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From the director



It is so wonderful that people are still talking about our 10th anniversary celebration held at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health in October. The perspectives shared by Dean Rimer, Dean Roper, President Emeritus Bill Friday, State Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Phred Pilkington from the Cabarrus Health Alliance, Dr. Steve Cline, Dr. Jo Anne Earp, and Dr. Leah Devlin were insightful and inspiring. (If you could not attend, please visit our website www.nciph.sph.unc.edu to see photos and videos from the event.)



We took time to reflect on the Institute's 10-year history--the projects, the people, the collaborations--and to celebrate our growth and impact. But now it's time for a new year and new challenges and opportunities.

The future direction of NCIPH will be tied to the needs of those we serve: public health practitioners in North Carolina, the United States, and the world. As a result of our previous work and the strong partnerships we have developed with the practice community, NCIPH is well positioned to continue to serve our state and lead the nation.



Workforce Development

NCIPH will continue to honor our service commitments to develop the public health workforce first in North Carolina and also across the nation as we:

- provide continuing education to front-line North Carolina practitioners;
- provide a range of executive education opportunities;
- conduct research on workforce development including systematic needs assessments and competency development to support relevant programming.



Accreditation and Quality Improvement

Our commitment to providing leadership in accreditation and public health quality movement will continue as we:

- manage and refine the North Carolina local public health agency accreditation program;
- contribute to the development of a national accreditation program led by the national Public Health Accreditation Board;
- participate in the new North Carolina Center for Public Health Quality;
- participate in the National Multi-State Learning Collaborative on quality improvement in public health;
- manage the NC Public Health Incubator Collaboratives;
- incorporate quality improvement tools in executive education programs;
- conduct research on the impact of public health agency accreditation in North Carolina through the North Carolina Practice-Based Research Network.



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Public Health System Preparedness

NCIPH will build capacity to assure public health system preparedness as we:

- maintain our focus on public health preparedness through a range of training, education, technical assistance and consultation activities;
- study the North Carolina public health preparedness system.



Enhancing Community Capacity for Active Living and Healthy Eating

NCIPH will continue to address the obesity epidemic as we:

- provide national leadership in addressing the obesity epidemic in children;
- provide leadership in the North Carolina Fit Communities initiative;
- provide national leadership for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities national initiative.



We know we cannot accomplish as much alone as we can with partners, beginning with the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and including many of you. We are looking forward to working with you in 2010.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season from all of us here at the North Carolina Institute for Public Health. Thank you for your many kind words about our first 10 years. Now, on to the next 10....

Happy New Year!

Most sincerely,

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