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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***The Manchester Health Department recognizes National Public Health Week 2014 with release of the "Neighborhood Health Improvement Strategy"***

**Manchester, NH, April 7-11, 2014:** Through funding provided by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and The Dartmouth Institute, the City of Manchester Health Department (MHD) has been working with other local funders, community partners, policy makers, school administrators, City Departments and most importantly, the residents themselves, to design a "Neighborhood Health Improvement Strategy" centered around Manchester's children and families. With the community's input, the strategy includes recommendations for future integration of funding streams, service delivery, and accountability. In celebration of National Public Health Week (NPHW), the Manchester Health Department (MHD) proudly releases this document as part of a long-term, community-wide effort to measurably improve the health of the City's most vulnerable residents where they live. To view, please visit: <http://www.manchesternh.gov/Departments/Health/Public-Health-Data>

"This week is part of the American Public Health Association's annual celebration of the role of public health and prevention in our community. Since 1995, cities and towns across the country have celebrated NPHW each April to draw attention to the need to help protect and improve the nation's health" said Tim Soucy, Public Health Director, "many small preventive steps can add up to make a big difference in transforming a health care system focused on treatment to one that equally values prevention. The Manchester Health Department is excited to help lead the way toward this goal with a focus on the health of our neighborhoods and residents."

"National Public Health Week helps educate and engage Americans in the movement to create a healthier America for ourselves and the generations to come. The hundreds of events that take place this week help showcase the value of supporting prevention and the role that public health agencies, organizations and practitioners play in making prevention possible," said Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP, FACEP (E), executive director of the American Public Health Association. "We all have a role to play in making America the healthiest nation in one generation. And it starts with each of us taking the simple preventive steps that lead to better health." For more information about National Public Health Week, visit: [www.nphw.org](http://www.nphw.org)

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