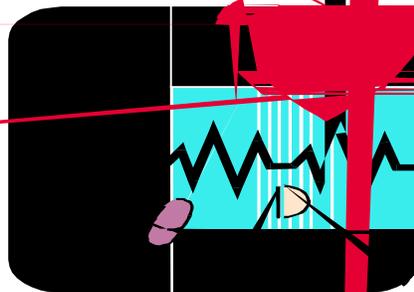


COMMUNITY DIAGNOSIS

STATUS REPORT



COFFEE COUNTY

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

II. INTRODUCTION



measure the perception of Coffee County residents concerning the health status of the county and the delivery of the health care within the community.

The Coffee County Health Council has successfully completed the first phase of the Community Diagnosis project.

The council has reviewed primary and secondary access data from several sources concerning the health status and collection methods, are described in detail within this document. After comparing community perceptions

General Statement of Council Makeup

The Coffee County Health Council is made up of several local residents, each of which represents a vested interest in the county. Currently the council has a membership of 29 individuals. There are representatives from several social service agencies, the County Health Department, local organizations, and businesses.

Appendix A: Membership List

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IV. COFFEE COUNTY DESCRIPTION

A. Geographic & Land Area

Coffee County is one of twelve counties located in the South Central Region of the Tennessee Department of Health.



According to 1997 Poverty Level Guidelines, an individual earning less than \$657.50 per

Licensed Beds	246
Staffed Beds	213
Average Daily Census	71.5
Average Length of Stay	4.0 days

At the time of the data gathering, there were three nursing homes in the county - Coffee
County

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3. Access to nursing home care
4. Access to specialists
Access to dental care

Stakeholder Survey

The Health Council elected to take advantage of the Stakeholders Survey that was available to them through the Health Council. The Health Council distributed the Stakeholders surveys in their community and the Community Development staff tabulated the results. The Health Council also conducted a survey in the community, which is still used in the health care system.

According

- community health needs for Coffee County were:
1. Child Health Services
 2. Recreational Activities
 3. Day Care for the Homebound
 4. Family Planning Adult
 5. Specialized Transportation to Health Care
 2. Access to Assisted Living Home Care

B. Secondary Data

Summary of Data Used

Educational Attainment:

At the time of the data gathering, education attainment in Coffee County for people 25 years of age (71.1% for the county vs. 67.1% for the state) as well as for bachelor's degrees (15.3% 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

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 Coffee County.

Five Leading Causes of Death:

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

1. Diseases of the Heart
2. Malignant Neoplasms
3. Cerebrovascular Disease
4. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases
(Includes Bronchitis, Emphysema, and Asthma)
5. Accidents and Adverse Effects
(Includes Motor Vehicle Accidents)

These are consistent with the leading causes of death across the state of Tennessee, as well as the United States.

Teen Pregnancy

Teen pregnancy in Coffee County increased from 1993-1994 and then rose significantly in 1995. The rate per 1,000 females aged 10-17 years increased from 3.4 (5 pregnancies) in 1993 to 11.0 (7 pregnancies) in 1994. The 1995 rate for the county was 20.5 (49

a rate of 7.0 by the year 2000. Statewide the infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births) was highest in the 10-14 years age group followed by the 15-17 years age group.

Prenatal Access and Care:

The Health Council examined the status of prenatal care delivery in Coffee County during the data analysis stage of their community diagnosis. In 1995 there were 614 births to residents of Coffee County. Four hundred and thirty-six of those births (71%) were delivered in Coffee County. This resulted in a little more than 100 deliveries per delivering physician. At the time of this data gathering, the population of Coffee County was about 41,900 with the population of women of childbearing age being about 8,600. This results in a ratio of one delivering physician for every 2,150 woman of childbearing age.

Reportable Diseases:

VI. Health Issues & Priorities

Community Process

In November of 1997, the Coffee County Health Council set their priorities for Coffee

Subcommittees have been created for each priority that was established by the Health Council. The Ileen Prego



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APhENDIX B

Resources & Internet Address

Community Survey Community Resources

Thirty percent or more of the respondents to the Community Survey indicated the following resources to be “Not Adequate” or “Not Available” in Coffee County.

Resource	Not/ Adequate	Not/ Availa
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