

Health Director's Report

November, 2014

Staff

- Sarah Graham will join us December 2nd as the new Finance and Administrative Services Division Director. She has 10 years of experience doing a similar job at the Beaufort County Health Department.
- We've had three resignations since the last meeting: Leslie O'Conner, Preparedness Coordinator, Pascal Moore, Administrative Officer and Alice Poteat, Social Worker. We've submitted waiver requests to fill all three positions without the 6 month delay.

BOH Priorities

- The Family Success Alliance zones are busy convening their community listening sessions and the information coming out of these sessions is so valuable.
- I mentioned this last month, but believe it bears repeating...The Family Success Alliance Advisory Council (of which Bernadette and Liska are members) will be reviewing applications in November, hearing presentations in December and selecting the two zones by mid-December.
- We've been invited by the Third Sector Alliance to speak about the FSA and how we're championing the use of collective impact as we implement this project.
- Dr. Steiner (Chair of the FSA) and I were interviewed live on WCHL about the Alliance and why it is important to have a multi-generational approach to solving "generational problems".
- We've finished the "research approval" process which will allow us to participate in the naloxone tracking system being developed by UNC.
- I had an interesting presentation from some students regarding the dangers of alcopops. I've invited them to present at the January BOH meeting and I'm sure you'll learn a ton, just like I did.

Various

- Friday I'll be joining others at the UNC Health Care System's Habitat VIP Build Day.
- We've narrowed the centralized permitting software system proposals down to two vendors. They'll be presenting their information and showing what they systems can do in December and we should be ready to make a selection before the first of the year.
- We sent out the letters inviting leaders to join us in the oversight committee for the community health assessment today. Yep, it is that time again. We'll work on the CHA the entire 2015 year and will submit our final report this time next year. Liska will be representing the Board of Health.