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RE: UM-Flint Public Health Symposium featuring the Speak to Your Health! Community Survey 2015/2016 data roll-out presentation

Since 2003, Genesee County residents have had the opportunity to participate in the biennual Speak to Your Health! Community Survey, which identifies and monitors community health and quality of life concerns throughout Genesee County. The survey is designed by the Genesee County Health Department, university partners, and several local community organizations. Results of the surveys are available to the public and can be analyzed by gender, race, age, and across time, and mapped geographically to determine trends by neighborhood, zip code, and county. These results can be used for health program planning and evaluation, grant proposals, community education, and policy development.

The University of Michigan-Flint is a key partner of the Speak to Your Health! Community Survey and they will host a Public Health Symposium on March 15, 2017 where the 2015/2016 Speak to Your Health! Community Survey results will be presented, along with other national and local public health leaders who will speak on topics that affect the health and well-being of residents in Genesee County.

Speakers and their respective topics include:

- Speak to Your Health Committee: “2015/2016 Speak to Your Health! Community Survey Data Roll-Out Presentation”

- Dr. Camara Jones – Myron & Margaret Winegarden Visiting Professor and Past APHA President: “Social Determinants of Health”
- Jim Milanowski – President and CEO, Genesee Health Plan: “Genesee Health Plan Update”
- Dr. Rick Sadler – Assistant Professor, Michigan State University College of Human Health: “Building Healthy Communities is Child’s Play: Making Our Roadways Safer for Vulnerable Road Users”
- Dr. Vicki Johnson-Lawrence – Assistant Professor, University of Michigan-Flint: “Flint Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) Grant”
- Kay Doerr – Chairperson, Genesee County Board of Health: “Tobacco 21 as a Health Equity Issue”

The Symposium is from 4:30pm-7:00pm at the Northbank Center’s Ballroom, located at 432 N. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502. Free parking is available in the adjacent Northbank Parking Ramp. The public is welcome and a light dinner is provided.

For more information on the the Speak to Your Health! Community Survey, visit http://speak.gchd.us or email Brad Snyder at 810-768-7971 or bsnyder@gchd.us. For more information on the Public Health Symposium, please contact Kristopher Johns at 810-348-4437 or kwojtysi@umflint.edu.