Exposition of APHA in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Having served in many leadership roles within the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, Dr. Murray has provided years of outstanding service to patients. She has dedicated her career to caring for the medically underserved by promoting public health, speaking out as a voice for social justice, fighting for the rights of organized labor, and tirelessly advocating for healthcare as a basic human right.

“It is an honor to be elected by my peers into a leadership role with APHA,” said CCDPH chief medical officer, Linda Rae Murray M.D., M.P.H. “I look forward to working with my colleagues to further the goals and objectives of APHA in the coming months and years.”

Dr. Murray will be sworn in as President of APHA at the November, 2010 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. After serving a one-year term as President-Elect, she will serve a year term as President and an additional year as Post-President.

APHA is the oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve public health since 1872; and APHA aims to protect all Americans and their communities from preventable, serious health threats and strives to assure that community-based health promotion and disease prevention activities are universally accessible in the United States.

American Public Health Association represents a broad array of health professionals and others who care about their own health and the health of their communities. With publications like the peer-reviewed *American Journal of Public Health* and the award-winning newspaper, *The Nation's Health*, the association builds a collective voice for public health, working to ensure access to health care by protecting funding for core public health services and eliminating health disparities.

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