

V. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The following section contains the collection of data as it was presented to the Bedford County Health Council from October 1996 through June 1997. The Community Development staff presented the health data. Several data sources were consulted in order to meet the needs of the Health Council.

Appendix B – Comparison of Data Summary of the Behavior Risk Factor and Community Survey

A. Primary Data

Behavior Risk Factor Survey

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville completed 200 sample telephone questionnaires concerning the health status and availability of care in Bedford County.

According to this survey (Behavior Risk Factor Analysis), the top five community health problems in the county are:

1. Tobacco Use
2. Teen Pregnancy
3. Cancer
Alcohol Abuse
4. Drug Abuse
5. Obesity

The top five problems concerning access to health care, according the BRFS, are:

1. Transportation to health care
2. Access to assisted living services
3. Access to dental care
4. Access to hospitals
Access to nursing home care
Access to physicians
Access to birth control methods
5. Access to pharmacies and medicines
Access to prenatal care