



## STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS September 16, 2013

### Organizational Updates

- **Beginning September 16, 2013 the monthly meeting of the Health Council will be the third Monday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The September meeting will take place at the United Way of Central NM, 2340 Alamo Ave SE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Center. 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 attended a required CDC training in Atlanta for the Community Transformation Projects in late August. The Community Transformation Implementation Plan (CTIP) was submitted to the CDC in early July. The Notice of Award for \$497,353 is expected by September 30. 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. The CINCH Team presented an update on the project at the July meeting, which is included in the minutes of that meeting. (A CINCH overview may be found at [BernCo Health Council - CINCH Project](#). Meeting minutes from July are posted at [BernCo Health Council - Agendas, Minutes, and Staff Reports](#).)

### 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 \(ECAP\)](#) – In early September, Marsha participated along with the ECAP Organizing Committee in a 2-day training in the Leadership in Action Program (LAP), a results-based leadership and facilitation approach that provides the skills and competencies needed to move from talk to action using Results-Based Accountability. ECAP will be using LAP to move forward with the identified result "All Bernalillo County children will be ready for and succeed in school." For any questions about ECAP activities or how to get involved, contact Marsha at [mcavila@bernco.gov](mailto:mcavila@bernco.gov).

Early childhood issues and initiatives were discussed at the August 27<sup>th</sup> BCCHC meeting, and will be followed at the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with presentations on Mission: Graduate, ABC Community Schools Partnership and Education = Health, an initiative of the International District Healthy Communities Coalition. All of the information and feedback from these meetings will be incorporated into our updated County Health Profile and planning process.

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

[Opioid Accountability Summit](#) – With the Summit date of Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> approaching rapidly, the planning committee has been meeting weekly. Invitations have been sent twice to the invitation list and as of 9/15/13 there were 145 registrants. The event has been designed as "by invitation only" in order to

focus on engaging influential policy-makers, providers and other community stakeholders in ongoing planning/implementation groups over the next two years focused on the areas of Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction and Law Enforcement. Individual meetings were held with influential stakeholders to discuss policy/program options in advance of the Summit. 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).

*Affordability Care Act (ACA)* - As the enrollment period draws close, many Health Council members are involved in activities within their own organizations to address the need for connecting the most vulnerable populations that may not be aware of their eligibility. If anyone is interested in chairing a sub-committee of the Health Council to consider additional ways that we can support these activities, please contact Marsha at [mcavila@bernco.gov](mailto:mcavila@bernco.gov).

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

- NMAHC Coordinator, Ron Hale, along with Marsha and Dick Mason (Alliance co-chairs) 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 setting up a schedule for 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) will be having its next quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in Moriarty. More information will be available soon. All health council members/participants are invited to attend. If you are interested and have not received the email announcement, please contact Marsha for more information.

### **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 will be a multi-sectoral, place-based 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. Partners are working on a post-summer celebration already.
- 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.