

various community leaders, school personnel, hospital staff, town mayor, county executive, industry representatives, health care providers, local law enforcement, various community agencies, and other concerned citizens of the community as determined by the council members. (Appendix 1) The Department of Health Community Development Staff facilitates the Community Diagnosis Process that seeks to identify community health care problems by analyzing health statistical data, community surveys, and council perceptions. The initial step in the process is to select a county health council. The basic steps of the Community Diagnosis process are as follows:

- **Assemble the initiating group**
- **Select the County Health Council**
- **Present data to the council**
- **Discuss and define health problems**
- **Analyze the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey**
- **Distribute and analyze the Community Health Assessment Survey**
- **Score/Rank health problems**
- **Design interventions**
- **Develop funding strategies**
- **Assess development and effectiveness of intervention**

During the course of the Community Diagnosis Process, the Macon County Health Council established by-laws (appendix 2) that reflects the mission and goals of the council illustrating their commitment to their community. The council typically meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. where meetings are open to the public.