



Kelly is on vacation, so there will be no Director's note this month. We received the attached photograph from Kelly showing her and her daughter Megan at the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Kelly will return to the office from her Africa trip on Monday, August 14th.

Employee of the Month:



The August employee of the month is Aida Honey. Aida has been with Health Department since March 2014 as the Sr. Administrative Analyst. She is always willing to provide assistance and guidance to

staff and management personnel on budgetary matters and the procurement process. Aida thinks ahead and communicates well with peers within and outside of the Department, as well as managers. She keeps managers informed of key issues that have the potential to have an impact on the Department. Her key accountabilities are coordinating and developing the Department's annual budget and indirect cost plan; and reviewing council letters, personnel requisitions and grant billings for quality assurance. Aida always conducts herself in a professional manner and is always willing to produce whatever is needed to support management's effectiveness. With Aida's help, we have clear information so that decisions can be made based on accurate, up to date information. Aida is a truly and asset to the team, and a joy to have a team member.



Welcome New Employees:

- Julie Leung – Public Health Associate III, Collective Impact and Operations
- Amy Musso – Maintenance Assistant I (Vector Control), Collective Impact and Operations

Upcoming Events:

- The Nutrition Services Division WIC Program invites you to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-7th. This year's theme is Sustaining Breastfeeding Together. Evidence on the benefits of breastfeeding is already available to us. We know that breastfeeding aids the survival of infants and allows them to thrive, has long-term health benefits for women, yields economic benefits and enhances the wellbeing of all. The challenge for champions of breastfeeding is to translate globally agreed policies to positive action in our communities. For more information, please feel free to check out our informational board at the Health Department in the lobby display case during the month of August. Happy World Breastfeeding Week!



Highlights:

- From July 20-22, Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM), along with staff from Epidemiology, and the Environmental Health, Community Health, Human Services, and Physician Services Bureaus, conducted a community assessment to measure residents' knowledge of mosquito behavior, Zika, and how to protect themselves and their family against mosquito-borne illnesses. The Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) was the first of its kind in the United States, due to an innovative collaboration between Public Health and Vector Control. The City's All-Hazards Incident Management Team was activated, and the event was run using the Incident Command Structure. Personnel from Police, Fire, Disaster Preparedness, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), staff from neighboring health jurisdictions, and community volunteers were deployed during the event.



City Council Members Al Austin, Daryl Supernaw, Roberto Uranga and Vice Mayor Rex Richardson showed their support by encouraging residents to participate in the CASPER and by assisting field teams with conducting assessments.

Over the three days, field teams conducted interviews at 197 households, from 30 randomly selected census blocks within the City of Long Beach, and the Long Beach Vector Control Program conducted a mosquito assessment at each of the census blocks. Data collected from these surveys will help target the City's mosquito and Zika education efforts moving forward, and in case of local transmission, the data collected will facilitate a more efficient response to prevent Zika from spreading.

- The Life Coaching and Fundamentals of Fatherhood (LCFFP) outreach and engagement efforts by DHHS staff have made a difference. A total of 139 fathers have enrolled in the program, reaching 77.2 % of our target goal in four months. Thank you for all the energy and team work. Special recognition to Ciro Aguilar and Titus Thompson, our resilient and resourceful Life Coaches who forge through to keep fathers engaged in the program. Ciro and Titus are building the trust with program fathers to be economically stable and strengthen family bonds with their children. While program fathers face multiple barriers to self-sufficiency and family unification, we are happy to share that clients are receiving the necessary support and services towards strengthening their family dynamics, a total of 1,332 service contacts have been made thus far. In the upcoming months, the team will refine the outreach, engagement, and retention strategies to continue the great work resulting in positive outcomes. Please continue to promote our program and refer clients to the LCFFP. Thank you to all for making a difference and supporting fathers to promote healthier and happier families, thriving children and community.



- Staff from PHEM, Epidemiology, and our Health Officer, Dr. Anissa Davis, recently had the opportunity to get a special tour of the Fire Department's Fireboat, the Protector. PHEM has been engaging with its partners in Police, Fire, and the Department of Homeland Security in an information sharing collaboration to assess threats to the public's health and safety. This group is led by PHEM and the FBI. As part of the effort to better inform our partners of the City's strengths and vulnerabilities, the Fire Department Hazmat team provided the group with a tour on their boat and information regarding their hazmat response capabilities. Additionally, Long Beach Police just donated a trailer to PHEM which will be repurposed to store Point of Dispensing (POD) equipment that can be quickly deployed during a POD activation.



- On July 26th to 28th, the Health Department, in partnership with the My Brother's Keeper Alliance (MBKA), hosted a My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Regional Summit (Summit) at the Hotel Maya in Long Beach, the first held outside of the White House. The Summit brought together more than 40 MBK Challenge Communities in the West Coast and Southwest, providing a work space that fosters peer-to-peer opportunities and integration with national experts, with the goal of establishing regional networks and designing tangible next steps that advance equity and opportunities for boys and young men of color.

Two and a half days of interactive programming culminated in a youth and arts night at the Museum of Latin American Arts (MOLAA) that featured performances by the Cabrillo High School Steel Drum Band, spoken word poetry, and performances from MBK Long Beach stakeholders as well as other MBKA Challenge Community Youth, along with networking for Summit attendees, community partners, and stakeholders. MBK Long Beach presented its current work on the MBK Implementation Plan that is based on the 2016 MBK Action Plan, which highlighted the citywide collaborative efforts to address the barriers and challenges facing boys and young men of color and their families. The results and information collected from the Summit will be shared amongst the wider MBKA Challenge Communities for deepening the work for greater and sustainable impact.