



Director's Message:

Happy Summer! June was a month that once again demonstrated the strength of our Department and partnerships. Our team highlighted and celebrated fathers, led response to crisis, supported displaced older adults, were trained in putting up an emergency hospital, received funding to support the Little by Little reading program in WIC, hosted a visit with the HUD Deputy Secretary Pam Patenaude, held neighborhood events, graduated our MBK youth leaders and celebrated them at City Council, participated in the National League of Cities visit to provide racial equity trainings, identified opportunities to expand connection to resources for those with mental illness coming out of the jail, launched an HIV/STD prevention website, staffed the Mayor's Everyone Home Long Beach taskforce, completed grant applications...and so much more. Your passion and heart for our work focused on improving the health and wellbeing of our City is truly appreciated. Please take some time this summer to relax to spend time with family and friends and enjoy all the fun summer activities Long Beach offers. Stay cool! Kelly

Employee of the Month:

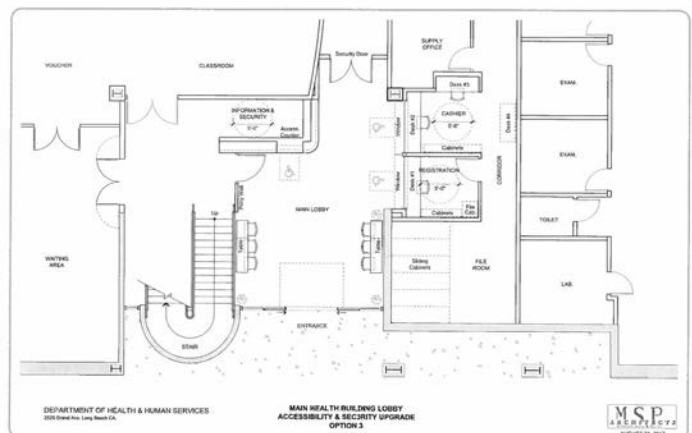
Gabriela Alvarado, Health Educator II, in the Nutrition Services WIC Program, is the July DHHS Employee of the Month. Ms. Alvarado is diligent, innovative and passionate about providing excellent Platinum service to our precious WIC participants. She is light-hearted and always finds humor to motivate and encourage the WIC Team during difficult times. She always goes above and beyond the call of duty to engage participants and her fellow team members. Ms. Alvarado is a person who believes in the impossible and works to make it happen.

Welcome New Employees:

- Sandy Mocanu: Public Health Nutritionist I - Community Health Bureau, Nutrition Services Division
- Kimberly Cody: Case Manager III - Human Services Bureau, Community Impact Division
- Claudia Vazquez: Case Manager III - Human Services Bureau, Community Impact Division
- Ronald Rowland: Outreach Worker II - Human Services Bureau, Homeless Services Division
- Max Estrada: Case Manager III (Housing Navigator) - Human Services Bureau, Homeless Services Division
- Marlem Landa: Secretary, Housing Authority, Administration
- Leslie Gama: Public Health Associate I, Physician Services Bureau, Clinical Services Division
- Nevon Watson: Community Program Specialist I, Human Services Bureau, Community Impact Division

Upcoming Events:

A New Lobby Is Coming! Lobby renovations at Main Health are scheduled to start the end of July and will take between 12-16 weeks for completion. Moves to accommodate the renovation will begin in the next few weeks. As illustrated on the drawing, the Cashier's window will be expanded and will be ADA compliant, the Security desk will become a more prominent fixture in the lobby and two security gates will be installed that staff and guests will need to go through before going down the hall, into the WIC clinic or to the second floor. During the construction phase, the main entrance to the Health Department will be the side doors by the playground with Security being stationed across from the elevator. In addition, the Cashier's Window will be moved to Suite 104. Signs will be clearly posted directing clients to the new temporary entrance, Cashier's Window and WIC.





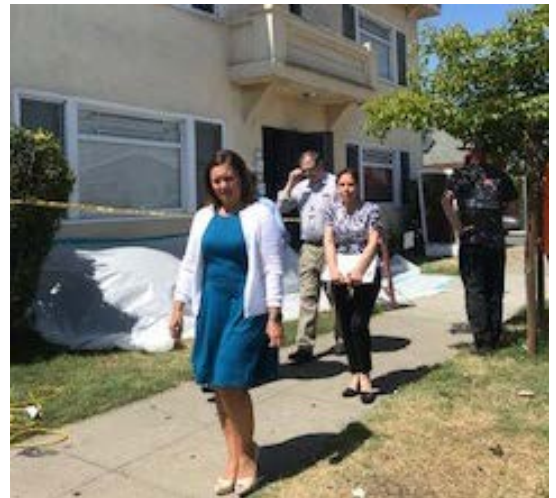
Highlights:

- On June 4th, Beacon for Him and the City of Long Beach held their first inaugural Monday Matters collaborative event. Individuals gathered in the morning at Beacon for Him, participated in a bible study and then a cleanup of the 14th Street Park. To thank them for their service to community they were invited to share lunch with the MSC outreach team at the park. There were sandwiches, introductions, chips, sharing of talents, water, and discussion.



