

### **III. HEALTH ISSUES AND PRIORITIES: IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION**

At the conclusion of the review of all data from the Community Diagnosis process and other sources, the Roane County Health Council identified key health issues. A second step was taken to collect more specific data as it related to each of these issues. The health council then ranked each issue according to size, seriousness, and effectiveness of intervention. A final overall ranking was then achieved. Table 15 indicates the health issues in rank order.

**Table 15**

#### **ROANE COUNTY HEALTH ISSUES PRIORITIES**

- **1. HEALTH EDUCATION**
- **2. TEEN PREGNANCY**
- **3. PRENATAL CARE**
- **4. CANCER**
- **5. SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
- **6. SAFETY (SEAT BELTS, CHILD SEATS)**
- **7. SENIOR ISSUES**
- **8. SPECIALTY CARE**
- **9. PHYSICIAN CARE**
- **10. DENTAL CARE**

### **IV. FUTURE PLANNING**

The Health Planning sub-committee is charged with developing a Roane County Health Plan. This plan will contain prioritized goals which will be developed by the health council along with proposed intervention strategies to deal with the problems identified and a listing of resources needed to implement those strategies.