

BY LAWS  
FOR  
PUTNAM COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this council shall be PUTNAM COUNTY HEALTH COUNCIL (hereafter referred to as “COUNCIL”) and will exist within the geographic boundaries of Putnam County, Tennessee. The council shall exist as a non-incorporated, not-for-profit, voluntary membership community service organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

The overall mission of the council is to assist the Department of Health by advising the Department regarding the health problems of Putnam County and thus assist the Department in its responsibility to undertake “Community Diagnosis”. The role of the Department of Health is to support the Council by providing the resources needed by the Council to undertake the work, and by facilitating the “Community Diagnosis” process. The following is a proposed objective statement. The mission of the Council is to assist the Department of Health by:

1. Developing a community health assessment which includes health problems and needs identification.
2. Developing goals, objectives, and plans of action to meet these needs along with identifying and securing resources to address these needs.
3. Establishing priorities for all major identified health problems.
4. Identifying department/organization work teams and community agencies which should coordinate efforts with respect to the health problems identified.
5. Drafting and presenting to the Department of Health the community health assessment.
6. Promoting and supporting the importance of reducing the health problems to the Department and the community.
7. Maintaining good communications with the Department via periodic reports from the Council through the Regional Health Council Representative and Community Development Staff.

ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

1. The Council shall exist as an advisory and support body to Tennessee Department of Health solely for the purpose stated herein and shall not be vested with any legal authority described to Tennessee Department of Health, the State of Tennessee or any of its political subdivisions. Recommendations of the Council will not be binding upon Tennessee Department of Health and the Council is not granted authority to act on behalf of The Department of Health without specific prior written authorization.