



# CONSORTIUM EXCHANGE

## HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 OBJECTIVES: DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion will soon publish *Healthy People 2010 Objectives: Draft for Public Comment*. Public input on this draft of the nation's prevention agenda for the coming decade is actively sought. The HP2010 website will take public comments on the draft objectives between September 15 - December 15, 1998. Copies of the book, which is over 700 pages long and lists over 500 health promotion and disease prevention objectives, are expected to be available by September 15, 1998. Orders for the book can be placed with the Government Printing Office at (202) 512-1800. The publication number is #017-001-00537. For details, visit the Healthy People 2010 Home page. <http://web.health.gov/healthypeople>

## NEW CONSORTIUM COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Janet Samorodin, MPH who is starting medical school this fall. Assuming the responsibilities for coordinating the Consortium is Miryam Granthon, who joined the Healthy People Team in September of 1996. Before coming to ODPHP, Ms. Granthon worked with the Coalition on Addiction, Pregnancy and Parenting (CAPP) in Cambridge, MA. She is a former Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Health Policy Fellow, who received her Bachelor's degree from the Pennsylvania State University and attended graduate school at Boston University.

## WELLMARK REPORT

Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa has released a profile of the health status of their enrollees (40% of Iowans). The report uses Healthy People 2000 national benchmarks to compare the prevalence in Iowa and nationwide of diabetes and the comparative utilization of medical procedures:

- 1) Cesarean section deliveries with live births,
- 2) Services for end-stage renal disease and
- 3) Mammograms to screen for cancer.

The study shows that Iowans are generally healthier than most Americans. However, wide variations exist across the state. Some of the key findings of "Health in Iowa: The Wellmark Report" include:

- Iowans are less likely than most Americans to have pneumonia or gallbladder disease, but are more likely to be hospitalized for those diseases.
- Iowa women who are enrolled in Wellmark health plans exceed the nationally-established Healthy People 2000 objective for receiving mammograms to screen for breast cancer.
- Iowa children are 21 percent more likely to have an upper respiratory infection.

For a copy of the report visit the Wellmark's website at [www.wellmark.com](http://www.wellmark.com).

## GETTING STARTED FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010

Technical assistance for building State and local health objectives has begun. The Public Health Foundation (PHF), under contract with the DHHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, has begun the coordination of five audioconferences. In the first audioconference, Dr. Claude Earl Fox, Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration gave an overview of the national Healthy People 2010 development and Chris Atchison provided the state perspective by discussing the development of Healthy Iowans 2010. In the second audioconference, Dr. David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General, and Dr. Edward Sondik, Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics spoke about data and the challenges of collection, analysis and reporting. Upcoming programs will address:

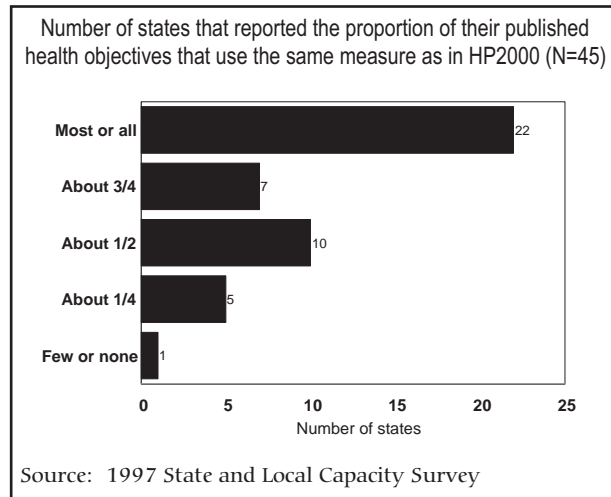
- "Making the Link" (Wednesday, August 5)
- "Translating Healthy People Objectives into Local Targets" (Tuesday, September 1)
- "Lessons Learned for 2010: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" (Thursday, October 1)

These programs are fully described on the PHF website: [www.phf.org](http://www.phf.org). To register for the programs, send an e-mail message to [ngeisner@phf.org](mailto:ngeisner@phf.org) using REGISTER AC SERIES as the "subject" line.

In addition to the live audioconferences, the PHF has initiated an electronic discussion group for continued interaction on Healthy People via e-mail among health professionals. To subscribe to the HP2010 Discussion Group, send an e-mail message to [hp2010@phf.org](mailto:hp2010@phf.org) using SUBSCRIBE as the "subject" line.

## MEASURING HEALTH OBJECTIVES: 1997 STATE AND LOCAL CAPACITY

State and local capacity for measuring health objectives was the subject of a 1997 survey conducted by the Public Health Foundation. Thirty-seven of 47 states surveyed have state plans or objectives, while the remaining 10 states have other documents with disease prevention and health promotion targets. Base-line data were available for 76 percent of the states' objectives at the time of publication, although over half of the data were three or more years old. Community and State agencies collect and/or manage the collection of 82 percent of the tracking data. For a copy of the publication visit the PHF web site at [www.phf.org/Chartbook](http://www.phf.org/Chartbook) or call Michon Béchamps at (202)-898-5600, ext. 3017 or [mbechamp@phf.org](mailto:mbechamp@phf.org).



## FIRST LIVE AND INTERACTIVE BROADCAST OF A HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 PROGRESS REVIEW FOCUSING ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

The first live and interactive broadcast of a Healthy People 2000 Progress Review was held on May 20, 1998 and focused on women's health. Dr. David Satcher, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General, and Dr. Wanda Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health, led a discussion of issues with HHS women's health experts and health professionals from the private sector. The review was downlinked to over 150 different sites in 41 states and 2 Territories. The three main topics discussed were morbidity, premature mortality and reproductive health. For additional information contact Terri Brown, at the Office of Women's Health at (202) 205-0571. The progress review is also available on the *Healthy People 2000* website.

### INFO ON THE WEB

**New Web Site focuses on Initiative to Eliminate Racial, Ethnic Health Disparities**  
<http://raceandhealth.hhs.gov/>

DHHS has committed the Nation to an ambitious goal by the year 2010: eliminate disparities in six areas of health status experienced by racial and ethnic minority populations while continuing to improve the health status of the American people as a whole. The six goals focus on infant mortality,

cancer screening and management, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS infection rates, and child and adult immunizations. Users will be able to access information about racial and ethnic health disparities in the U. S. as well as background material on the various components and goals of the health disparities initiative. The six goal areas parallel Healthy People 2010 draft health objectives.

### 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 Miryam Granthon, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 738G, Washington, D.C. 20201; (202) 690-6245; Fax (202) 690-7054; [MGranthon@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:MGranthon@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. The *Healthy People 2000* website is <http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov/pubs/hp2000>.

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