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Presentation of “Community Analysis, 2010” Open to Community

Knox County, IL – Health Department staff are moving forward with the 4th Healthy Communities Project for Knox County. The Project entails completion of a community health assessment and development of a community health improvement plan. Thursday, May 27th will kick off the project through the presentation of the “Community Analysis, 2010.”

The kick-off presentation is being held at the Knox County Health Department from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and is open to the public. Local information presented for discussion by Health Systems Research, UIC School of Medicine at Rockford, and will include data related to: demographics and socioeconomic characteristics, health resource availability, quality of life indicators, behavioral risk factors, environmental health indicators, social & mental health, maternal & child health, death, illness, & injury, infectious disease, sentinel events, & community strengths.

“The Community Analysis 2010 Report contains an extensive variety of valuable data and information,” stated Michele Fishburn, Director of Community Health Improvement for the Health Department. “The completed Report will be utilized by countless organizations in the community over the next five years,” noted Fishburn, “partnering for a project like this one is a constructive and fiscally sound way to fulfill the needs the Health Department, as well as the many agencies required to complete their own assessments, as well as aiding in the writing of many grant and informational reports.”

Steering Committee members for the Healthy Communities Project include: Galesburg Community Foundation, United Way of Knox County, City of Galesburg, University of Illinois Extension, Regional Office of Education, OSF St Mary Medical Center, Galesburg Cottage Hospital, and the Knox County Health Department.

For more information about the Healthy Communities Project or to participate; please contact Michele Fishburn at 309-344-2224; or mfishburn@knoxcountyhealth.org.