Caddo County Health Department

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Oklahoma Turning Point Conference & Policy Day set for August 31 - September 1

Community leaders, public health advocates and members of the public will gather for the annual Oklahoma Turning Point Conference and Policy Day hosted by the Oklahoma Turning Point Council (OTPC). The conference will take place August 31-September 1 at the National Center for Employee Development (NCED), Marriott Conference Center (2801 E. State Hwy 9 in Norman).

The OTPC SYNERGY 2016 Conference will showcase best practices for highly effective community coalitions, strategic partnerships and relationship building. In addition, practical tools and resources will be available to help strengthen and sustain health improvement efforts in local communities while engaging participants in the development of policy objectives to connect with like-minded individuals who value holistic community health and wellness.

Keynote speakers for the event include, Dr. Erik Vanderlip and Oklahoma House Rep. Cyndi Munson. Dr. Vanderlip will present on the concept of evidence-based integrated behavioral health and physical healthcare services through the lens of chronic care management. Munson will share her personal leadership story and how the experience shaped her vision as a policymaker.

“This is a take-action conference that will galvanize community collaboration and collective impact of leaders, partners, and community members to effect policy, systems, and environmental change to improve community health,” said Lynn Smith, OTPC chair.

The conference will also feature breakout sessions that will further facilitate local health improvement efforts related to health equity, health transformation, health impact assessments, and aligning economic development and community efforts. Additional topics such as nutrition, career pathways, behavioral health innovation and the importance of community connections will be discussed.

Online registration is open through August 25 at www.okturningpoint.org/annualconference. On-site registration will not be available. Registration for the event is $90 and includes lunch on August 31.

A limited number of hotel rooms at the Marriott are available for $99 plus tax per night. The deadline for advance hotel reservations is Wednesday, August 10, 2016, after which reservations will be made based on availability.

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