



CCLHO-CHEAC Chronic Disease Prevention Workshops: SAVE THE DATES!

July 23, 2008

Dear CCLHO & CHEAC Members:

In January 2008, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) and the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) co-sponsored a conference entitled, "Chronic Disease Prevention in Local Health Departments: the Challenges of the 21st Century". The conference was very well attended by leadership from local health departments and initiated state-wide momentum in addressing social and environmental determinants that underlie chronic illness.

As a follow-up to the January event, CCLHO and CHEAC are planning regional workshops and webinars to further the activity and commitment to chronic disease prevention among local health departments. This effort will offer capacity building and peer and expert consultations to local health departments based on the comments, needs, and evaluation outcomes identified at the January 2008 conference. Specific topics may include: in-depth discussion of the causes of chronic illness; how chronic illness prevention can be integrated with current programs; chronic illness prevention and the social determinants of health; strategies for data collection, analysis, and presentation; funding/financing opportunities, strategies and sustainability; effective communication and messaging to staff and constituents; and action planning for chronic disease prevention – locally and statewide. We will continue to seek your feedback after each event to make these workshops and webinars as valuable as possible for local health departments.

Our first one-day regional workshops will take place in Fall, 2008 – the possible dates and locations are attached. We strongly encourage you and your staff to attend. The workshops will be oriented to Health Officers, Public Health Directors, and managers whose work is essential to chronic disease prevention (e.g. chronic disease and other program managers, WIC Directors, Nursing Directors, MCAH Directors, Health Education Directors, etc.)

This is a unique opportunity to build capacity to work more effectively within your local health department and regionally, and to build momentum toward more State support for local health department chronic disease work.

Thank you for your commitment to enhancing the chronic disease prevention work in California.

Respectfully,

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P.S. We are fortunate to have a small amount of money for travel subsidies for local health departments. If travel is truly a barrier to participation from your department, please contact Saleena Gupte at sgupte@phi.org and we will do our best to fairly accommodate as many needy departments as we can.

Regional Groups***Proposed Dates**

* Let us know if you prefer to be in a different group

Central Valley

Kern
Tulare
Kings
Fresno
Merced
Madera

Host: Fresno
Stanislaus
San Joaquin
Mariposa
Tuolumne
Inyo
Mono

November 12 or 19

Southern CA

Los Angeles
San Diego
Orange
Riverside
San Bernardino
Ventura

Host: Los Angeles
Santa Barbara
San Luis Obispo
Imperial
Long Beach
Pasadena

September 24

Bay Area

Alameda
Berkeley
San Francisco
Contra Costa
Marin
Sonoma
Napa
Yolo

Host: Alameda
Solano
Santa Clara
San Mateo
Santa Cruz
Monterey
San Benito
Sacramento

October 6 or 8

Northern CA

Trinity
Alpine
Placer
Nevada
Sierra
Plumas
Lassen
El Dorado
Modoc
Siskiyou
Del Norte
Shasta

Host: TBD
Humboldt
Mendocino
Lake
Colusa
Sutter
Yuba
Butte
Tehama
Glenn
Calaveras
Amador

October 22 or 23