

Press Release

Local Team Participates in Public Health Leadership Program

Los Angeles, California – Los Angeles County Emerging Leaders in Community Resilience 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), Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS). The NLAPH is a national program focused on improving community health by working with multi-sector leadership teams and training the teams through an applied, team-based collaborative leadership development model. The program is being 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 community health teams with the skills to lead across sectors and collaboratively solve complex community 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 Los Angeles County Emerging Leaders in Community Resilience team will work on an applied learning project that tackles an important community health issue with the goal of improving community public health outcomes. Valuable lessons regarding social networks and the influence of other community assets in building community resilience have been identified from recent disasters country- and global-wide disasters. The Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience (LACCDR) project has forged a partnership committed to building upon those lessons and implementing solutions in one of the most ethnically and economically diverse counties in the nation. This team is a subset of emerging leaders from the LACCDR project who are interested in enhancing the communication processes and the overall sense of cohesion and belonging of workgroup members to the larger mission of the project. The team assembled to undertake this critical issue includes representation from Emergency Network Los Angeles (the Los Angeles County VOAD—Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

"This project will enhance the resilience of LA’s service providers and improve patient access to care through better coordination of services, information, and resources across public and private service providers. LA’s nonprofit community clinics and health centers are committed to providing comprehensive, high quality, cost-effective care to underserved communities. One key to our success is resilience in the face of any disaster," said Trevor Rhodes, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County.

NLAPH will provide training and support to assist the team in successfully addressing increasing community resilience in Los Angeles County. 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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