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The 2007 City of Berkeley Health Status Report shows a clear inequity in health outcomes among Berkeley's citizens. We must address this imbalance. The Public Health Division realizes that it's first role is increasing awareness and understanding of the root causes of poor health found largely in south and west Berkeley, among African-Americans and among those living in poverty. We have been engaging in discussions on the implications of the report with the community. Our next steps include collaboration with University of California at Berkeley, to develop coursework projects that address data and community needs, specific internships in targeted City programs, integrating Berkeley health status data into coursework and research endeavors, and a shared research agenda all aimed at eliminating health inequities.

To access the Health Status Report:  
(<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/publichealth/reports/reports.html>)