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Healthy Kent Winter Summit Scheduled

Kent County Community Health Assessment Report to be Released

GRAND RAPIDS - Healthy Kent will release the full 2014 Community Health Needs Assessment report to the public during the Healthy Kent Winter Summit on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. This is one of the final steps before creating a Community Health Improvement Plan.

During this meeting:

- The final draft of the community health needs assessment profiles will be shared, and feedback solicited.
- Workgroups for the priority health issues will be formed, and the Community Health Improvement Planning process will be initiated.
- We will discuss resources or ongoing initiatives that may be applied to address one or more of the priorities identified through the prioritization process that concluded in January.

Healthy Kent collected data through community health forums and health surveys throughout 2014, to identify key strengths, weaknesses, and health concerns for citizens of Kent County. The top health concerns identified by the community were obesity, poor nutrition, substance abuse, mental health issues, and violence. Key weaknesses that emerged through the CHNA include streets needing repair, lack of affordable housing, and poverty. Other key concerns include bus route expansion, and racism. The top three community strengths were determined to be access to farmers markets, availability of healthcare, and an active community. To learn more, please attend:

2015 Healthy Kent Winter Summit

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Kent County Health Department

700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

For more information on the Community Health Needs Assessment, visit www.kentcountychna.org. To RSVP to this event, please register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-kent-winter-2015-summit-tickets-15617407085>.

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Healthy Kent is a collaborative community health assessment and improvement initiative in Kent County that works to improve the health and wellbeing of all county residents. Efforts of Healthy Kent include needs assessment, capacity building, and improvement of community health through awareness, education, advocacy and data-driven decision making. For more information, visit www.healthykent.org or www.kentcountychna.org.