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The Pike County Community Health Partnership Newsletter



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ILLINI HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION RECEIVES IDPH GRANT FUNDING

Year Long Breast Cancer Awareness Program to be Implemented by PCCHP Throughout Pike County

The Illini Community Health Care Foundation (ICHCF) serving as fiscal sponsor for the Pike County Community Health Partnership, announced they received a \$28,000.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health Ticket for the Cure Program to implement a year long breast cancer awareness program for Pike County women.

As part of IDPH's funding cycle, more than \$1.25 million in Ticket for the Cure community grants have been awarded to 47 local community based organizations and to build capacity, provide breast cancer education and outreach and/or to offer supportive services for those who have breast cancer and their families. The Community Education and Outreach grants allow groups to conduct educational workshops focusing on breast cancer or peer outreach programs to inform people about the risks of breast cancer, treatment options, and/or follow-up services.

Illini Community Health Care Foundation Executive Director, Patricia McIntosh stated: "According to the American Cancer Society from 2003 – 2005, 1 in 8 women had the probability of developing breast cancer, which makes breast cancer the most frequently occurring cancer in women. Breast cancer not only impacts the women it strikes, but affects the entire family and network of friends. We are deeply appreciative of IDPH awarding this grant to the Partnership allowing us to provide this significant campaign in Pike County. We believe this program will help equip women with the tools they need to help reduce their risk factors as well as provide them with the most current resources and data."

McIntosh went on to say, "This is a sizeable project with varied components encompassing more than six agencies

in various capacities. We are very fortunate to have the U of I Extension, Pike County taking the lead on implementing this program with Jennifer Mowen, Extension Director coordinating the effort." Organizations partnering to implement the program include: Pike County Community Health Partnership, Illini Community Health Care Foundation, Illini Community Hospital, Pike County Health Department, Quincy Medical Group, University of Illinois Extension, and local breast cancer survivors.

The twelve month program encompasses multiple components targeted at increasing the percentage of Pike County women getting mammograms; expanding utilization of local health practitioners for clinical breast exams; and an overall increase in the breast health knowledge and awareness of the women participating in the program. Some of the key components of the program include: a Train the Trainer program to create peer instructors to educate groups of women in the community, ongoing awareness and educational media campaign; purchase of age appropriate books for all of Pike County schools and public libraries; and culminating in a Breast Health Awareness Fair and Luncheon open free to all Pike County women in the fall of 2010.

Of the project, Jennifer Mowen, University of Illinois Extension Pike County Director said, "The Ticket for the Cure project offers a unique opportunity to provide grassroots education on breast health and early cancer detection to area women by their peers. We hope the peer presentations will make a sometimes uncomfortable topic easier to discuss encouraging more women to be pro-active in taking charge of their health."

Steering Committee Members:

Katie Wilson & Karen Epley

Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois, Pike County location

Jennifer Mowen

University of Illinois Extension, Pike County Unit

Patricia McIntosh

Illini Community Health Care Foundation

Connie Schroeder & Katherine Rowles

Illini Community Hospital

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Pike County Health Department

At-Large Steering Committee Members:

Brenda Middendorf

Two Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Area

Susan Bowen

PACT Headstart

Report from

PCHD

National County Health Rankings

Recently, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released a report called the "County Health Rankings". This report is the first to rank the overall health of the counties in all 50 states- more than 3,000 total- by using a standard formula to measure how healthy people are and how long they live.

Pike County is included in this health ranking report. The online report is available at: www.countyhealthrankings.org. The ranking is another measure communities can consider to assess and improve health.

According to Anita Andress, Administrator of Pike County Health Department, "There are dozens of ranking reports issued each year. These health rankings are a snapshot of the public health system which is made up of many different components including local health departments, hospitals, clinics, police and fire departments, and education among others. It is yet another tool for us to help people lead healthier lives and make our county a healthier place to live, work, learn and play".

This compilation of various health indicators mirrors a process local health departments in Illinois, including Pike County Health Department, have followed since the early 1990s called the "Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need" or IPLAN. IPLAN was developed to identify key health concerns in each county.

In Pike County, the IPLAN process has been expanded into the Pike County Community Health Partnership (PCCHP, the Partnership). This group is already utilizing a variety of data sources to identify and address community health concerns. Founding members of the Partnership include: Illini Community Health Care Foundation, Illini Community Hospital,

Pike County Health Department, Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois Pike County site and University of Illinois Extension Pike County; along with at-large members: Two Rivers RC&D and PACT HeadStart.

