

A Health Needs Assessment Study of the Minority Population in Cass County

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Executive Summary

This report presents results of a community health needs assessment for minority populations in Cass County, directed by the Indiana Minority Health Coalition with technical assistance from the Indiana University Bowen Research Center. Initial project planning activities began in 2003, with most of the data collected in 2004. The purpose of this needs assessment study is to:

- Perform a community-based health needs assessment of minority populations in Cass County
- Identify the real health-related issues of minority groups across age, gender, socio-economic, and geographic categories
- Examine the wide spectrum of factors impacting the health and well being of the minority populations in the Cass County

Data for the health assessment were collected from existing data containing health indicators.

Existing data from birth and death certificates were gathered and analyzed for minority groups. The analysis of these existing data for Cass County indicated that disparities exist by race and ethnic group. It also revealed that most rates need to be improved to meet the Healthy People 2010 Objectives.