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Local Team Participates in Public Health Leadership Program

Kissimmee – Osceola County Health Leadership Council 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, Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. 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, 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 Osceola County team will work on an applied learning project that tackles an important community health issue with the goal of improving community public health outcomes. Osceola’s team project will focus on further development of a Community Balanced Scorecard for Managing Public Health Strategy. The scorecard is a tool used to ensure critical strategic alignment across Osceola’s multiple collaborating partners as we build on community assets and focus policies and systems changes to achieve our ultimate goal of developing a strategy map that will lead to measurable improvements in health outcomes.

The team assembled to undertake this critical issue and will represent the County includes: Belinda Johnson-Cornett , Osceola County Health Department’s Administrator; Donna Sines, Executive Director of Community Vision; Ken Peach, Executive Director of Health Council of East Central Florida; and Dorie Croissant, Assistant Director/Chief of Staff of Government & Public Affairs at Florida Hospital.

“We need to better understand the social/environmental determinants of health that impact individual and population health outcomes and involve all sectors to get to the root cause of our community health issues” states Belinda Johnson-Cornett, Osceola County Health Department Administrator

NLAPH will provide training and support to assist the team in successfully addressing improved health care access, resulting in improved Diabetes and Cardiovascular health outcomes. 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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