

**Primary Care Action Group to release findings of Community Health Survey  
*Further community input sought at Feb. 26 meeting***

BRIDGEPORT, CT, Feb. 14, 2013 – The Primary Care Action Group (PCAG), a collaborative of area hospitals, community health centers, health departments and other organizations in Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull, will formally present the key findings of its recent Community Health Assessment to the public for the first time on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 6:00–8:00 p.m., at the Discovery School, 4450 Park Avenue, Bridgeport. (The snow date is Thursday, Feb. 28, same time and place.)

In addition to presenting the results of the Community Health Assessment, one of the goals of this event is to actively engage attendees in providing input on the priorities to be focused on in the Community Health Improvement Plan that will be created as the next step in this process. Based on the results of the health assessment and community feedback, PCAG will embark on a process to create Community Health Improvement Plans for the region as well as by town.

PCAG undertook the Community Health Assessment in December to gain a better understanding of the health and health practices of area residents. Through surveys, focus groups, and interviews with residents, community leaders and key stakeholders, PCAG was able to collect valuable data that will help guide future healthcare planning in the region. As part of the process, existing data were also analyzed to assess strengths and needs in the area. This data included community strengths, barriers to care, leading health concerns, obesity-related issues, smoking, alcohol use and health screenings.

PCAG focuses on enhancing access to healthcare services for the community. Members include Bridgeport Hospital, St. Vincent's Medical Center, Optimus Health Care, Southwest Community Health Center, the Bridgeport, Stratford, Fairfield, Trumbull, Monroe and Easton Health Departments, AmeriCares, the Connecticut Department of Social Services, Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Greater Bridgeport Medical Association, Southwestern Area Health Education Center and Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition.

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