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Greetings CCLHDN! 2014-2015 brings with it many changes. I am happy to announce the 2014-2015 CCLHDN Board. Please welcome Elaine Emery back from "retirement" as our new President-Elect. Sujatha Ganesh will stay on as Secretary, and Shauna Stratton continues as Treasurer. I want to thank Niaomi Hrepich for staying on one more year as Past President and I will continue as your President for one more year, please note the new married name! Unfortunately, Colleen Ogle has moved on from her County Health Department and was not able to step into her role as CCLHDN President. We want to thank her for her long commitment to CCLHDN. We have two more goodbyes to make. Our Leadership Grant comes to an end September 30th and with that, also the funding for our staff Melody Steeples and Lacey Vizcay. They have been so important to the work we've been able to accomplish over the last 3 years and CCLHDN has become much stronger with them. I personally want to thank them for all of the support and wish them the best in their next endeavors.

The Board had ample notice that our funding was ending and held two strategic planning meetings to discuss what the next few years will look like for CCLHDN. We'll be looking at strengthening the work around our purpose, "To build leadership capacity among local health department nutritionists...", building an active membership that is inclusive of all county nutrition programs, supporting public health as a career choice by engaging more with the dietetic internship programs, continuing to represent CCLHDN actively within professional organizations, and continuing to be a forum for sharing innovative public health strategies and evidence based nutrition practices. We'll utilize our committees to help us achieve this and utilize our website as a forum for sharing information. I think it will be an exciting year but we'll need your help and input to help us achieve the work. If you have yet to sign up for a committee, please do so. We have 4 committees this year, Partnership, Conference Planning, Communications, and Policy. An e-mail will be coming shortly with a description of each committee and how to sign up. Committees are a great opportunity to get involved in CCLHDN, network with other nutritionists and help us make a difference in public health. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing everyone in person soon. *Laurie Somerhausen*

Good Bye Colleen!

I wanted to take this occasion to let you know that, after much contemplation, I have recently made some changes in my career path that have taken me out of the realm of Public Health Nutrition. Unfortunately this move also takes me out of CCLHDN but I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President-Elect in 2013-2014. Although I will miss my association with all of you, I know that the Board will continue to lead the organization in a way that will help CCLHDN follow its vision of "...all Californians living in healthy, vibrant and active communities". All my best to you and have a great year ahead! *Colleen*

Welcome Back Elaine!

Hello! My name is Elaine Emery RD and I am from Stanislaus County. For those of you that know me, you may have remembered that I had retired after 23 years as the Nutrition Services Manager in August 2013. I had decided that public health is truly my interest and decided to come back on a part time basis. When I was asked if I would consider being President Elect for CCLHDN, it did not take much thought since I am passionate about this group and look forward to working with everyone on the board and broader organization to keep moving CCLHDN forward. For those who are new to this organization, I hope to meet you and also spark that fire. This is a great organization and I will work very hard to keep it strong. *Elaine*

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2014 Conference Online

This year's annual conference was held in San Jose, CA on April 28th & 29th. To view the presentations and resources from the 2014 conference, visit: www.cclhdn.org/2014conference.

