

Press Release

Local Team Participates in Public Health Leadership Program

Quincy, IL March 1, 2013 – The Alliance for Building Community (ABC) - Health Leadership Delegation has been selected to participate in the National Leadership Academy for the Public’s Health (NLAPH) program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NLAPH is a national program focused on improving population health by working with multi-sector leadership teams and training the teams through an applied, team-based collaborative leadership development model. The program is implemented by the Center for Health Leadership and Practice (CHLP), a center of the Public Health Institute (PHI), and will provide training and support for a period of one year.

“This program will impart population health teams with the skills to lead across sectors and collaboratively solve complex population health problems in innovative ways,” said Carmen Rita Nevarez MD, MPH, Vice President for External Relations and CHLP’s Director. “These are the types of leaders who will ultimately be able to drive critical efforts, such as the adoption of evidence-based policies and practices at the community level, which can have a tangible impact on health outcomes.”

The Health Leadership Delegation team will work on an applied health leadership project that tackles an important population health issue with the goal of improving public health outcomes. The ABC- Health Leadership Delegation has seven areas of focus: Access to Health Services/Oral Health, Nutrition and Weight Status/Physical Activity, Heart Disease and Stroke, Maternal, Infant and Child Health, Mental Health, Environmental Health and Substance Abuse, which are components of a larger community-based, population health improvement initiative. The team assembled to undertake this critical issue includes representation include: *Beverly Rossmiller*, Executive Director, Tri-State Health Care Coalition, *Earl Bricker*, Director Community Impact, United Way of Adams County, *Ellen Vonderheide*, Director Family Health and Community Education, Adams County Health Department and *Suzanne Ellerbrock*, Administrative Coordinator Sales and External Customer Relations, Blessing Health System.

Ms. Rossmiller, Team Leader, said “The entire team and their representing organizations are thrilled to be awarded this opportunity. This program will positively impact the quality of the health delivery system and patient outcomes, which will benefit all the residents of Adams County.”

NLAPH will provide training and support to assist the team in successfully addressing all aspects of our population health needs. Training and support will focus on two tracks. The first is the development of leadership skills, including personal and collaborative leadership in a multi-sector environment. The second emphasizes growth from team-based collaborative work to policy and systems change. NLAPH is provided at no cost to the participants or the community.

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