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Let us feature your story, event or resource in HCN Connect!

Do you have a plan, program or endeavor designed to improve your community’s health?
Do you have a resource you would like to share with the HCN? Please let us know!

Please submit ideas for the next publication by: June 26, 2017.

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On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23-24, Riverside and San Bernardino county leaders convened at the Ontario Convention Center for a unique experience to connect, unite and transform both counties and all communities for better health and resilience. The 8th Annual National Innovative Communities Conference—sponsored by Reach Out; Partners for Innovative Communities; San Bernardino County Department of Public Health; San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health; Kaiser Permanente; and Riverside University Health System—Public Health—aims to bring forward-thinking strategies on policy and prevention together to build wellness and quality of life for the southern inland region.

The conference opening plenary featured San Bernardino and Riverside County Public Health Directors; Trudy Raymundo and Sarah Mack, who took part in a morning talk show panel moderated by Tracy Delaney, founding director of the Public Health Alliance of Southern California. The panel also included the special guest appearance of Trisha Gehrlein from the Clinton Foundation. The morning plenary set the stage for the rest of the conference with the message of communities coming together to create change for brighter futures through Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs). In addition to highlighting each county’s own CHIP, Riverside County updated on their SHAPE (Strategic Health Alliance Pursuing Equity) initiative while San Bernardino County unveiled the next steps for the CVS (Community Vital Signs) initiative.

Over 1,000 participants attended this free event and engaged in breakout sessions focused on health and wellness, education, safety and economic development. Pastor Barry Knight closed out the conference with a message of servant leadership and community unity, connectedness and transformation.

For more information, please visit: https://www.pic-nicc.org/

Riverside County Safe Routes to School Activities

May was National Bike Month and the Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS-PH) Injury Prevention Services hosted several events throughout the month to promote active transportation including bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The largest event was a two-day bike workshop at the Indio Teen Center. This event was done in collaboration with the Inland Empire Bike Alliance (IEBA). There were over thirty participants that came from several different schools including Coachella Valley High School, Desert Mirage High School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The IEBA provided skills that are vital to staying safe while riding a bike. Participants rotated through four stations that included checking your bike, how to fix a broken chain or flat tire, rules of the road and the bike playground. The bike playground was an obstacle course style activity that allowed participants to practice what they learned throughout the workshop.

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Featured Walkability Workshops:

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) also hosted two walkability workshops during the month of May. At these workshops SRTS staff educates participants on the benefits of active transportation. SRTS staff then leads participants on a walk to identify issues preventing people from walking or biking in their area. After the walk, all participants work together to identify the most pressing issues and put together an action plan to correct the problems.

At the Rubidoux High School walkability workshop, participants were a mixture of ROTC students and parents from the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The school’s assistant principal and the Jurupa Valley city engineer were also in attendance. Parents were very vocal about their concerns throughout the workshop and the city engineer was able to provide information about current projects in their community and how anyone can report problems to the city through the use of the smartphone app E-Citizen. Through the app, any person can make a report directly to the Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD). This is a great tool that makes it easy for community members to report issues in their neighborhood.

For more information on the E-Citizen app, visit: http://www.jcsd.us/services/report-a-problem.

Planners4Health – Inland Empire Launch

Healthy Communities leaders from the Inland Empire met at the Riverside University Health System – Public Health Headquarters to discuss how to scale up the healthy communities movement in Riverside and San Bernardino County. The event was made possible through the American Planning Association (APA) Planners4Health project funded from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The grant is designed to increase capacity within 28 state chapters for collaboration between members of the American Planning Association, the American Public Health Association (APHA) and many other health advocates. In collaboration with the California Planning Roundtable, APA California Chapter seeks to develop 8 local Planners4Health groups throughout the State. The Inland Empire Section was selected as the pilot for the statewide strategy initial phase. Although there are many prominent champions for healthy communities in the region, the organizing committee strategically invited those who can help get the effort off the ground. Twenty-four people attended the event which included planners, public health professionals, academia, regional government officials, watershed management and others.

The initial conversation revolved around topics related to housing, equity, economic development, creating trainings for various stakeholders on healthy communities planning, healthy development, considering incorporating behavioral health aspects into planning, etc. The group also identified the need for concise messaging strategies, working with sectors that are still missing at the table and more. As a next step, the core team will be summarizing the notes and draft a proposal for consideration at the next meeting (TBD).

