



STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS April 21, 2014

Collective Impact for Neighborhood & County Health (CINCH)

In late February the CINCH team was informed by the CDC that funding for the Community Transformation Grants was not included in the final budget approved by Congress. All CTG projects nationwide have been instructed to finish up their work by the end of September 2014. The CINCH team is currently in the process of working with community contractors to organize their scopes of work to finish up by September.

Community Health Improvement Planning (CHIP) Process

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

Issues related to this priority area were the topic of discussion at several monthly Health Council meetings from November 2012 to November 2013 (Income/Poverty, Affordable Housing, Crime/Violence, Transportation, and Environmental Health). 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 is a place-based effort to improve outcomes for children, from pregnancy to age 8, in Bernalillo County through the active collaboration of a cross-sector network that is utilizing a Collective Impact framework. Results-Based Accountability (RBA) provides the methodology for strategic planning and data-driven accountability, including tools for tracking progress towards a single, measureable result: **All Bernalillo County Children Will Be Ready For and Succeed in School**. It is understood that children cannot be ready for and succeed in school unless they experience supportive conditions for healthy and safe development from the time their mother is pregnant.

BCCHC has been represented on the ECAP Leadership Team since its inception and serves as an active member in alignment with this BCCHC priority area. This spring ECAP formally aligned with Mission: Graduate as the Early Childhood Collaborative Action Network component of their "cradle to career" model. This ECAP Collaborative Action Network has held three action planning working sessions and is meeting twice a month to complete an action plan for Year 1 by June 2014, including indicators for measuring progress, specific responsibilities and activities that address agreed upon strategies. The first draft of our Action Plan has targeted the following 3 strategies (with specific activities currently being defined):

- Strategy 1: Increase awareness and knowledge about importance of early childhood development
- Strategy 2: Engage families in support of parenting skills/practices, support services, and transition
- Strategy 3: Promote and expand early literacy

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 Initiative– The final report for the 2013 Opioid Accountability Summit prepared by Dr. Bill Wiese has been posted along with videos and PowerPoint presentations from the proceedings on the BCCHC website at www.bchealthcouncil.org/opioidinitiative. The recommendations that emerged from the Summit are serving as a foundation for the work of the four Implementation Teams – Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice/ Public Safety. The Harm Reduction Team has met 4 times and has been renamed Narcan Implementation Team due to its emphasis on policies and programs to expand

availability of naloxone (Narcan) to reverse overdoses. The Treatment Team and Prevention Team have each met three times and the Implementation Team addressing Law Enforcement/ Criminal Justice/ Public Safety is still in the process of being formed. A Coordinating Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Harris Silver and Dr. Bill Wiese, has begun meeting to bring together the co-chairs of the individual implementation teams in order to avoid duplication of effort and maximize overlapping activities. A semi-annual meeting is tentatively planned for this June to provide an update on progress to date, leading up to the second Summit planned for fall 2014. Anyone who would like to contribute to any of the Implementation Teams in this ongoing initiative over the next two years should contact Marsha at mcavila@berncgo.gov.

NM Alliance of Health Councils (NMAHC)

- Approximately 180 people participated in the statewide meeting of health councils, held in conjunction with the NM Health Equity Partnership (NMHEP) on March 31, 2014, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque (as a pre-conference session to the 2014 NMPHA Annual Conference) with the theme "Health in All Policies." Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino was the keynote speaker in the morning. Afternoon breakout sessions included discussion of possible statewide policy initiatives that all health councils can support, as well as how to work on policy issues at the local level with county or municipal governments.
- The quarterly meeting of the Metro Region of Health Councils (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia Counties) will be held on May 14-15 at the Hummingbird Music Camp in Jemez Springs, co-sponsored by the NMAHC, NMHEP and NMDOH. NMHEP will be providing mileage reimbursement (carpooling is encouraged) and 1 night (May 14th) lodging for participants traveling further than 45 miles. Registration closes on May 6, 2014. There is no fee, however space is limited and early registration is advised to secure a space: <https://www.santafecf.org/NMPMGatheringRegistration>

Urban Health Extension

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

- National Public Health Week, April 7-13. The Second Annual Public Health Walk took place on Saturday, April 12, walking from the San Pedro Library to Emerson Elementary in the International District where participants enjoyed speakers, music, food and books. Also present was the Conversation Wall - a large chalkboard-like display where people could write their thoughts on the connections between literacy and health. The Conversation Wall traveled throughout the week to different locations including Vista Grande Community Center in the East Mountains, Civic Plaza, Wilson Park on San Pedro SE, and Ta Lin Market.
- Education = Health (E=H) 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. We have found a great need for English as a Second Language (ESL) skills and basic literacy. The Health Promotion Team has been working on collecting data to assess capacity to serve the thousands of people requiring support. Unofficially we have set the goal at everyone reading at a 12th grade level. As part of the "E=H" pilot there has been recruitment in both ESL and Adult Basic Literacy volunteers for Reading Works, ABQ GED, and the Emerson Elementary ABC Community Schools team. Funding for a part-time Pathways Navigator has been acquired and now we are in the County purchasing process.
- 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.
- 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 working with the Stories of Route 66 project.