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III. Health Issues & Priorities

After a review of available data, the council compiled and defined key health issues which had been identified throughout the Community Diagnosis process. These issues included (not listed in order of importance or severity):

- Specialized & Primary Physician Care (greater access & greater referral capacities for some specialty services)
- Maternal & Prenatal Care (greater access)
- Dental Services (particularly for TennCare & Indigent Patients)
- Acute Illness Hospital Care
- Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services
- Health Promotion Activities
- Smoking
- Transportation for Health Care
- Assisted Living Services
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Cancer
- High Blood Pressure
- Therapeutic Daycare Services
- Teen Pregnancy
- Low-Weight Births & Late Prenatal Care
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (incidence among adolescents)
- Motor Vehicle Deaths
- Suicide & Homicide
- Lung Cancer
- Heart Disease

The council then prioritized these key issues on the basis of the size of population impacted, the seriousness of the health concern, and the effectiveness of potential interventions. Because of the first-hand knowledge council members possessed about various key health

issues and their familiarity with effects key health issues had on their community, a relatively straightforward process of value-weighted voting was used to rank issues in order of priority for being addressed through strategic planning efforts.

The following ordered list of priority health concerns was rendered by the Johnson County Health Council through the initial Community Diagnosis assessment process:

Priority Health Concerns:

- ✓ **Teen Pregnancy/Sexually-Transmitted Diseases**
- ✓ **Drug/Alcohol Abuse**
- ✓ **Smoking & Poor Eating Habits**
- ✓ **Dental Care (Particularly for TennCare & Indigent Patients)**
- ✓ **Heart Disease**
- ✓ **Child Abuse/Neglect**
- ✓ **Cancer (Particularly Lung Cancer)**
- ✓ **Driving Under the Influence**

IV. Future Health Planning

The Johnson County Health Council slated a strategic planning subcommittee to be responsible for laying groundwork on action strategies to address



the above priority concerns. Their groundwork will then be taken to the full council for development and approval. With the council's assessment efforts documented herein, a natural progression of future efforts will include a later document describing the council's action strategies and a further document reporting results of those strategies, any changes in related health indicators, and any changes in vital statistics trends or health care services.