Dear Public Health Partner,

I would like to extend an invitation to your organization to partner with the Connecticut Department of Public Health as a member of the Connecticut Health Improvement Planning Coalition, in an exciting new initiative to improve the health of Connecticut residents. This ambitious endeavor is supported by the Prevention and Public Health Fund of the Affordable Care Act, through the CDC’s National Public Health Improvement Initiative.

No single entity or agency can make our state healthy. We are reaching out to organizations and communities across Connecticut: state, local, and tribal governments, academic organizations, non-profit organizations, business and industry, community, philanthropic, and faith-based organizations, medical, dental, and behavioral health care, and professional associations.

The effort has begun with a comprehensive State Health Assessment, guided by a technical advisory group of epidemiologists and data specialists from across the state. Findings from the Assessment will shape the development of Healthy Connecticut 2020, our long-range State Health Improvement Plan.

Please Attend

The Kick-off Meeting of the
CONNECTICUT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COALITION
Thursday, January 31, 2013*
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Crowne Plaza Hotel
100 Berlin Rd. (Rte. 372), Cromwell, CT

* Snow date Thursday, February 7

At this meeting you will:
 Have a unique opportunity to come together with other leaders from Connecticut
 Preview key preliminary findings from the State Health Assessment
 Use information from the Assessment to identify Focus Areas for the State Health Improvement Plan
 Have the opportunity to participate in various levels of planning, to be described during the meeting

We hope you will join us in helping to shape the future of Connecticut health!

Kindly RSVP to Mattie Adgers by January 16, 2013 at 860-509-8070 or mattie.adgers@ct.gov to confirm that you or your organization’s designee will attend at the Kick-off Meeting. Please direct all questions to Kristin Sullivan at 860-509-7126 or kristin.sullivan@ct.gov.

For the Meeting Agenda, directions, and more information about the State Health Improvement Planning Coalition and process, please visit the Coalition’s web page, www.ct.gov/dph/SHIPcoalition.