

Health Director's Report

August, 2014

Staff

- We have hired the new position for the childhood poverty project. Meredith (yep, Meredith will report to Meredith) starts Monday August 25th.
- PHS and Dental are interviewing for a few vacancies, everybody else is fully staffed.

BOH Priorities

- Meredith and I presented at the state Injury Prevention Summit on Orange County's naloxone implementation experience.
- Meredith also presented at the National Association of Local Boards of Health in Milwaukee, WI about our Strategic Planning Process and focus on innovation. She received several requests for more information/assistance.
- Our region held an ACA celebration/planning meeting at UNC Family Medicine in Chapel Hill. We discussed lessons learned from last year's enrollment and planned how we'll do this year more effectively/efficiently given the much shorter open enrollment period.
- We have our first Childhood Poverty Council (still working on a name) meeting Monday, August 25th. Liska and Bernadette can give an update at our meeting.
- Please hold September 26th from 8-10. The speaker for the Healthy Carolinians Annual Meeting will be the chief evaluator for the Harlem Children's Zone and President Obama's Promise Zone neighborhoods. We are expecting a record turnout, so have reserved the Friday Center for the venue.
- Corey and I will be presenting about naloxone implementation at the National Law Conference in Atlanta in October.

Various

- This summer has seen a lot of rabies activity. The Health Department and Animal Services Department work extremely well together on these cases and it is very labor intensive for both.
- While an Ebola outbreak is not at all likely, we have been working with the state, UNC and other partners to make sure that we are proactively assessing individuals coming here from any of the countries where Ebola is present. An update on our planning activities was emailed to BOH members Monday.
- We are still waiting to hear the final results of what the recently passed state budget means for us in terms of funding cuts. Unfortunately it appears we may lose the \$400,000 promised for Triple P implementation. While these funds are federal, the General Assembly for the second year in a row has diverted some of this money away from local public health to other non-profits.