"We see great value in understanding the criteria that is used in evaluating the effectiveness of health agencies in Pike County", states Patricia McIntosh, Executive Director of the Illini Community Health Care Foundation. "Through PCCHP, our local health partnership, we have utilized any health data and assessments available in determining health initiatives. The county health rankings serve as an affirmation of the direction the Partnership has taken thus far".

The local concerns currently being addressed through PCCHP were identified through a community assessment process completed with assistance from SIU School of Medicine, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University, Illinois Public Health Institute, and local Pike County residents.

The following health priorities have been identified for Pike County: 1) Coordination of services, 2) Transportation, 3) Mental Health/Psychiatric Services, 4) Dental Care/Oral Health, and 5) Food, Housing and Preventative Health Programs.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the health status of Pike County residents or to learn more about the Pike County Community Health Partnership and the activities currently underway to address health concerns, can log onto the Partnership web site at: www.pikehealthpartnership.org or call the Partnership office at 217-285-9469 or call any of the organizations listed above.



The "County Health Rankings" report is another measure communities can consider to assess and improve health.

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Send their name and contact information to info@pikehealthpartnership.org and they will be added to the mailing list.

Pike County

HEALTH FAIR

Thursday
May 6, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m

Healthy Family, Healthy You!

Crossroads Center 125 W. Jefferson St. Pittsfield, IL



Free Admission

Free Screenings

Informational Booths

Kids' Corner

Door Prizes

2010 Health Ambassadors

M. Ali, MD	N. DeWitt, PA-C
Ansari, MD, Ltd.	E. Goetten, DO
K. Arrambide, MD	D. Hanzel, DPM
J. Bollenbaugh, DC	R. Heng, DO
A. Dean, MD	
C. Del Rosario, MD	

2010 Health Ambassadors

P. Hibbert, MD	J. Miller, CNP
R. Holloway, MD	T. Moore, DO
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PCCHP Nominated for Awards:

National Rural Health Association's Outstanding Rural Health Program



The Outstanding Rural Health Program Award recognizes a community, regional or statewide program involving one or more health professionals or entities that promotes or facilitates the development of rural health delivery systems. Factors considered include coordination of services with other health care agencies to avoid duplication of services, networking and collaboration with other health care entities to achieve common goals, innovation in development and implementation, and lasting impact of program on populations and areas served.

The Outstanding Rural Health Program Award will be presented at the 33rd Annual Rural Health Conference held in Savannah, Georgia on May 18—21.

Illinois Rural Health Association's Award of Merit

The IRHA Award of Merit is to recognize an individual, group of individuals, or agency who has or have made an outstanding contribution to the rural health movement or has successfully developed an innovative program or project to address access to care for the underserved. The Committee will consider broad benefits to health, innovative programs, unusual contributions or activities that provide outstanding benefit to the public's health and are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Association.

The award will be presented at the 21st Annual Conference at the Keller Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois on April 27-29.

Report from

The City of Pittsfield

The City of Pittsfield is now taking applications for the Pittsfield Business Assistance Loan Program.

The Pittsfield Business Assistance Program was established to increase the availability of financing to businesses that need short term assistance; encourage economic development and retain jobs for area residents.

All existing businesses within the corporate limits of the City of Pittsfield are eligible to apply for program. Any business that obtains

this loan will not be eligible for the full revolving loan or business loan program.

This loan will be limited to \$5,000 for a maximum loan term of two years with an interest rate of 3%. The Program may be used working capital expenses. Working capital expenses are limited to inventory, employee wages and general operational expenses.

Applications may be picked up at the City Hall.

For more information, contact Bill McCartney at 285-4484.

Report from

USDA Rural Development



USDA Rural Development helps people in smaller communities buy or repair their homes, start or expand businesses and provide essential community facilities. With more than 40 programs to help those who need it, the federal agency provides low-cost direct loans, loan guarantees and grants. Programs are designed to help individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, public bodies, small businesses, cooperatives, and agricultural producers in countless ways.

Each year the agency invests hundreds of

millions of dollars to create economic opportunities and improve the quality of life in rural Illinois. With the passage of the Recovery Act a year ago, the agency received an unprecedented amount of funding to help create job opportunities, provide needed infrastructure and services, and help lower-income homebuyers purchase a home. Ample Recovery Act funding is still available. Call the agency's Quincy office at 217-224-9307 ext. 4 for more information. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.