

II. INTRODUCTION

Mission Statement:

the community, and the regional Community Development staff tabulated the results. The survey was designed to measure the perception of Bedford County residents concerning

General Statement of Council Makeup

~~The City of San Jose is a Council-Manager form of government. The Council consists of seven members, all of whom are residents of the City.~~

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IV. BEDFORD COUNTY DESCRIPTION

A. Geographic & Land Area

In 1996, 19.7% of the population was enrolled in TennCare, which was lower than the state's 23.3% for this same period.

During the data analysis phase of Bedford County's Community Diagnosis, the council

V. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Stakeholder Survey

The Health Council elected to take advantage of the Stakeholders Survey that was

The high school dropout rate for the county was 5.4% based on a three-year average for 1992-1994. This was slightly above the regional average of 4.9% and the state average of 5.2%. In 1993-1994 the dropout rate for the county increased to 6.3% (112 dropouts). This is significantly higher than the state rate of 4.7%. Teen pregnancy, poor grades, drug and/or alcohol abuse, and long hours on a job are some of the things that directly effect the dropout rate.

High School Dropouts by County (Grades 9-12)

In Bedford County, 34% of the students participate in the school lunch program receiving lunch at free or reduced prices. This is only slightly above the state rate of 33.5%.

MORBIDITY & MORTALITY

The Bedford County Health Council was presented with statistics concerning reportable diseases and causes of death within the county. The Health Council also reviewed the number of teen pregnancies that had occurred in Bedford County over a ten-year time frame. The Community Development staff provided comparisons of similar data with other counties in the region and across the state to enable the Health Council to recognize significant problems in their own community.

In addition to specific health problems, the council was provided a comprehensive view of the status of children and youth within Bedford County.

Five Leading Causes of Death:

1. The Bedford County Health Council members were provided with county specific data from 1994 concerning the leading causes of death. The list is as follows:

significantly higher than the region (21.6%). In the 15-17 years age group in the county 8.3% of all live births were low weight babies. The average for the state during the same reporting period was 11.9% and the average for the region was 8.5%. The low birthweight for all ages from 1992-1994 was 7.3% for Bedford County, 7.8% for the South Central Region, and 8.7% for the state.

Measles

Rubella

Gonococcal infections were the most prevalent in the county. Sexually transmitted disease rates over a ten-year period were presented at the Health Council. The sexually ase

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Bedford County Health Council

Comparison of Data Summary, Community Health Survey, and Behavioral Risk Factor

**Lack of
Exercise**

Disease of the heart is the
leading cause of death in
the county

One person felt that

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