

Health Department CBAC

Office of Citizen Involvement

To: Chair Deborah Kafoury and County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Wendy Lear, Health Department Operations Deputy *Wendy Lear*

DATE: April 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Health Department Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) Report & Recommendations

This letter is in lieu of Health Department CBAC representation at this year's CCBAC events. Historically the Health department's consumer majority Community Health Council (CIC) has served as the Department's CBAC. The CIC has done an excellent job in this role; however the recent HRSA audit requires the CIC to refocus exclusively on their health center governance role. The Department is forming a traditional CBAC so that we have independent community members who review and make budgetary recommendations on the wide array of programs and services we provide including public health, health center services, and effective July 1, 2015, mental health and addiction services.

The Health Department, with the help of the Office of Citizen Involvement, has recruited three CBAC members: Nafisa Fai, Nancy Ramirez-Arriaga and Rosa-Ana Valderrama. Their first meeting was held this week with a follow up meeting scheduled in April. We are working with our new CBAC members, the Community Health Council, and the various Mental Health and Addictions advisory committees and hope to have a full complement of seven CBAC members by the end of April.

We will partner with our CBAC to ensure the Health Department's budget and financial investments align with our strategic priorities and commitments to further health equity. Our strategic priorities for 2014-2016, are to:

- ✚ Improve health outcomes and health equity;
- ✚ provide leadership in assuring quality, affordability, and access to healthcare for poor and vulnerable communities as part of health system transformation;
- ✚ increase the diversity of our organization at all levels to reflect the populations we serve;
- ✚ support a healthy and sustainable organization.

We are recruiting individuals for our CBAC who believe in our vision of healthy people in healthy communities and who are passionate about health equity. We look forward to including our CBAC members in our department's budget presentation to the Board on May 27th.