For more information, please contact Linda Khamoushian at linda.khamoushian@gmail.com.
The SHAPE Data Portal

SHAPE Riverside County is sponsored by the Riverside University Health System - Public Health, a department of the County of Riverside. To learn more, please visit: http://www.shaperivco.org/

WHAT DO YOU NEED?
- Health Data
- Demographic Data
- Healthy People 2020 Tracker
- SocioNeeds Index
- Compare Indicators
- Locate Reports
- Find Promising Practices
- Needs Assessment Guide

2017 IES – APA Awards Program

John Hildebrand; IES-APA Section Director

On behalf of the IES-APA Board, thank you to all our members for a fantastic awards program! I have served on this Section for 10 years and this year we received the most award nominations (28) and had the most registrations (138 + walk-ins). Furthermore, your contributions towards the purchase of raffle tickets resulted in almost $600 in revenue. Coupled with the Section's match, we are donating $1,100 to the California Planning Foundation (CPF) for their scholarship fund program.

The program itself was put together by our tireless Board members. I'd like to personally thank each one of them for their tremendous efforts and dedication to this Section, as well as the planning profession.

Last, but certainly not least, is our sponsors. Your support of this section enables us to put on great workshops and events throughout year. I'd like to again recognize the public and private agencies who have sponsored us this year - Public Agency: City of Riverside, County of Riverside, City of Ontario, National Core, and WRCOG. Private Agency (Bronze Level): KTU+A. Private Agency (Silver Level): Michael Baker, MIG, Placeworks, and Raimi+Associates. Private Agency (Gold Level): Rick Engineering.

If you want to relive the memories from the awards program, please visit the Awards 2017 Gallery on our website. Please note that the photos are compressed and any requests for the full size photos can be directed to the admin@ies-apa.org email and we can surely assist on getting those out to you!

EDITOR'S NOTE: This year, also a record number of awards went to nominations of projects and individuals who exemplify great commitment to the advancement of healthy communities. To name a few: City of Jurupa Valley’s Councilmember Laura Roughton and Planning Commissioner Matt Burris, the Riverside County Health Initiative, CV Link, Women’s Policy Institute, HCN Connect Newsletter and many more. Congratulations to all the winners!
In its third year, America Walks has seen incredible growth in the Walking College training program and its fellows. The program is building the capacity of community change agents from across the US and developing new champions for the walking movement.

But what happens after the Fellows graduate from the Walking College? America Walks visited with four past Fellows to learn how they are taking steps to make their communities safe, active, and healthy, including:

- Bringing walking to a car-focused city in Illinois;
- Building partnerships to create long-term change;
- Engaging community members on the power of walking; and
- Providing leadership for a healthy community, one step at a time.

Click here to read more.

The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2016

As of the end of 2016, more than 1,000 jurisdictions in the United States have made formal commitments to streets that are safe and convenient for everyone—no matter their age, income, race, ethnicity, physical ability or how they choose to travel—by passing a Complete Streets policy.

More of these policies were passed in 2016 than in any previous year—a total of 222 new policies. Not only that, this year's policies were the strongest ever passed. The median policy score this year was 80.8, up from 68.4 last year. A record 51 policies scored a 90 or higher, including three policies that scored a perfect 100.

The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2016, released today by the National Complete Streets Coalition, celebrates all of these accomplishments as well as the communities that passed the strongest Complete Streets policies in 2016.

Specifically, 13 communities led the nation in creating and adopting comprehensive Complete Streets policies last year. Congratulations to these standard-bearers for passing the strongest policies in the nation in 2016.

Call For Projects: Active Transportation Program Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds

ATP Stakeholders

Assembly Bill (AB) 1613 appropriated $10 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP GGRF funds were initially made available to projects recommended for funding in the 2017 ATP. The deadline for 2017 ATP projects to apply for the GGRF funds was May 12, 2017. The Commission has not received a sufficient number of project applications to fully utilize these funds. Therefore, the Commission is holding a call for new projects only for the ATP GGRF as described in the attached letter.

The Guidelines for Use of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds in the 2017 Active Transportation Program address the use of these funds and were adopted by the Commission on October 20, 2016. These guidelines are posted on the Commission website at:


New Case Studies: The Walking College After the Classroom

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Our Certified Farmer's Market aligns with the mission of the County’s Culture of Health and the CEO’s Goal to improve health and promote livable communities through partnerships, policies, systems and initiatives. It is also one of the strategic goals of the Healthy Riverside County Initiative for healthy eating.

