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Public Health Update

2018 will be a year of "putting together" new staff and new structures for [Public Health](#). Starting this month, some of the new members of the leadership team will be joining us, and we will start the processes of aligning programs to better meet our mission. So far, four of the six Executive Team positions have been filled. They are listed below with their start dates. The new organizational structure will be implemented on Jan. 29, 2018.

Executive Team:

- Cardra Burns, Preventive Health
- Tamekia Greene, Case Management
- Rodd Smith, Population Health
- Jana Harrison, Administrative Services

The clinic director medical director positions are still being recruited. We are committed to get them filled as quickly as possible. As we work on completing the team, Dr. White will serve as interim medical director and Connie Mele will serve as interim clinic director.

There will also be the new initiatives addressing HIV and tobacco. And the 6th season of Village HeartBEAT's Challenge is beginning. All these are signs of an exciting year ahead for all of us.

If you have questions, please contact Public Health Director Gibbie Harris at 980-314-9020 or Gibbie.Harris@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Relay for Life

I am pleased to announce that the County will participate in Relay for Life for the third consecutive year in May!

Last year, our goal was to raise \$30,000 to help the American Cancer Society's research and support efforts. We ended up raising \$38,512.

This year, I'm challenging employees to raise \$35,000.

Our 2018 campaign will officially begin with a kickoff event on Feb. 8.

I will keep you updated as the campaign gets underway.

Violence Prevention: A Community Health Priority for Mecklenburg County

Last month, the 2017 Community Health Assessment Priority Setting Event was held at UNC Charlotte. This was an opportunity for Mecklenburg County residents to learn about health issues facing our community.

Ronnie Devine, prevention manager, was one of individuals selected to speak about the health issues included in the assessment. Ronnie discussed violence as a serious health issue, one that affects people in all stages of life. He also discussed the different forms of violence — child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, dating violence, sexual violence, elder abuse and suicidal behavior, and how they often share the same risk and resiliency/protective factors.

Results from the health opinion survey, community presentations and the Priority Setting Event have been combined. The top four issues identified in the 2017 Community Health Assessment prioritization process are:

1. Mental Health
2. Access to Care
3. Chronic Disease Prevention
4. Violence Prevention

For more information, contact [Community Support Services](#) Director Stacy Lowry at 980-314-8903 or Stacy.Lowry@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Jan. 17, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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