



STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS November 18, 2013

Organizational Updates

- **BIG NEWS** regarding BCCHC staff. Tracy McDaniel, our amazing half-time administrative assistant for the last couple of years, has been hired as the new full-time Public Health Specialist for the Health Promotion Team of the Office of Health & Social Services. The position was previously the health council's Youth Coordinator position, but was reclassified as a general Public Health Specialist for the Health Promotion Team. The half-time administrative assistant position will be re-posted soon. Congratulations to Tracy on a well-deserved promotion! (But the health council will miss you...)
- **MORE BIG NEWS** regarding the upcoming move of the Health Promotion Team (including BCCHC) to the old DOH Public Health Office on Stanford and Tucker (UNM North Campus). The building is owned by the County and will be the new home for the Health Promotion Team starting the beginning of 2014.
- **ONGOING REMINDER: 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. All meetings are now being held 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.

Collective Impact for Neighborhood & County Health (CINCH)

The federal government furlough slowed things down, but now that everything is back up and running, the CINCH team is awaiting final approval to begin initiating contracts with community organizations to implement the Community Transformation Implementation Plan (CTIP) which focuses on three priority areas: tobacco-free living; active living and healthy eating; and evidence-based quality clinical and other preventive services, specifically prevention and control of high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Bernalillo County will work with local agencies and organizations to: curb tobacco prevalence; make communities more walkable and bikeable through Complete Street strategies; make public places such as schools more accessible for physical activity through open school yard initiatives that allow people, for example, to walk on a school track after school hours; and increase access and affordability of healthy foods through a mobile farmer's market, with an emphasis on expanding access in low-income communities. For the final project, a vehicle has already been acquired through the County to be retro-fitted as a mobile farmer's market. For more information, check out the new CINCH website at <http://berncocinch.org/>

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 2012 and January 2013 respectively; Crime/Violence on February 26th; Transportation on March 26th; and Environmental Health on April 23rd). Information and input from these meetings – as well as the November meeting on the regional long-range transportation plan – 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 will hold its November Convening on Thursday, November 21st at the **Carpenter's Union** (3900 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107) from 9:00am-11:00am. If you have already RSVP'd, thank you! If you have not yet RSVP'd, **Click Here!** Participation in the Convening will help determine an initial set of strategies for children's readiness based on previous work to identify the assets in our community, including revisiting work from the June convening involving the Campaign for Grade Level Reading. 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.

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

Opioid Accountability Summit – Videos and PowerPoint presentations from the proceedings have been posted on the BCCHC website at www.bchealthcouncil.org/opioidinitiative. Dr. Bill Wiese has been contracted to write up the results of the Summit which will serve as a foundation for the work of the four Implementation Teams – Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice/Public Safety. First meetings for each of the teams are in the process of being scheduled. Anyone who would like to contribute to this ongoing initiative over the next two years should contact Marsha at mcavila@bernco.gov.

NM Alliance of Health Councils (NMAHC)

- NMAHC is working on legislation to increase funding for all County/Tribal Health Councils statewide through NM DOH. Health Council members and partners are encouraged to educate their legislators about the value of health councils to their own work and to the county's health. Letters of Support describing the value of BCCHC for your organization's work will be very helpful in this effort. Marsha has materials available that help explain the role of health councils in improving community health.
- NMAHC 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. Looking for funding for a dedicated Pathways Navigator.
- 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.
- Playing the game Co-Opoly and having discussions on its principles and applications.
- Supporting organizations with facilitation, research, and other technical assistance around issues such as the KAFB Jet Fuel spill, and sector planning.