Letters to MJPH

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American Public Health Association
Dear Michigan Journal of Public Health Readers:

National journals helped get us through school, and they continue to keep us current on national issues. But there is an important place for local public health journals as well. Often the major projects, interesting research conducted locally, and recognition for local practitioners gets overlooked at the national level. The Michigan Journal of Public Health will be the place that you can report significant projects, community campaigns, interesting Michigan-based research, and local strategies for dealing with Michigan and the Great Lakes Region public health problems. The journal will also provide a special place to recognize the accomplishments of Michigan public health practitioners. As you share a border with Canada, you might also invite an international discussion of common issues along the border. Students in public health should be encouraged to submit to the journal, giving them valuable experience in writing for publication. You have good representation on the editorial board and a wonderful, diverse state to cover. Michigan’s balance of urban, rural, academic, and environmental issues will provide wonderful subject matter for the journal. Please accept my warmest congratulations on the inaugural issue of the Michigan Journal of Public Health.

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