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**Delaware County Health Advisory Board
Opens January 17 Meeting to the Public**

Delaware County Council and the Delaware County Health Advisory Board will open its first meeting of 2012 to the public at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the County Council meeting room on the first floor of the Government Center in Media.

As part of its continued outreach, the Advisory Board will invite all municipal health officers to attend the evening meeting where they will have the opportunity to get a progress report on implementation of the Johns Hopkins Public Health Study recommendations.

The Health Advisory Board will be on hand along with members of the newly elected County Council that took office on Jan. 3.

One of the goals of the Johns Hopkins Implementation Plan is to hold public meetings of the Health Advisory Board to solicit input from the public. The board will hold two public meetings during the year, the first being on Jan. 17.

Another goal is to collaborate and communicate with public health stakeholders including the municipal health officers who are on the front lines of identifying the public health needs of their communities.

The Jan. 17 Health Advisory Board meeting gives the municipal health officers an opportunity to learn how the Johns Hopkins Implementation Plan is being carried out, and to bring their public health concerns to the board and to County Council.

Dr. George Avetian, Delaware County Senior Medical Advisor, and Maureen Hennessey Herman, the director of the Department of Intercommunity Health, will present information on various goals that have been accomplished including influenza clinics, food drives to combat hunger, involvement in a Take Back Drug initiative to combat abuse of prescription drugs and various education efforts.

The agenda will also include an update on the influenza season in Delaware County.