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**Orange County Health Department Receives Komen Grant to Offer Breast Cancer Screening**

**Orange County, NC (May 18, 2015)** – The Orange County Health Department (OCHD) has been awarded a \$49,624 community health grant from the Susan G. Komen® North Carolina Triangle to the Coast Affiliate. The funding will be used for "Project Access-Orange County," a breast cancer screening project of the health department.

The purpose of the Project Access is to increase access to services for low-income, under/uninsured women who need regular breast cancer screening or have clinical breast exam findings that require follow-up. Project activities include patient education, examination, referral, and follow-up for qualified participants. Patients will receive a sliding-fee clinical breast exam and breast health education at one of the two health department clinics (Hillsborough or Chapel Hill) or Piedmont Health Services Carrboro Community Health Center. Digital screening mammography and follow-up imaging for asymptomatic routine screening and work-up of clinical breast findings (e.g. lumps) are covered for program participants. All participants will be tracked to ensure a timely continuum of care and support.

Through collaboration/referral from community health care providers/programs, or self-referral, the project seeks to serve 250 unduplicated patients in 2015-2016. Project success will be determined by the number of patients who received screening, timely follow-up and referral, and patient satisfaction. This project aims to produce community-wide enhancements in breast health screening for the medically underserved diverse populations of Orange County, including a significant group of recent immigrants/refugees.

Pictured from left to right:

- Stacy Shelp, OCHD Communications Manager
- Dr. Susan Young, OCHD Clinical Services Supervisor
- Sue Rankin, OCHD Community Health Nurse
- Dr. Colleen Bridger, OCHD Health Director
- Julie McQueen, Susan G. Komen North Carolina Triangle to the Coast Affiliate, Community Health Director



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