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County Celebrates Public Health Week

San Bernardino. Today kicked off the annual National Public Health Week celebration in San Bernardino County. Jim Lindley, M.P.A., Public Health Director with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health presented the new Health Needs Assessment website at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting.

Lindley noted improvements in the way the public health department serves the community, by integrating clinic services and launching the new Health Needs Assessment website. Lindley said “there is a greater need for accessing health information that is user friendly.” The website will assist community partners and the public to locate health resources and current data on health indicators.

Lindley emphasized the importance of an effective public health infrastructure—the people and resources we depend on to help make us healthy. “It is time for San Bernardino County residents to realize we each have a role in making our community healthier,” said Lindley. “Public Health is the foundation of our health system and plays a critical role in ensuring a healthy San Bernardino County.”

Public health is all around us. Each day it ensures we have clean water to drink, safe food to eat, humane care for animals, and child passenger safety. Public health works to help people stay healthy through programs promoting physical activity, healthy nutrition and prenatal care. It provides a safe and healthy environment by ensuring clean pools to prevent mosquito breeding sources. Public health plays a key role in controlling the spread of infection and illness by promoting immunization programs, providing education and monitoring disease outbreaks. It prepares our communities to ensure residents can respond effectively to a public health emergency.

“By working together, we can foster awareness of the importance of all aspects of public health to our community,” said Lindley. By committing ourselves to support our local public health system, we can build on the successes of the past and establish the solid foundation needed for a healthier San Bernardino County.

For more information about the Health Needs Assessment website, or to access public health services, contact County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health at (800) 782-4264. You can also visit the website at www.healthysanbernardinocounty.org.

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