

In October, 1997, the Advisory Board of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department was reconstituted and its duties and responsibilities were expanded and assigned to the newly established *Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council*, (herein after referred to as the Regional Health Council).

In May, 1999, the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Council for Community Services dissolved the Community Health Task Force, in recognition of the mission and scope of work of the newly established local Regional Health Council.

The newly formed Regional Health Council subsequently established a Community Health Planning Committee. This Committee initiated processes and work that furthered the efforts already begun by the Community Health Task Force and the Metropolitan Council for Community Services. Many members of the Task Force were integrated into the Regional Health Council, either as Council members or as members of the Council's Planning Committee. The role of the Community Health Planning Committee was determined to be *to engage in an on-going community diagnosis process with respect to assessing the health status of residents in Hamilton County, and to recommend strategies for addressing the needs that emerged from the on-going community diagnosis process.*

VIII. MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

The mission of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council is to serve as the lead community-based organization in Hamilton County, designated by the Tennessee Department of Health, to provide for local community health assessments, regional health planning, and to provide for input regarding locally based funding decisions for health and health-related programs, services, and initiatives, all in an effort to improve the health of residents of Chattanooga and Hamilton County.