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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES REPORT CARD FOR 1995-2005
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP) OBJECTIVES**

Also Unveils Simple, Public Database for Identifying Community Health Status and Behavioral Risk Factors

YPSILANTI, Mich., May 4, 2007—Washtenaw County Public Health Department officials today released a comprehensive report card grading the progress county residents made toward achieving 2005 Health Improvement Plan (HIP) objectives. The report card (attached, and available at <http://hip.ewashtenaw.org>) is divided into four priority areas: Healthy Kids, Healthy Adults, Healthy Environment, and Safe Communities. It tracks progress against 15 goals and numerous health-related objectives associated with individual and community behavioral risk factors.

HIP is a community health assessment and planning initiative aimed at improving the health of Washtenaw County residents. Established in 1995, it is an ongoing partnership, led by the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, which includes health systems, community agencies, coalitions, and individuals. In 1995, HIP established preliminary health goals and objectives for the year 2005. The 2005 HIP survey, the third such survey since 1995, measured how effective community and state health programs have been in addressing a number of the HIP priorities.

Of the 43 objectives monitored by the report card:

- 19 met previously established 2005 HIP objectives
- 6 were moving in the right direction toward 2005 HIP objectives
- 9 were moving in the wrong direction from 2005 HIP objectives
- 9 showed no change, no new data, or an unclear trend

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Objectives not moving in a positive direction, and subject to additional attention in the HIP 2020 goals, include the following:

- Decrease the infant death rate (per 1,000 births) in African American population
- Decrease substantiated child abuse rate (per 100,000) among children < 18 years
- Increase the percentage of adults who are at a healthy weight
- Increase the percentage of adults who engage in moderate physical activity 30 minutes or more 5-7 days per week
- Decrease the percentage of adults who report having had an asthma episode in the past year
- Decrease the rate of Chlamydia (a sexually transmitted disease) in adults ≥ 20 years
- Decrease the percentage of adults who did not have a routine dental visit in the past year
- Decrease the domestic violence rate (per 100,000)
- Reduce the incidence of self-reported drinking and driving

“While we’re pleased with the progress we’ve made in some areas of the Healthy Adults and Healthy Environment categories, there’s much left to do,” said Keven Mosley-Koehler, HIP Coordinator at the Washtenaw County Public Health Department. “Levels of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use remain relatively unchanged across the county, and we’re still seeing the tremendous health impact that limited exercise, obesity, and asthma have on our communities,” she said. “Our 2020 HIP objectives will be focused, in part, on examining more closely the societal health disparities that exist in Washtenaw County, inequities that hamper our ability to protect and improve public health.”

HIP Survey Database Now Available to the Public

All 2005 HIP survey data are now available to the public through a simple-to-use database that sorts and classifies the health status and behaviors of Washtenaw County adults and children. Data for Washtenaw County adults and children can be grouped and queried by gender, age, race, household income, education, and employment status, and mapped across four divisions of Washtenaw County that include Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Western Washtenaw, and the remainder of the county. 2005 HIP survey data for adults include:

- Health Status
- Access to Care
- Diabetes
- High Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Cardiovascular Health
- Adult Asthma
- Flu/Pneumonia Vaccine
- Smoking
- Alcohol
- Demographics
- Military Service
- Disability
- Arthritis
- Fruit/Vegetable Consumption
- Physical Activity
- HIV/Sexual Health
- Emotional Support and Life Satisfaction
- Social Service Needs
- Dental Care
- Firearms
- Women's Health
- Substance Use
- Walking and Biking
- Food Consumption and Weight
- Intimate Partner Violence

2005 HIP survey data for children include: Child Demographics, Childhood Asthma Prevalence, Child Weight and Nutrition, and Child Physical Activity. Access the 2005 HIP Survey database through the HIP homepage at: <http://hip.ewashtenaw.org>.

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