

## Stakeholder Survey

The Health Council elected to take advantage of the Stakeholders Survey that was available to them through the Community Development staff. The Health Council distributed the Stakeholders surveys in their community and the Community Development staff tabulated the results. The survey was designed to measure perception of the health care delivery system within the community.

A revised version of the Stakeholders Survey, which is now called the Community Survey is still used in the Community Diagnosis process. Some of the original input from the Health Council was taken into account in the development of the new tool.

According to the Community Survey results, the top five health issues are:

1. Alcohol and drug treatment
2. Mental Health services
3. Child Abuse and Neglect services
4. Specialized physician care
5. Acute illness hospital care

The top five access to health care issues are:

1. Emergency room care
2. Surgical care
3. Obstetrical services
4. Pediatric services
5. Adequate facility and equipment

## **B. Secondary Data**

### Summary of Data Used

#### **Educational Attainment:**

At the time of the data gathering, education attainment in Bedford County for people 25 years of age and older is below the state level for high school degrees (57.6% for the county vs. 67.1% for the state) as well as for bachelor's degrees (10.5% for the county vs. 16.0% for the state). These levels, however, are almost equal to the other counties in the South Central Region. Research shows that counties with low proportions of high school graduates among their population ages 25 years and older tend to have poorer economic conditions than counties with high proportions of educated adults. Data shows that over the next several years the educational attainment rate for high school degrees will likely decrease in Bedford County due to the increase in the number of dropouts.