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**Michigan Cancer Consortium Welcomes Sally Cory of the
Kent County Health Department to its Board of Directors**

GRAND RAPIDS – For hundreds of women in Kent County, making the first call for screening through the Women’s Health Network is the first step in taking control of their health. The callers typically earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but have no insurance that covers routine screening and diagnostics such as mammograms and Pap tests. Sally Cory of the Kent County Health Department Women’s Health Network has been working with clients since 1996, and has helped thousands of uninsured, working women who have fallen between the cracks. The Michigan Cancer Consortium (MCC) is pleased to announce that Sally Cory will join its board of directors effective January 1, 2015.

The MCC, a statewide broad-based partnership with over 110 members, is committed to improving cancer outcomes for Michigan residents by providing a forum for collaboration among its members. MCC membership includes representatives from academic institutions/health systems/hospitals with cancer programs, public health agencies, trade/professional/advocacy organizations, health insurers, and organizations who work with hard-to-reach and/or special populations.

“Sally is an active member of the MCC and brings years of cancer prevention and control experience and expertise to the board of directors,” said MCC board co-chair Susan Hoppough, PhD. “This translates to improved knowledge sharing and also additional opportunities for advancing cancer prevention and control initiatives statewide,” Hoppough went on to say.

“We are so pleased to welcome Sally to the MCC Board of Directors,” says MCC co-chair Ernesto Drelichman, MD. “She will add considerably to the MCC’s vision of assimilating the evolving scientific knowledge to promote best practices with our partners in order to reduce the burden of cancer,” Drelichman said.

Sally’s experience with the Women’s Health Network will help guide the MCC over her three year term. “We have stayed true to our mission,” Sally says. “I’ve long been committed to helping women here in West Michigan; this role on the MCC Board means I have a hand in providing the best care possible for all of Michigan’s residents.”

For more information regarding the MCC, please go to its website at: <http://www.michigancancer.org/>.

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.