

VIII. FINAL PRIORITIZED ISSUES

After reviewing the scores, the council was asked which issues they would like to address. After combining several issues, the Bledsoe CHC chose the following issues for strategic planning purposes:

1. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE INCLUDING TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND OTHER DRUGS**
2. **DISEASE OF THE HEART**
3. **CANCER**
4. **OUT MIGRATION TO RECEIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES/LACK OF SPECIALIZED PHYSICIAN SERVICES/HOSPITAL SERVICES**
5. **VIOLENCE IN THE HOME**

Issue #6, Hospital Services, was combined with Issue #4. Then the top five issues were chosen as the target issues. The council will address each issue one at a time beginning with #1, Substance Abuse including Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drugs.

IX. CLOSING

This Community Diagnosis Health Status Report has provided a description of the assessment portion of the Community Diagnosis Process. The strategic planning portion will entail the formalizing of strategic interventions to deal with the aforementioned priorities. Soliciting input from additional residents and experts in the community, the Bledsoe CHC will develop intervention strategies. Strategic planning will require consideration of the entire sequence of interacting factors that contribute to the problem, identifying contributing health links, identifying both public and private resources to address the problem and identifying barriers to reducing the problem. Upon completion of the strategic planning process, the Bledsoe CHC will publish Volume II: The Community Diagnosis Strategic Planning Document, detailing all goals, objectives and specific interventions. The final edition, Volume III: The Community Diagnosis Evaluation Document will monitor the implementation and evaluation of each intervention.

The Tennessee Department of Health, Southeast Regional Assessment and Planning staff, would like to thank the Bledsoe County Health Council for their continued support and dedication throughout the Community Diagnosis Process. Their tireless efforts have and will continue to positively affect the health of Bledsoe County.

If you would like more information about the health council or would like to join the council in their efforts to positively effect the above issues, please call (423) 634-3124 and ask to speak with someone from Assessment and Planning.

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