



CONSORTIUM EXCHANGE

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS ON HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000/2010

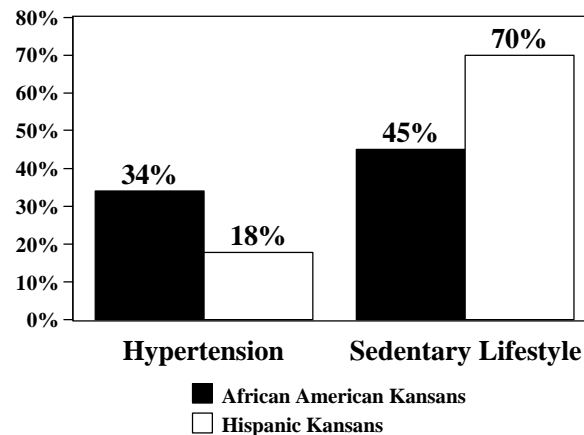
On December 8, 1997 and January 12, 1998, the Partnership for Prevention sponsored briefings in the Senate and House of Representatives on Healthy People 2000, how it is used at the State level, and the importance of data for tracking the objectives. In the Senate session, Christopher Atchison shared news of Healthy Iowans 2000 and Healthy Iowans 2010 development. Burton Wilcke provided information on the Healthy Vermonters 2000 plan and how it links State and local public health activities. In the house session, Carl W. Armstrong discussed Healthy Virginia Communities. For more information, contact Sarah Knab at Partnership for Prevention at (202) 833-0112.

KANSAS LOOKS AT RISK BEHAVIORS AMONG MINORITY POPULATIONS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recently published *Health Risk Behaviors of African-American Kansans—1995* and *Health Risk Behaviors of Hispanic Kansans—1996*, which report data from two telephone surveys designed by the Kansas

Department of Health and conducted by Wichita State University. These surveys used questions similar to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

The results show that risk factors for diseases and disease burden differ by minority group. For example, 34 percent of African-American Kansans report that they have hypertension compared to 18 percent of Hispanic Kansans. Sedentary lifestyle is 45 percent and 70 percent for African-American Kansans and Hispanic Kansans, respectively. The data are reported by selected demographic identifiers including: age, employment status, income, and country of birth. Information obtained from these reports



was linked to Healthy Kansans 2000 objectives to target health improvement efforts. For more information contact: Michael Perry, Program Coordinator, BRFSS, at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at (785) 296-1207.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

On February 19 and 20, 1998, representatives from 19 nations in the Region of the Americas participated in a Symposium on National Strategies for Renewing "Health for All", which was sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Canadian Society for International Health. This Symposium examined priority setting for health; tools for public health policy issues; and planning the prevention agenda for the 21st century in the United States, Canada, and Central and South America. A Spanish language version of the *Developing Objectives for Healthy People 2010* was prepared for this meeting and is posted on the 2010 Web Site: <http://web.health.gov/healthypeople/>. For more information, contact Cristina Puentes at the Pan American Health Organization at (202) 974-3218.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STATES DEVELOPING HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010

The Public Health Foundation is planning five audio conferences - "Getting Started for 2010" - to provide technical assistance for building State and local objectives for 2010. The first conference, set for April 27 with State Healthy People Action Contacts will provide an overview of Healthy People 2010 national development and discuss how States have utilized Healthy People. Subsequent conference topics may include: data challenges; collaboration at the State level with mental health, substance

abuse and environmental agencies; and collaboration with community organizations for local healthy city or healthy community projects. For more information, contact: Michon Bechamps at the Public Health Foundation at (202) 898-5600.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION USES HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 OBJECTIVES

The Veterans Administration National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention recently conducted a survey of 300 male and 150 female veterans randomly selected from those visiting primary care clinics in Veterans Health Affairs facilities in the United States. Veterans were asked questions about the prevention services they received. These services included: **Primary Prevention:** hypertension detection, hyperlipidemia detection, influenza immunization, pneumococcal vaccination, and

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.

tetanus and diphtheria immunization; **Secondary Prevention:** cervical cancer detection, breast cancer detection, and colorectal cancer detection; and **Assessment and Counseling:** as necessary for tobacco use, problem drinking, weight control and nutrition, fitness and exercise, and seat belt use and accident avoidance. The study found that males exceeded the Healthy People Year 2000 targets in cholesterol screening, influenza immunizations and colorectal cancer screening; females exceeded the Year 2000 targets in cholesterol screening, influenza immunizations, pneumococcal immunizations, cervical cancer screening, breast cancer screening, and seat belt use. For more information, please contact Laurence G. Branch at (919) 416-5880 or lgbranch@geri.duke.edu.

INFO ON THE WEB

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (<http://www.charm.net/~epi9/>): This website provides user-friendly information on all aspects of health and public health. The Healthy Marylanders 2000 document is available as well as fact sheets on a variety of health conditions. The site also provides a link to the Healthy People 2000 Midcourse Review and Revisions.

National Association of County and City Health Officials (<http://www.naccho.org>): This site provides detailed information on all public health and government relations projects at ACCHO's national office. NACCHO and non-NACCHO publications are also available.

WELCOME NEW CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion welcomes the newest 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 Nurse Practitioners**
- **Coalition for Healthier Cities and Communities**
- **Council of Regional Networks for Genetic Services**
- **National Association for Healthcare Quality**
- **National Inhalant Prevention Coalition**
- **National Middle School Association**
- **Pan American Health Organization**
- **Spina Bifida Association of America**

