

2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Policy and Priorities

- ❖ Considered 23 bills and provided recommendations on 18 bills, of which 11 were signed into law. Those of high policy impact were specifically in the areas of:
 - Tuberculosis testing
 - Paid sick leave
 - HIV co-infection reporting
 - Use and distribution of condoms
 - Antibiotics in livestock
- ❖ Submitted 16 letters to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding pending legislation, including recommendations.
- ❖ Submitted 4 letters outlining concerns and recommendations for transferring the Drinking Water Program to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), including recommendations for the required qualifications for the Drinking Water Program Director.
- ❖ Actively participated in the interdepartmental committee tasked with planning the transfer of the Drinking Water Program to SWRCB.
- ❖ Posted the CCLHO Strategic Plan 2013-2016 and the 2013 CCLHO Accomplishments to the CCLHO website.
- ❖ Submitted 10 letters in support of grant applications, budgetary requests and programmatic issues of importance for CDPH and other partners, including:
 - A joint letter with the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) to convey support for the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Program, which uses SNAP-Ed federal funds to facilitate behavior change in homes, schools, worksites, and communities to create environments that support fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity.

Leadership Development

- ❖ Distributed 15 orientation packets for the CCLHO Board and Executive Committee members at the 2014 Fall Semiannual meeting

Value of Public Health

- ❖ Worked with The California Endowment and the Health Officer Association of California (HOAC) to secure a communication grant to provide jurisdictions with media training as part of the *Health Happens Here* campaign (CCLHO Executive Committee).

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Internal and External Relationships

- ❖ Participated in a stakeholder briefing convened by the California Governor's Office regarding Ebola preparedness and planning. (CCLHO Executive Committee: President and President-Elect)
- ❖ Presented to the California Legislature at the November 18, 2014 Informational Hearing on "Examining California's Public Health Preparedness for a Potential Ebola Virus Outbreak." (CCLHO Health Officer Dr. Bela Matyas - Solano County)
- ❖ Collaborated with CDPH on Ebola preparedness and readiness for local health jurisdictions and hospitals, including the review of and providing comments on draft policies.
- ❖ Collaborated with CHEAC on the CCLHO/CHEAC Chronic Disease Prevention Leadership Project, which aims to: make chronic disease prevention a higher priority for LHJs; strengthen their capacity to address chronic disease, promote policy, systems and environmental change; and promote effective public health practices to prevent chronic disease.
- ❖ Met with and provided feedback to the California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary to assist in the recruitment and selection of the new CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer.
- ❖ Collaborated with CDPH and CHEAC to finalize a new Indirect Cost Rate process as part of the CDPH Contract Simplification efforts.

Core Public Health Functions

- ❖ Conducted survey to inform the drafting of a new Health Officer Core Functions in Small Jurisdictions document (CCLHO Small Jurisdiction Committee).

Survey result highlights include:

- Only 19 percent of responding Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) have a Deputy Health Officer
- Most responding Health Officers (81 percent) felt they had adequate authority. However, only 41 percent felt adequate in all 3 areas (authority, time and resources).
- Seventy-three percent of respondents said they have adequate Full Time Equivalent staff (FTE) to fulfill their Health Officer role, but this percentage drops to 62 percent for LHJs with populations of less than 100,000.