Everyone left with a new perspective and understanding of each other's roles and background. The next Monday Matters event is scheduled for July 9, 2018.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), celebrated National Healthy Homes Month with a visit to Long Beach to highlight the Health Department's Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant programs. The Health Department has been successfully administering the HUD Lead grant for the past 24 years, investing a total of \$29 million into reducing housing hazards. HUD Deputy Secretary, Pam Patenaude represented HUD and toured two 1920's era buildings undergoing lead remediation. The lead remediation projects are intended to improve housing conditions for the families and children residing in the two homes. After lunch, Deputy Secretary Patenaude travelled to the Century of Villages at Cabrillo (CVC) for a private tour of the housing



community and then participated in a Listening Session roundtable with 30 health and housing stakeholders who provided input about health and housing issues in Long Beach and greater Los Angeles County. Councilmember Uranga welcomed the Deputy Secretary to Long Beach. The Listening Session provided a thoughtful and comprehensive view of how to best apply future funding to existing or new HUD programs designed to create lead safe and healthy homes and communities. Deputy Secretary Patenaude ended her day by opening the National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) annual conference with a keynote message about the nexus between health and housing.





- More than 200 neighborhood residents attended the 7th Annual Health and Housing Resource Fair held at MacArthur Park in Long Beach. This year's theme is "Healthy Homes, Healthy Families," and is in conjunction with a special visit from representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Approximately 2,300 letters were sent to food establishments regarding compliance with the new ordinance 8.63.010 which prohibits the use of single-use food and beverage containers made of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam, rigid Polystyrene (plastic #6) and non-compostable/non-recyclable materials for serving prepared food for immediate or to-go consumption. The Bureau of Environmental Health and Public Works Department's Environmental Services Bureau are working together to educate impacted businesses on the ordinance. All City-sponsored events or City-permitted events are required to comply within three months after the adoption of the ordinance which is September 3, 2018.
- Several staff members from the Bureau of Environmental Health attended the 82nd Annual Education Conference of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and HUD Healthy Homes Conference. The event was held in Anaheim and provided Registered Environmental Health Specialists, health educators, and administrators to acquire practical and real-world information and expertise. Nelson Kerr, EH Bureau Manager and Emily Holman, Emerging Infectious Disease Response Coordinator presented on the Department's approach to finding the Aedes aegypti mosquito and the Zika CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) Experience.



- The Bureau of Environmental Health's Consumer Protection Program (CPP) is working with the Long Beach Sustainability program to promote local food establishments that are eligible to be in the Long Beach Green Business Recognition Program. Local businesses become members of the California Green Business Network and have the opportunity to network of over 4000 businesses committed to sustainability. The CPP will assist by reviewing the compliance history of any food facilities applying for the Green Business Recognition Program.



- The Nutrition Services Division WIC Program celebrated Father's Day at all five of our WIC sites recognizing and honoring the supportive and loving fathers in our community. During a month-long celebration in June, staff members gave the children, "World's Best Dad" certificates that they presented to their fathers. Pictures of sincere, warm-hearted moments were captured, as the proud fathers showed off their certificates and their precious children. The children also created picture frames with arts and crafts activities. A WIC Dad wrote that to be a father allows him to "re-live life as a child through his son's eyes and be in-touch with all the joys his parents went through with him and his siblings!" Thank you Dads!
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- The Life Coaching and Fundamentals of Fatherhood Program (LCFFP), in collaboration with its partners, held a successful "Park it with DAD: Honoring Fathers Event" on June 23rd. Over 39 families and 50 children enjoyed a fun-filled day focused on interactive activities to promote father-child bonding, increasing social connections and increasing awareness of our father-tailored support services to enroll fathers in the program. City of Long Beach Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and California State Assembly Speaker Rendon supported the event, and each spoke on the importance of our Life Coaching and Fundamentals of Fatherhood Program (LCFFP) and of our work to be inclusive of all fathers and how essential it is to tailor services for fathers in our local community. The event provided many free activities including a father-led reading circle, a family and friends photo booth, parent-child face painting, a basketball tournament, gratitude table, Zumba, Yoga, kickboxing, music and food. The event was successful in part to the extraordinary LCFFP team leveraging resources including in-kind to donations from partners like the South Bay Center for Counseling, Prevention and Aftercare Program, First 5 LA, the National Compadres Network, the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and our 28 tireless volunteers including LCFFP ambassadors.
 - The LCFFP is also proud to share the great news regarding the adoption of our Father Friendly guidelines and principles by the City Council. With funding from the First 5 LA Commission, the Center for Families and Youth worked with our Fatherhood Advisory Council to create a Father Friendly Initiative promoting nine principles and three guidelines that support creating father friendly welcoming spaces and places. On June 19th, the Long Beach City Council approved our Father Friendly Initiative encouraging business, organizations and institutions to uphold the value that all fathers are important in the lives of children.