Seizing Leadership Opportunities to Improve Public Health

Visibility, leadership and relationships: key to greater impact

A tireless champion for the improvement of the health of North Carolinians, former North Carolina State Health Director Dr. Leah Devlin brings a dynamic combination of insight and experience to UNC. With her finger on the pulse of emerging public health trends, Professor Devlin is helping to boost collaboration between the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and the practice community, and to increase the School’s contribution to quality improvement efforts in public health.

• **Enhancing Leadership through Relationships**
  This Visiting Professorship is working to connect the School, including the North Carolina Institute for Public Health, with legislators and other leaders working on public health issues in practice. Through membership and participation in key state and national level public health boards, foundations and task forces, Dr. Devlin is helping to match the resources and expertise of the School with the priorities of the practice community.

• **Supporting Students and Faculty and Creating Service Opportunities**
  Through strengthened relationships and networks, Dr. Devlin will identify internship opportunities for students in public health agencies and other practice environments. She will also provide consultation with faculty on strategic planning, engagement and teaching.

• **Increasing the School’s Contribution to Quality Improvements**
  By serving on the steering committee for the National Public Health Accreditation Board, the North Carolina Center for Public Health Quality Steering Committee and other quality assurance efforts, Dr. Devlin helps promote the highest standards in shared accountability for health outcomes. She will consult with School leaders to develop approaches to strengthen the School’s capacity as a regional and national leader in public health quality improvement.

**Leadership**

Dr. Leah Devlin, MPH, DDS, Gillings Visiting Professor, adds her experience and expertise to include UNC even more prominently in statewide public health discussions. Through her commitment to excellence and lifetime service to North Carolina's public health, she seeks to assure that our next generation of public health leaders, researchers and practitioners are equipped to face emerging public health challenges.

**IMPACT!**

**Synergy + Collaboration = Better Public Health**

Improved public health is no accident. It comes about through the strategic involvement of key stakeholders working together to create a healthy environment for communities in North Carolina and beyond.

**GOAL**

To increase the contribution of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health to quality improvements in the health system and practice community.

**PARTNERS**

New and existing partnerships are being forged across all departments in the School, including the North Carolina Institute for Public Health, the NC legislature, and throughout the public health system and practice communities at state and national levels.

**Anticipate. Accelerate.**

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