

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The scope of the Authority's framework for the 2000-2002 State Health Plan includes a focus on three major phases.

- Plan Development
- Plan Implementation
- Plan Evaluation

Plan development took place in 1998 and 1999. The focus of activity for 2000 was implementation of the newly approved Plan. The Annual Report outlines State Health Plan activities for 2000, listing progress made and challenges faced in the Plan implementation phase. The State Health Plan Action Agenda found in section two provides specific detail on policy implementation activities of public and private organizations. The Action Agenda also demonstrates that early in the implementation phase, accomplishments, collaboration, and new initiatives are occurring. A portion of these implementation activities is highlighted below.

Projects are in full progress leading strongly toward accomplishment of State Health Plan policies. The Transportation for Health Project is underway aiming to improve coordination of community resources for transportation services. The West Virginia Senior and Disabled Assessment Pilot Project has begun with a goal to facilitate and improve the long-term care assessment process. CON staff are reviewing the certificate of need standards which will later comprise Volume Two of the 2000-2002 State Health Plan.

Other projects are based on a collaborative arrangement between state agencies or utilize private and local partnerships. The West Virginia Health Initiatives Pilot Project on disease management is in progress by the Bureau for Public Health and Medical Services. The Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families will use its Family Resource Networks across the state to share policies at the local level. The Coalition for a Tobacco Free West Virginia will assist the West Virginia Hospital Association in policy implementation.

New initiatives are also among the implementation activities. The Public Employees Insurance Agency will provide incentives for prevention and wellness with recommendations for a potential pilot program. The Office of Community and Rural Health Services consolidated four of its assigned policies, planning to develop a collaborative approach to systematically analyze health care crises. Two Health Care Authority pilot projects, Internet Care and Reporting Environment and the West Virginia Senior and Disabled Assessment Pilot Project, address health issues through medical technology.

These activities in combination with others in this report form the initial steps in State Health Plan implementation. Read on for more background and findings.

