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NKDEP News

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NKDEP will hold its next **Steering Committee** meeting on **June 20, 2003**, in Natcher Conference Center (Building 45), Conference Rooms D1/D2 at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting will highlight the progress of the program to date, review committee members' current CKD activities, and identify next steps for the NKDEP.

NKDEP Pilot Site Activities

NKDEP applied for and received **\$520,000 from NIH** to evaluate the impact of NKDEP Coalition efforts in four pilot site cities. The funds supported baseline and follow-up surveys with African-American adults and primary care providers in Atlanta, Georgia; Baltimore, Maryland; Cleveland, Ohio; and Jackson, Mississippi and in a composite control site (several demographically-matched metropolitan areas).

NKDEP staff recently completed data collection for the baseline surveys. Two thousand African-American adults, selected at random, completed a 20-minute telephone surveys and 600 primary care providers completed a 10-minute fax survey assessing their knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and practices related to prevention and management of kidney disease. Follow-up surveys will be conducted in the same manner to help measure the impact of the pilot site campaigns. NKDEP staff also plans to collect qualitative process evaluation data to prepare for the national rollout of *You Have the Power To Prevent Kidney Disease* in Fall 2004.

NKDEP staff mailed materials to primary care providers (PCPs) in all 4 pilot sites to inform them about NKDEP's local pilot site program. The mailing included an introductory cover letter, *Primary Care Provider Targets for Chronic Kidney Disease*, the *Learn the Risks* brochure, *How To Document the Care of Your Complex Patients*, and a post card that could be mailed if respondents wanted other patient-oriented materials from NIDDK's National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

Visit the new *Community Pilot Site* link on our website to learn more about what each coalition has planned. Pilot site coalitions in some cities have held their first community outreach events and are planning additional activities to inform African Americans and their primary care providers about the risks of chronic kidney disease and to help them take steps toward its prevention. Also, download copies of our new publications. Bookmark www.nkdep.nih.gov and return often to find out how each coalition is involving the community in its efforts.

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