

assessment of the status of health in Jefferson County. The health council contains community representatives from various geographic locations, social-economic levels, and ethnic groups. Extensive amounts of both primary and secondary data were collected and reviewed as the first step in the process. Major issues of concern identified by the community were perception and knowledge of health problems, which were important factors in analyzing the data. Council members identified major issues of concern and each issue was ranked according to size, seriousness, and effectiveness of interventions (Table 7).

Resources

The Jefferson County Health Council is focusing on identifying existing resources. Cooperation of various agencies could allow redirection of such resources to target identified priorities. Jefferson County Health Council is seeking these additional resources for the development and implementation of intervention programs for priorities identified through the Community Diagnosis process.