The Report on Women’s Health 2008

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Overview

- The purpose of the Report on Women’s Health in Wisconsin, 2008
- The focus areas of the Report
- The report’s role in highlighting two major health challenges facing women in Wisconsin
- Lessoned learned
- Implication of the Report
- Conclusions
Purpose

- Describe the state of women’s health in Wisconsin as of 2008
- Provide clinicians and consumers with an easy-to-use comprehensive resource
- Inspire women to mobilize future activities to improve the health and wellbeing of all women and their families
Report Health Focus Areas

1. Cardiovascular disease
2. Cancer
3. Osteoporosis
4. Mental health
5. Domestic violence
6. Tobacco
7. Alcohol

* Additional Health Areas: Diabetes, Obesity, STIs, Maternal & Child Health, Access to Health Care Resources
Wisconsin Women’s Biggest Health Risks

- Tobacco use
- Alcohol use & binge drinking
- Implications of tobacco/alcohol use during & throughout pregnancy
The Facts: Tobacco and Alcohol

- In 2004, 14.0% of women in Wisconsin reported smoking during pregnancy, compared to the national average of 12.0%.

- 11,600 birth complications are attributed to prenatal smoking.

- Wisconsin women of child-bearing age lead the nation in alcohol consumption.
Lessons Learned

- Strong support and backing from the community, organizations, and businesses is vital.

- Working with multiple stakeholders was both rewarding and challenging.

- Data collection of specific health issues proved to be a challenge.

- Lack of institutional memory created some initial struggles.
Implications

- Media

- Distribution to state representatives and citizens throughout the state of Wisconsin.

- Stimulate conversation and direct policy initiatives
Logistics

- How can I obtain a copy of the Report?
Conclusions