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RE: 10th Annual Genesee County Health Department Public Health Conference
"Connecting Place, Environment, and Health"

The Genesee County Health Department announces its 10th Annual Public Health Conference to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at the Flint Institute of Arts, 1120 E. Kearsley Street in Flint, Michigan. The conference is entitled "Connecting Place, Environment, and Health." Where you live impacts your health. The environment in which you live also impacts your health. Chemicals, toxins, animal life, and social conditions all contribute to the environment we live in. The goal of this conference is to explore all the complex relationships we have with our environment and the impact they have on community health.

The conference will feature keynote speaker Robert Jennings, Chair of the Health and Equity in All Policies Committee at the Ohio Public Health Association to address health in all policies. Kimberly Signs, DVM will discuss the one health concept and Trish Koman, MPP will be discussing the health effects of climate change. The conference will also feature sessions led by local, state, and national experts. These sessions will address Tobacco Intervention, Overview of Flint Water Crisis, Water Illness and Beach Testing, Food Access, Health Risk Assessment and Communication, Environmental Justice, Healthy Homes, and Environmental Medicine.

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The conference serves as an opportunity for local and state public health officials, health care professionals, school officials and students, as well as, community residents and community-based organizations, to expand their knowledge, discuss current and future issues important to the public's health, and explore strategies that could improve these conditions. Attendees will be able to use the information from this event to strengthen their roles, and those of their organizations and communities, in improving community and individual health and quality of life.

The conference speakers will be available for interviews the day of the event. Genesee County Health Department staff members are available for interviews prior to the event to discuss the conference and its objectives.

The conference is free and registration is now open. Conference meals and materials are included. For registration and additional information visit www.gchd.us.

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