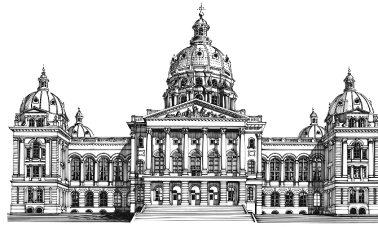

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A review of the Healthy Iowans 2000 Project.

AFFECTED AGENCIES

Department of Public Health (DPH)

CODE AUTHORITY

None

BACKGROUND

In 1990 Healthy People 2000 National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives released a national report establishing 298 national health promotion/disease prevention objectives for the nation to be reached by the year 2000. Healthy People 2000 is organized into 22 priority areas for strategic planning. All federal public health funds are tied to a strategic plan outlined in the Healthy People 2000 Program. In 1991 the Governor appointed a Healthy Iowans 2000 Task Force. The Task Force decided to address all 22 priority areas outlined in the Healthy People 2000 National Objectives. A consortium of 80 agencies and organizations assisted the Task Force in the development of the Healthy Iowans 2000 Plan. A written chapter was dedicated to each of the 22 priority areas identified by the national Healthy People 2000 Objectives. Draft materials for each chapter were presented to the Task Force in monthly meetings. Seven regional public meetings were held to solicit additional input and comment. In December 1992 the Healthy Iowans 2000 Task Force met with the Governor to discuss the draft of the State plan. The final Healthy Iowans 2000 Strategic Plan includes 132 goals and 338 action steps that will shape program priorities and State budget requests through the remainder of the 1990's. Copies of the "Healthy Iowans 2000: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Goals and Action Steps" are available from DPH.

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CURRENT SITUATION

The Healthy Iowans 2000 Goals and Action Steps are to be completed within specific time frames. The earliest activities were targeted for 1992 with the last actions to be completed by 2000. The Healthy Iowans 2000 Plan identifies organizations or agencies which are responsible for each goal or action step. The DPH has begun to track progress made on the early action steps, to identify barriers preventing completion, and to suggest possible changes required for completion. At this time individual progress results are not available for each of the 338 action steps. Final results regarding 1992, 1993, and 1994 are to be reported at a midcourse review which is a part of a prevention conference to be held in June 1995.

At about the same time the Healthy Iowans 2000 Task Force completed work, new federal legislation required states to appoint a Preventive Health Advisory Committee. In Iowa, this new Committee has four members who were previously members of the Healthy Iowans 2000 Task Force and has assumed responsibilities for general oversight of the Healthy Iowans 2000 Goals and Action Steps. This Committee is responsible for planning the midcourse review as part of the prevention conference planned for June 1995.

ALTERNATIVES

- The Legislature should consider eliminating fragmented reports relating to Healthy Iowans 2000 required in Health and Human Rights Appropriations Subcommittees Bills but require a comprehensive, annual progress report on Healthy Iowans 2000 activities.
- The Legislature should consider monitoring the Preventive Health Advisory Committee to ensure programs are held accountable for attaining the health status goals. The Committee should fulfill some of the global functions initiated by the Healthy Iowans 2000 Task Force, which disbanded after the Healthy Iowans 2000 Goals and Action Steps were completed.

BUDGET IMPACT

The DPH implements a large portion of the strategic plan established by the Healthy Iowans 2000 Task Force. The overall goal continues to be to achieve the action steps, where feasible, by the year 2000. Funds required by the DPH to implement specific sections of the plan are requested through the annual budget process. Due to indirect costs, overlap of existing programs, and other factors, it is difficult to estimate the amount of the DPH's budget that ties directly to the Healthy Iowans 2000 Goals and Action Steps.

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