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**Dallas County Health and Human Services Celebrates National Public Health Week April 5-9**

*April 5, 2004* – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) will celebrate *National Public Health Week* from April 5 to April 9, with various outreach activities and events throughout the county.

Health officials will disseminate information on immunizations, obesity, nutrition, cholesterol, diabetes, and other public health issues at its Immunization/Well Child Clinics and Older Adults/Senior Centers. The DCHHS building will also host a week-long health fair for the community and employees that will provide information on leading healthier lives. Staff will also take a survey at this fair to learn what health issues are the most important to the public. In addition, DCHHS officials will participate in various health fairs throughout the county providing vital health information to the public.

The schedule of DCHHS events is as follows:

Monday through Friday:

- DCHHS National Public Health Week Health Fair at the DCHHS building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway (on the west side of I-35 between Motor and Wycliff), Dallas, TX 75207, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Public health information distribution at DCHHS Immunization/Well Child Clinics and Older Adults/Senior Centers

Tuesday

- Participation in the *Third Annual Senior Health Fair* at the J.C. Phelps Recreation Center, 3030 Tips Boulevard, Dallas TX 75216, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday

- Diabetes presentation at DCHHS building, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway (on the west side of I-35 between Motor and Wycliff), Dallas, TX 75207, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday

- *Health Fair* at Dallas Life Foundation, 1100 Cadiz St, Dallas, TX 75215, from 9:30 am. to 11 a.m.

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The theme for this year's *National Public Health Week* is "Communities Moving from Statistics to Solutions." In Texas,

- Two out of five Hispanic and African-American fourth graders are obese or overweight;
- A total of 24 counties (9 percent) have no primary-care physicians, 138 counties (54 percent) have no pediatricians and 158 counties (that is 62 percent) have no obstetricians/gynecologists;
- Diabetes prevalence is higher for Texans along the border than for others in the state, particularly for those from 35 to 65 years old;
- The rate of reported AIDS cases in 2000 among Texas's African Americans was more than four times higher than the rates for whites or Hispanics.

For more information about activities in Dallas County, call 214-819-2033. For more information on National Public Health Week visit <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ophp/phw.htm>.

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