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New Leadership Teams Selected for Kresge’s Emerging Leaders in Public Health Initiative

The Kresge Foundation announced last week that Julie Pryde, Public Health Administrator, and Awais Vaid, Director of Planning and Research at Champaign-Urbana Public Health District have been selected to join a group of 40 public health leaders from around the country who will participate in the The Kresge Foundation’s Emerging Leaders in Public Health initiative. The Emerging Leaders in Public Health Program was designed to provide public health leaders of county and local health departments opportunities to build additional knowledge and skills to tackle the challenges they face in their communities.

“We were overwhelmingly impressed by all of the applications for the third cohort of Emerging Leaders in Public Health,” said Dr. Phyllis Meadows, senior fellow to The Kresge Foundation’s Health Program and the Emerging Leaders in Public Health lead. “Collectively, these leaders are dedicated and passionate as well as have the abilities to truly transform the role of public health in their communities.”

During the program, Julie Pryde and Awais Vaid will join other leaders in an action-oriented program focused on the design and implementation of a transformative concept that shifts or expands the capacity of the Health District. The Health District will receive a resource grant up to \$125,000 as well as coaching and technical assistance to transform ideas into action. “We are very excited to have been chosen to participate in this initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on the health of our community,” said Julie Pryde.

The Leaders will be supported by the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health (UNC), which serves as the National Program Office for the initiative.

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