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This is the second annual status report for the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public*. This report focuses on Department of Health and Family Services activities through 2005 for each of the 11 health priorities and five system priorities. It also summarizes statewide data on progress made in achieving each health priority's objectives, based primarily on information available from the Department's online tracking system for the state health plan (<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/track2010/>).

The report describes only those key activities in which the Department was involved, either in a leadership role or in collaboration with partners. It does not attempt to describe the many activities occurring around Wisconsin undertaken by its public health system partners in government, the public, private, nonprofit, and voluntary sectors. As stated in the 2004 Annual Status Report, "it is hoped that this status report will provide a model for the Department's public health system partners to report the progress of their agencies and organizations in implementing *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*."

2005 System-wide Initiatives and Products Related to *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*

Healthy Birth Outcomes: Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities. A new initiative recently announced by the Department seeks to eliminate the unacceptable and longstanding disparities in infant mortality and other infant health outcomes by race and ethnicity. A five-year action plan has been developed by the Department and its partners to guide systemic actions to address the underlying causes of disparities and intensify the provision of services to pregnant women and their families.

Tracking the State Health Plan 2010—State-Level Data. This site was launched in January 2005. It provides access to state-level data on indicators that track progress toward meeting many of the 2010 objectives. Indicators were developed in the Department based on the availability of state-level data to measure a given objective. Also known as "Track 2010," the site may be searched by indicators or by health priorities.
<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/track2010/>

Tracking Health Conditions (Local Data). Released in November 2005, this site is the beginning of a local-data counterpart to *Track 2010*. It provides access to population-based data for the priority health conditions on the county, regional, and state levels. Many of the conditions are measured by mortality data; however, some links redirect the user to external sites that provide other kinds of data. Future site updates will incorporate additional measures from a variety of data sources. <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/conditions/>

Evidence-Based Practices for Healthiest Wisconsin 2010. This Web site launched in October 2005 is a work in progress. The site was developed by the Department and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, with financial support from the Wisconsin Turning Point

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Initiative's Robert Wood Johnson Foundation resources, to encourage use of evidence-based practices in implementing *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*.

Evidence-based practices are practices whose effectiveness has been confirmed by systematic research or expert consensus. Interventions described on the site have been categorized as having (1) sufficient evidence for effectiveness, (2) insufficient evidence to determine effectiveness, (3) mixed evidence, or (4) sufficient evidence for ineffectiveness.

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/practices/>

Implementation Plan Summary. The Department released the Implementation Plan Summary in July 2005 as an electronic document.

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/Implementation/pdf-files/summary.pdf>

CD-ROM of Key State Health Plan Products. In May 2005 the Department released a *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010* CD-ROM to more efficiently disseminate the state health plan and its companion documents and resources. To obtain a copy, e-mail bhip@dhfs.state.wi.us.

State Health Plan Committee of the Wisconsin Public Health Council. This policy body is charged with monitoring, evaluating and communicating progress toward the state health plan and to champion its achievements. The Committee met five times in 2005, developed a work plan, and designed efforts to diversify membership.

Goal Evaluation: Transforming Wisconsin's Public Health System. In spring 2005, the Department partnered with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute to assess midcourse progress toward achieving the state health plan's third overarching goal: "transform Wisconsin's public health system." An external evaluation workgroup was formed, a survey was designed and tested, and the final survey was disseminated widely throughout the public health system in Wisconsin. The Population Health Institute has compiled findings and prepared a technical report. The State Health Plan Committee and the external review group will jointly review the findings and propose recommendations to the Department, the Public Health Council, and Wisconsin's public health system in 2006.