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**Washtenaw County Health Department Welcomes New Deputy Health Officer**

*Jimena Loveluck brings 25 years of public health experience and expertise*

YPSILANTI, Mich., Jan. 23, 2018 – The Washtenaw County Health Department is excited to announce that Jimena Loveluck, MSW is the county’s new deputy health officer. Loveluck brings 25 years of public health experience and extensive knowledge in health promotion, community engagement, and combatting health disparities.

“Jimena has deep roots in the community,” says Ellen Rabinowitz, health officer at the Washtenaw County Health Department. “Her skills will be a tremendous asset to our work of ensuring that all in our community have the opportunity to live their healthiest lives.”

Prior to joining the Washtenaw County Health Department staff, Loveluck was the vice chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Health and vice president of community research and innovation for UNIFIED – HIV Health and Beyond. She also served as the president and CEO of the HIV/AIDS Resource Center for fifteen years. She has previously served as the chair of the HIV/AIDS Alliance of Michigan and as a member of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance Board and the Ann Arbor Sexual Health Education Advisory Committee.

Loveluck is Washtenaw County’s first deputy health officer. The role was created to provide guidance in developing a community-wide vision of health, and a culture of health equity. Loveluck will manage the design and implementation of policies, procedures and programs to promote the health of all Washtenaw County residents.

“I look forward to working with health department staff, partners, and community members to fight health disparities, and to foster healthy communities,” says Loveluck.

Loveluck holds a Master’s Degree in Social Work from Boston College and a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Michigan. She has also completed a health care executive program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

The Washtenaw County Health Department has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. Visit us at [http://publichealth.ewashtenaw.org](http://publichealth.ewashtenaw.org) or call 734-544-6700.

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