November 4, 2010

Dear Colleague,

The Leadership Team for Together! Healthy Knox cordially invites you to a half-day work retreat. During this important meeting, the group will assess health related services in our area. Your community involvement and expertise were seen by the selection committee* as the perfect fit for helping achieve the group's goal. Please mark your calendar for:

Monday, December 6, 2010 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At Cherokee Health Systems Corporate Office, 2018 Western Avenue Coffee, light refreshments and boxed lunches will be provided.

At the meeting, you will work in small, facilitated group discussions to take an in-depth look at Knox County's health care system as a whole, identify duplication and gaps, and formulate ideas for eliminating both. The end product, generated following the work retreat, will be a report to assist the Together! Healthy Knox leadership and other public health organizations in making informed decisions to improve the delivery of health related service.

The information discussed at the retreat will have a lasting impact on our community, and we hope you can attend. If you have questions please call Erin Read at (865) 215-5549 or email erin.read@knoxcounty.org. To RSVP, please call Pat or Kim at (865) 215-5170, or email patricia.russell@knoxcounty.org or kimberly.diehl@knoxcounty.org.

Sincerely,

Martha Buchanan

Director, Knox County Health Department

*The selection committee for the Local Public Health System Assessment is chaired by Dr. Martha Buchanan, Knox County Health Department director. Members are Jim Decker, Medic Regional Blood Center, Dr. Paul Erwin, University of Tennessee Center for Public Health, Dr. Ben Harrington, Mental Health Association of East Tennessee, Melissa Knight, Interfaith Health Clinic, Aneisa McDonald, Knox County Schools, and Karen Pershing, Metropolitan Drug Commission.

