



CONSORTIUM EXCHANGE

700 COMMENTS ON 2010

THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT period for Healthy People 2010 development ended on December 15, 1997. Nearly 700 organizations and individuals — including 46 States — commented on the proposed Healthy People 2010 structure and provided opinions on which objectives should be deleted, modified or added to the Healthy People 2000 objectives set. Most of those who commented took advantage of the new electronic commenting capability available on the Healthy People 2010 homepage. Overall, this form of commenting was a huge success with few problems noted.

All public comments are available on the Healthy People 2010 homepage: <http://web.health.gov/healthypeople>. Comments can be retrieved by specific priority/focus area or by the organization or individual who submitted them. During the fall of 1998, the second and final comment period for Healthy People 2010 will commence. This comment period will focus on the draft Healthy People 2010 objectives. The draft will be available on the same homepage listed above and electronic commenting will be encouraged.

IOWA PLANS HEALTHY IOWANS 2010

HAS YOUR STATE BEGUN developing the State Healthy People 2010 plan? Some States already have. In November 1997, Iowa drafted its workplan and time line for developing Healthy Iowans 2010. The State will utilize working groups, Steering Committee, and Statewide committees for the five phases of its plan. A Healthy Iowans 2010 conference is scheduled for June 1999 to bring together public health officials and community leaders from around the State to collaborate and assist in drafting a plan. The proposed release date for Healthy Iowans 2010 is June 2000. Congratulations to Iowa on its planning efforts. For more information contact: Ron Eckoff at (515) 281-5914.



WELCOME NEW CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion welcomes these new members of the Healthy People Consortium. We look forward to working with you on national health objectives for the years 2000 and 2010.

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Disability Prevention and Wellness Association

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health

National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids

National Council of the Great City Schools

National Hispanic Medical Association

HEALTHY VIRGINIA COMMUNITIES

WITH THE ISSUANCE OF "Healthy Virginia Communities", Virginia becomes the 47th State to publish a report on its health objectives. This plan has three goals: improve pregnancy outcomes; decrease the burden of chronic disease; and protect Virginians from communicable diseases and environmental hazards. Thirty one objectives support these three goals. Data on the objectives are displayed by Virginia's 35 health districts and HMO regions to encourage local action. Targets for the year 2000 were set 7.5 percent above the most recent State figure. Appendices to the document detail the relationship between the Healthy Virginia objectives and HEDIS 3.0 measures. Another appendix shows which HMOs work in each of six regions in the State. For more information, contact: Paul Matthias at (804) 371-2909 or e-mail pmatthias@vdh.state.va.us.

HEALTHY KENT 2000

IN KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, community leaders from the public and private sector are working to make their community healthier. After conducting a 1-year community health assessment using a community health profile, BRFSS data, and sixteen focus groups, the Healthy Kent 2000 Community Health Committee identified six priority health problems for Kent County: Child Abuse and Neglect/Domestic Violence/Vulnerable Adult Abuse; Community Violence; Infant Morbidity and Mortality; Sexually Transmitted Diseases/AIDS; Chronic Disease; and Substance Abuse.

Subcommittees formed in each of these specific areas developed goals and objectives with year 2000 targets. These subcommittees also have identified strategies to attain the objectives. Liaisons from the local health department provide support for the subcommittees. Funding for Healthy Kent 2000 activities and publications comes from local hospitals, health plans, and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact: Lonnie Barnett at (616) 336-2221.

CONSORTIUM MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of the Healthy People Consortium members who attended the 1997 Consortium meeting on November 7. A report on this 10th year celebration of our Consortium can be found in this *Prevention Report*. The next Healthy People Consortium meeting will be held on November 13, 1998 in Washington, DC. Watch for registration information in the mail as well as on the Healthy People Consortium webpage: <http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/hp2000/consort.htm>.

INFO ON THE WEB

American Diabetes Association (<http://www.diabetes.org>):

This site offers separate homepages for professionals and the general public. Professionals get information on practice guidelines. The page for the general public, which is geographically personalized for each user, includes daily recipes and information on recognized diabetes programs.

American Red Cross (<http://www.red-cross.org/>):

This site includes information on national and local Red Cross programs as well as educational brochures on safety and HIV. An Internet museum on the history of the American Red Cross is also available.

The National Mental Health and Education Center for Children and Families of the National Association of School Psychologists (<http://www.naspweb.org/center.html>):

This frequently-updated site includes information to assist educators, administrators and families with issues affecting education. Hot topics include bullying, sex education in schools, and disciplining kids with disabilities. Also featured are model school-based mental health programs.

ABOUT CONSORTIUM EXCHANGE

Healthy People 2000 CONSORTIUM EXCHANGE is an information resource for Healthy People 2000 Consortium members to share news about prevention activities related to achieving one or more of the Nation's health promotion and disease prevention objectives. Please send news about your programs and activities to Janet Samorodin, MPH, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 738G, Washington, D.C. 20201; (202) 260-2322; Fax (202) 205-9478; Jsamorodin@osophs.dhhs.gov

Healthy People 2000 is a national initiative to improve the health of all Americans through prevention. It is driven by 319 specific national health promotion and disease prevention objectives targeted for achievement by the year 2000. Healthy People 2000's overall goals are to: increase the span of healthy life for Americans, reduce health disparities among Americans, and achieve access to preventive services for all Americans.

