

**ADH - OMHHD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**QUARTERLY CENTER REPORT**

**(check one) QUARTER: 1<sup>st</sup> (Jan-Mar)  2<sup>nd</sup> (Apr-Jun)  3<sup>rd</sup> (Jul-Sep)  4<sup>th</sup> (Oct-Dec)**  
**YEAR: 2010 - Both Quarters**

The purpose of this quarterly report is to assist ADH in tracking Center involvement as it addresses HP2010/2020 goals. As ADH continues to be committed to monitoring the state's progress in achieving the two overarching HP2010/2020 goals, these quarterly reports will provide OMHHD with updated information to improve the health status of minority populations in Arkansas. This report will be placed on the OMHHD website (internet and intranet).

The Center for: **(check one)**

- Health Protection (Vicky Jones)  
 Health Advancement (Jane Costello)  
 Local Public Health (Zenobia Harris)  
 Public Health Practice (Mary McGehee)

Provide a brief summary of activities within the last quarter that your Center has worked on in the areas of minority populations, health disparities, cultural awareness/diversity, training and professional development.

The Epidemiology Analytical Branch, primarily through its Chronic Disease Epidemiology Section, routinely developed detailed descriptive statistical summaries for the Arkansas population. These summaries always include breakdowns due age, ethnic groups, race and gender to support better targeting and evaluation of public health prevention and intervention efforts. In addition, communicable disease reporting includes case among all population groups in Arkansas and statistics are available broken down by age, ethnic groups, race and gender. Through activities with a new CDC Grant Epidemiology is continuing to develop detailed health profiles for each county in Arkansas which includes counties with high percentages of minority populations.

**Center's Concerns /Issues**

A growing concern is that some of the data available, especially survey data collected by calls to residential land lines may be missing a growing segment of hard-to-reach minority populations in Arkansas. Efforts are under, in concert with Vital Statistic Branch and the Hometown Health Branch, to develop new and properly evaluated ways of collecting data for the Department's critical health surveys.

**BRFSS and PRAMS**

Newsletters containing information from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey and the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System survey (PRAMS) are available on the Arkansas Department of Health website. These newsletters provide a race/ethnicity breakdown of statistics on several health indicators.

The PRAMS project has been working with Drs. Thomas Bruce, Vijay Kannam, and Aravind Nalika to change the PRAMS sampling strategy to allow for oversampling of new mothers in selected Delta counties. This information obtained from the survey will be used to evaluate maternal and child health outcomes for Chicot, Desha, and Lincoln counties for the STAR project.