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STATEMENT OF HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The 2008 Palomar Pomerado Health Community Needs Assessment identifies trends and updated information regarding health needs throughout the Palomar Pomerado Health (PPH) service area. This information will be used to advance the PPH mission to promote health in the communities served and will also be used for:

- Community health program planning
- Strategic planning
- Priority setting
- Decision making for allocation of resources
- Grant writing
- Identification of trends
- Service delivery
- Master facility planning
- HealthSource program planning
- Market development
DESCRIPTION OF PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH SERVICE AREA

Escondido

During 2007, the estimated population living in the Escondido service area was 1161,287 and is expected to grow by 3.9% to almost 167,650 by 2012. The population in the Escondido service area represents over 35% of PPH’s service area and accounts for 53,285 households. There was an average of 3.03 persons per household.

Review of demographic data by age and race/ethnicity discovered that Latinos account for 40.6% of the current population. African-American and Asians/Pacific Islanders account for 2.0% and 4.8%, respectively.

The following charts present a snapshot of the current population based on several key demographic variables.
DESCRiPTION OF PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH SERVICE AREA

Escondido (continued)

Comparison of Escondido area to overall PPH service area

Review of several key socioeconomic indicators found persons living in the Escondido area tended to have:

- A higher percentage of Latino population, 41%, compared to 26% in the service area overall.
- A lower level of education among persons age 25 and older, with 23% having competed college or more compared to 32% in the service area overall.
- A lower average household income, $72,347, compared to $87,180 in the service area overall. Moreover, 19% of households have annual household incomes under $25,000 compared to 13% in the service area overall.

The following charts compare Escondido to the overall PPH service area for select 2007 demographic variables.
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**Escondido (continued)**

**Hospital Utilization**

Review of hospital inpatient utilization by persons living in the Escondido area, based on inpatient discharges for patients having originated from PPH’s service area, identified the following:

- During 2006, the Escondido area accounted for 41% of discharges in the PPH service area (excluding newborns).
- Among the hospitals providing inpatient care to persons living in the Escondido area during 2006, Palomar Medical Center and Pomerado Hospital accounted for 73.3% of discharges. Scripps hospitals accounted for 6.8% and Sharp HealthCare hospitals accounted for 4.5%. Kaiser Hospital accounted for 3.9%.
- Obstetrics and newborn DRG product lines (based on PPH definition) accounted for over 29.1% (5,342) of 2006 discharges.
- Medi-Cal accounted for 27.8% of the discharges compared to 19.3% for PPH’s overall service area.
- Underinsured patients accounted for 35.9% of discharges.
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Escondido (continued)

Birth Profile

Review of the birth profile of mothers living in the Escondido area found:

- During 2006 there were 3,035 live births among females living in the Escondido service area.
- Between 2000 and 2006, the number of live births increased 6.5% from 2,851 to 3,035.
- During 2006, 74.4% of mothers received prenatal care during the first trimester while 17.5% waited until the second trimester to begin prenatal care. More than 4% either waited until the third trimester or received no prenatal care.
- 10.5% of the mothers were under age 20.
- 5.5% of infants were low birth weight (under 2500 grams).
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Escondido (continued)

Leading Causes of Death

Review of the 2004 leading causes of death (most recent data available) among persons living in the Escondido area found:

- During 2004, 1,266 Escondido service area residents died.
- During this period, 878, 69.4%, of the deaths were among persons age 75 and older.
- The five leading causes of death in 2004, accounting for 60.0% of all deaths, were:
  - Diseases of the heart — 324 deaths, accounting for 24.7% of all deaths
  - Cancer — 268 deaths, accounting for 20.5% of all deaths
  - Alzheimer’s disease — 108 deaths, accounting for 8.2% of all deaths
  - Cerebrovascular disease — 99 deaths, accounting for 7.6% of all deaths
  - Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease — 97 deaths, accounting for 7.4% of all deaths

Deaths by Year – Escondido

Deaths by Cause of Death

Deaths by Age Category

Source: California Department of Health Services Center for Health Statistics