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## VtPHA Forum Tonight – April 7: Reducing Inequalities in the Healthiest State

### *Celebrate National Public Health Week April 3-9*

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BURLINGTON – Vermont is routinely ranked among the healthiest states in the nation. But Vermonters are not equally healthy, as documented in the two newest reports that examine health disparities across the state.

*Reducing Inequalities in the Healthiest State* is the subject of an open forum on April 7, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier, sponsored by the Vermont Public Health Association.

#### Featured speakers –

**6:30 - Tracy Dolan, deputy health commissioner**, will discuss the findings of the *2011 County Health Rankings* and *The Health Disparities of Vermonters 2010* – and how income, education, occupation, environment, race, ethnicity and cultural identity relate to public health.

**6:45 - Hal Colston, Vermont Commission on National & Community Service executive director and founder of Good News Garage and NeighborKeepers**, will describe challenges in health literacy among Vermont's increasingly diverse population.

**7:00 - Linda Rae Murray, MD, American Public Health Association president**, will share her experiences in advocating for social justice and health care as a basic human right – and addressing the root causes of health disparities in the U.S.

#### For more information –

- [Vermont Public Health Association](#)
- [2011 County Health Rankings](#)
- [The Health Disparities of Vermonters](#)

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