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President's Address

Dear Fellow CCLHDN Members,
Our new year has begun and I am honored to serve as your incoming President. Much has been accomplished over the past year as a result of the hard work from the Board, Committees, and Staff with Network for a Healthy California funding. CCLHDN membership has increased by nearly 25%. The website, www.cclhdn.org, was redesigned and serves as a venue for sharing resources, collaborating with members, and showcasing CCLHDN activities. The Peer Exchange program has launched, and 11 counties have been scheduled to participate so far this year. The success of the Annual Meeting and Leadership Forum drew new members and partners together to collaborate on how to get nutrition and physical activity messages to the CalFresh participants. Lastly, we have continued our mission of strengthening and promoting the expertise and value of the Registered Dietitian (RD) in public health.

This year I will continue building capacity and leadership of the RD in the county health departments in several ways. First is the Peer Exchange program, which encourages inter-county collaboration and knowledge sharing as a way to bolster the impact of our programs for our target populations. Second, CCLHDN will continue to enhance the resource sharing and collaboration capabilities of the website. Further, the board and staff will strengthen the infrastructure and guidelines for CCLHDN membership initiatives.

Finally, I would like to ask each of you to consider serving on one of the three CCLHDN committees Conference and Training, Communication or Partnerships. The work of the committees, along with the leadership of the Board, is invaluable in helping our members have the tools and the support to be effective leaders in health department nutrition initiatives.

The future of this organization is bright and we have a lot to look forward to this year and beyond. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your CCLHDN President this year. If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact me at (831) 796-2872 or via email at hrepichns@co.monterey.ca.us.
~ Niaomi

Farewell but not Good-Bye

Thanks to CCLHDN for the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. Our board, committees and staff certainly accomplished a lot that I am truly proud of. As my final act as president, your board convened for a 2-day planning meeting and estab-

lished a wonderful foundation for moving our organization forward and promoting our profession. I will continue to serve on the board as Past-President, and currently still represent CCLHDN on two committees, the SNAP-Ed Transition Issues Advisory

Group and a CCLHO-CHEAC taskforce that is developing a Chronic Disease Prevention Framework for the state. I encourage you all to look for ways to get involved and support this wonderful group of nutrition professionals called CCLHDN! ~ Terri

Greetings from our President-Elect

Laurie Green (Yolo) is excited to join the CCLHDN Board this year in the role of President-Elect. Laurie brings 15 years

of public health experience working at both the State and County levels, as well as board experience with other non-

profits to her position. She looks forward to sharing her professional expertise with CCLHDN.

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Treasurer's Report

It has been an eventful six months for Laura as CCLHDN's treasurer with the planning and execution of the annual meeting; implementation of the peer exchange program; and conducting the CCLHDN Board Planning Meeting. Laura shared "CCLHDN is doing great work and I am glad to support it by making sure that the bills get paid!"

Membership Dues Coming Soon!

Thirty counties have paid their CCLHDN membership dues in 2012, and this was an increase from the last two years. Expect to see the CCLHDN Membership Application for federal fiscal year 2012/13 by email and mail in late August.

*Changes to your contact information?
Email Denise at ddkirnig@solanocounty.com*

Peer Exchange and Partnerships....



The results are clear: participating in the peer exchange program is a big win for those involved! Of the 6 counties which have

participated, all stated that having face time with other local health department nutrition staff, having a full day to address questions, sharing best practices and networking are among the many benefits of participating. Three more exchanges are on the calendar for August/September, and we can still accommodate you! If interested, please contact Rebecca Tryon at rebecca@can-act.net/ 530-759-0829 or visit www.cclhdn.org. Your involvement, whether as host or visiting county, will both benefit your health department and contribute to the growing body of best practices the Partnerships Committee, (chaired by Leslie Beckstrom from Shasta County) is compiling to benefit all members. To join the Partnerships Comte, contact rebecca@can-act.net.



2012 Annual Meeting and Leadership Forum- Huge Success!

The CCLHDN Annual Meeting and Leadership Forum was held May 23-24 at the Citizen Hotel in Sacramento. The first day over 60 attendees were treated to a day of insightful and motivating speakers, including Michele van Eyken and Sue Foerster, a delicious lunch, and the Hit Parade featuring members' innovative projects. At the Leadership Forum, we were joined by staff from CalFresh, social services, and nonprofits, swelling our ranks to more than 100. A keynote from Marta Mackenzie kicked off the day, followed by roundtable discussions as well as regional collaborations to discuss ways to create synergy across organizations and funding streams.



Check out the 2012 annual meeting page at www.cclhdn.org for agendas, handouts from the presentations and to see more pictures of the fun! Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Conference. We look forward to keeping the momentum going with another great event next year!

Let's Connect....

The Communication Committee, chaired by Nori Grossman, has made great strides this year with the development of the new CCLHDN website, the publication of the CCLHDN bi-annual newsletter and a new CCLHDN logo (coming soon).

Curious about the CCLHDN communications initiatives? Contact Rebecca Tryon at rebecca@can-act.net for information

2013 Conference Planning

The 2013 CCLHDN conference planning has officially begun! Colleen Ogle (Humboldt County) will be chairing the committee this coming year. The 2013 annual conference is shaping up to be a not-to-miss event. Exciting updates, including date and venue information to come!

Got planning skills? If you are interested in helping this committee create a sensational conference in 2013, please contact Melody Steeples at melody@can-act.net.

Contribute to the CCLHDN Newsletter!

Share your best practices, success stories and pictures with fellow CCLHDN colleagues!

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Send articles and pictures to Nori Grossmann at nori.grossmann@acgov.