Vendors will be providing: fruits, vegetables, eggs, berries, oils, honey, bread, flowers...and much more!

**County Administrative Center**

**When:**
Every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Where:**
Located in the courtyard of the County Administrative Center (4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501), on the corner of Lemon and 10th Street.

**Riverside University Health System - Medical Center**

**When:**
Every Thursday (except major holidays) from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Where:**
Located steps from the Cactus Avenue entrance of the Medical Center (26520 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA 92555)

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**Building Resilient Communities: A Town Hall Meeting on Adverse Childhood Experiences**

Join the Riverside University Health System- Public Health (RUHS-PH) and First 5 Riverside for Building Resilient Communities: A Town Hall Meeting on Adverse Childhood Experiences.

The purpose of this forum is to create a trauma-informed community by broadening awareness of adverse childhood experiences and their impact on health and well-being. The outcomes of this forum will help develop a roadmap for identifying risk factors, building resilience and connecting people to services. For an interactive overview of some of the key issues that will be discussed at this event, visit Building Resilient Communities.

Please pass this invitation along to your partner networks as we welcome their participation.

The outcomes of this meeting will help guide future collaboration in our efforts to create a healthier and more equitable Riverside County.

**When:**
Thursday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:**
Moreno Valley Conference Center
14075 Frederick St.
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Please click here to RSVP!

*Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.*
Our friends at the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) are excited to announce their 26th Annual General Assembly and Leadership. This year, WRCOG welcomes Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense (2006-2011), as the keynote speaker. Each year, the WRCOG General Assembly brings together over 750 members of the public and private sectors for an evening of networking and an inspiring presentation.

When:
Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Where:
Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa, 2nd Floor Ballroom
49500 Seminole Drive
Cabazon, CA 92330

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Workgroups

As a valued member of one of our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) workgroups, we are inviting you to participate in our second CHIP workgroup meeting of 2017. During the month of June different Web-Ex meetings will take place for each workgroup. The following dates and times were selected based on the feedback we received from the Doodle polls:

- **Priority Area 1: Creating Healthy Communities | Tuesday June 13, 2017, 2:00PM-3:30PM**
  Meeting Number: 749 752 965 | Meeting Password: 93DEKpxx
- **Priority Area 2: Promoting Healthy Behaviors | Tuesday June 13, 2017, 10:00AM-11:30AM**
  Meeting Number: 746 073 921 | Meeting Password: pkDe7pTU
- **Priority Area 3: Connecting and Investing in People | Thursday June 29, 2017, 10:00AM-11:30AM**
  Meeting Number: 747 430 913 | Meeting Password: kx24P4yH
- **Priority Area 4: Increasing Access to Care | Thursday June 22, 2017 from 2:00PM-3:30PM**
  Meeting Number: 742 522 220 | Meeting Password: ZmnuH3hh

The meeting materials will be sent out at a later date. Please use the above links to RSVP and access Web-Ex login information.
A new strategy to demonstrate the value of Safe Routes to School projects is “popping-up” in communities across the country. Pop-up Safe Routes to School projects are temporary installations that show the potential traffic safety improvements projects like crosswalks, curb extensions and roundabouts have to make it easier, safer and more appealing for kids to walk and bike to school.

**When:**
Thursday, June 15th from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. PDT

**Where:**
Webinar – Register [here](#).

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Register for the fourth meeting of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030 (Committee). The Committee will:

- Discuss the development of the Nation's health promotion and disease prevention objectives.
- Receive updates from the subcommittees regarding the efforts they are undertaking.

**When:**
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. ET

**Where:**
Webcast – Register [here](#).

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This meeting will focus on the **Connecting & Investing in People** priority area of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) while also continuing the discussion from the **Building Resilient Communities Town Hall** event held on June 15, 2017.

Developing a resilient community requires inter-disciplinary partnerships in order to connect people to care, invest in education, and build supportive environments for early and late life experiences. This meeting will serve as a platform to explore innovative solutions to build resiliency and to develop a roadmap for future collaboration between County and community entities.

**When:**
Wednesday, July 19 from 9 a.m. – noon

**Where:**
Moreno Valley Towngate Center
13100 Arbor Park Lane
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Click [here](#) to RSVP!