



## STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS October 21, 2013

### Organizational Updates

- **The monthly meetings of the Health Council are now held on the third Monday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Beginning in October all meetings will be at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW.**
- Don't forget to check out our new improved website at [www.bchealthcouncil.org](http://www.bchealthcouncil.org).

### Collective Impact for County & Neighborhood Health (CINCH)

The CINCH Team received their Notice of Award for \$497,353 for the Community Transformation Implementation Plan (CTIP) that was submitted to the CDC in early July. The finalized CTIP designed to reduce chronic disease in Bernalillo County will include projects in Active Living, Healthy Eating, Tobacco-Free Living, Clinical Preventive Services, and Healthy & Safe Physical Environments. Work on setting up contracts with community organizations in each of these areas will proceed as soon as the federal government is up and running again.

### Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) Process

**PRIORITY: "Healthy and sustainable communities where all families and individuals have their basic needs met and prosper."**

Several issues related to this priority area have been the topic of discussion at the monthly Health Council meetings (Income/Poverty and Affordable Housing in November and January respectively; Crime/Violence on February 26<sup>th</sup>; Transportation on March 26<sup>th</sup>; and Environmental Health on April 23<sup>rd</sup>). Information and input from these meetings will be incorporated into the updated County Health Profile.

**PRIORITY: "Improved health & education outcomes for children/youth from pregnancy to age 25."**

Early Childhood Accountability Partnership (ECAP) – ECAP has aligned with the early childhood piece of the "cradle to career" continuum within Mission: Graduate and will be transitioning from the Planning Phase of Collective Impact into the Implementation Phase, beginning in 2014. Progress toward the identified result "All Bernalillo County children will be ready for and succeed in school" will be measured by indicators related to kindergarten-readiness and third grade reading levels. For any questions about ECAP activities or how to get involved, contact Marsha at [mcavila@bernco.gov](mailto:mcavila@bernco.gov).

**PRIORITY: "Improved healthcare access and quality of service for uninsured and indigent populations."**

Opioid Accountability Summit – The Summit on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> was a great success with 150 people in attendance. Out of 50 evaluations, 76% said that the event met or exceeded their expectations. Close to 50 people have already signed up to participate in ongoing implementation teams over the next two years focused on the areas of Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction and Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice/ Public Safety. Dr. Bill Wiese is being contracted to write up the results of the Summit which will serve as a foundation for the work of the implementation teams. Videos and PowerPoint presentations from the proceedings will be posted soon on the BCCHC website. Anyone who would like to contribute to this ongoing initiative over the next two years should contact Marsha at [mcavila@bernco.gov](mailto:mcavila@bernco.gov) or Tracy at [tmcdaniel@bernco.gov](mailto:tmcdaniel@bernco.gov).

## **NM Alliance of Health Councils (NMAHC)**

- NMAHC will be working on legislation to increase funding for all health councils statewide through NM DOH. Health Council members are encouraged to educate their legislators about the value of health councils to their own work and to the county's health. Marsha has materials available that help explain the role of health councils in improving community health.
- Coordinator, Ron Hale, along with Marsha and Dick Mason (Alliance co-chairs) continue to meet monthly with the Health Equity Partnership to assure coordination and collaboration as we move forward with enhancing the capacity of all health councils statewide. Recent conversations have focused on agendas for the regional health council meetings. The statewide health council meeting will be held in conjunction with the NMPHA conference in April as it was last year.
- The Metro Region (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Tarrant and Valencia Counties) had its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 25th in Moriarty. The next quarterly meeting for the Metro Region is being planned in conjunction with the NM Health Equity Partnership for January 15, 2014, in Rio Rancho (Sandoval County). More information will be available soon.

## **Urban Health Extension**

Enrique Cardiel, Urban Health Extension Coordinator, continues working on the following activities:

- Working with a variety of partners from within the International District Healthy Communities Coalition (IDHCC) on educational attainment as a health promotion intervention. This is a multi-sectoral, place-based pilot intervention focusing on increasing HS Graduation, and GED attainment within the International District. This will involve a door-to-door approach to understanding neighborhood level needs and responding to barriers to education. The literature, and experience, shows us that substance abuse, housing quality, neighborhood and school safety, parental educational attainment, and other factors will need to be dealt with to change the situation. Focusing on a pilot area of approximately 425 houses will hopefully reap some learnings to scale this work successfully. The project has found much deeper need than we expected by discovering that at least 25 people on two-blocks are lacking a HS diploma and 20 are interested in attaining a diploma or GED. As we have maxed out the capacity of the volunteer Pathways Navigators the project held a "Celebrating Education" event in which 8 people in the neighborhood from K through Masters were recognized for moving on to their next level of education. One Pathways Navigator has volunteered to re-canvass the area.
- Working as part of the "E=H" pilot there has been recruitment in both ESL and Adult Basic Literacy volunteers for Reading Works.
- Facilitating International District Healthy Communities Coalition (IDHCC) in working toward coordinating services and policies to make the International District a great place to raise Happy, Healthy and Safe Children. A new issue that has come up is UNMH deciding to add alcohol and substance abuse programs (ASAP) in the International District.
- Working with SE service providers to seek better ways to support those who are publicly intoxicated.
- Worked with County Staff and Community partners to have a successful Community Health Walk in the International District as part of National Public Health Week.
- Supporting organizations with facilitation, research, and other technical assistance around issues such as the KAFB Jet Fuel spill, and sector planning.