



STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS December 16, 2013

Organizational Updates

- The Bernalillo County Office of Health & Social Service's Health Promotion Team (including BCCHC) will be moving 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 CINCH team received 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: 1) curb tobacco prevalence; 2) make communities more walkable and bikeable through Complete Street strategies; 3) 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; 4) increase access and affordability of healthy foods through a mobile farmer's market, with an emphasis on expanding access in low-income communities; and 5) increase the number of vulnerable people from communities experiencing disparities who have access to well-trained, culturally competent Community Health Workers that provide health education and basic preventive services. For healthy foods 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; Environmental Health on April 23rd, and more on long-range transportation planning on November 18th). Information and input from these meetings will be incorporated into the updated Community Health Profile.

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

Early Childhood Accountability Partnership (ECAP) – ECAP held a Convening of community partners on Thursday, November 21st at the Carpenter's Union (3900 Pan American Fwy NE) from 9:00am-11:00am. Comments from the Convening will help determine an initial set of strategies for children's readiness for school based on previous work to identify the assets in our community. The ECAP Organizing Team will be holding a strategic planning session at the end of January to plan for a "Call to Action" Convening to be held in February. ECAP is also in the process of formally aligning with Mission: Graduate as the early childhood component of their "cradle to career" model. For any questions about ECAP activities or how to get involved, contact Marsha at mcavila@berncogov.

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 for mid-January 2014. 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.
- 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. As co-chair of the NMAHC, Marsha attended the NE Regional meeting of health councils in Española on December 9-10, 2013, held in partnership with the NM Health Equity Partnership. Input is being gathered from these regional meetings to inform strategies for the future of NMAHC which will be discussed at the statewide meeting of health councils on March 31, 2014 (as a pre-conference session to the 2014 NMPHA Annual Conference).

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-cavass 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.