

After reviewing and analyzing the data of the Community, the Key Leader and the Town Meeting Stakeholder surveys, and data from the Town Meeting, the Community Health Initiative Steering Team developed a report summarizing the process. The following is the summary report:

Key Aspects of Health/Quality of Life/Vision Summary Report:

- I. Healthy Lifestyle Awareness
  - ◆ Individual responsibility, education, self-esteem
  - ◆ Focus on family-parenting skills, nutrition, stop violence/abuse, strong family unit
  - ◆ Youth grow up drug-free, gang elimination
  - ◆ Public safety, personal safety
  - ◆ High quality medical care; affordable, accessible, good delivery
  - ◆ Reduction in tobacco use/teen smoking
  - ◆ Church community, religious, spiritual influences
  - ◆ Recreational facilities
  - ◆ Balance work/family, leisure time
  - ◆ Community outreach
- II. Education/Quality schools
  - ◆ Youth grow-drug free, gang elimination
  - ◆ Community planned development
  - ◆ Quality child/day care facilities
- III. Community-wide land use planning/EPA
  - ◆ Wise land use-green spaces preserved
  - ◆ Environmental protection, water sewage, waste services, clean environment
  - ◆ Community planned development
  - ◆ Outdoor activities, climate, parks and greenways
- IV. Public Transportation
  - ◆ Senior Citizens care/services/resources
- V. Progressive Leadership and Planning
  - ◆ Affordable living expenses: taxes, housing, services, and healthcare
  - ◆ Cooperative government entities; communities work together, forward thinking
  - ◆ Regional coordination of health care services
  - ◆ Adoption to growth, culture and diversity
- VI. Specialized Health Care Needs
  - ◆ Mental Health Services
  - ◆ Continue to attract medical specialties and support for hospital, healthcare agencies
  - ◆ Specialized care in nursing homes
  - ◆ Coordinated, accessible, affordable, high quality support services, including special needs population

As a result of the Town Meeting, the Blount County Community Health Initiative Steering Team adopted the findings as a working guideline for the group.