



2000-2002 STATE HEALTH PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

IV. STATE HEALTH PLAN UPDATES

Overview: Section four describes the connection between the State Health Plan, Healthy People 2010, and health status data, and introduces a brief listing of current information that will be used to update the State Health Plan.

Healthy People 2010

West Virginia's Healthy People 2000 effort administered by the Bureau for Public Health, Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion largely mirrored the federal example. In contrast, its Healthy People 2010 objectives have been tailored to the West Virginia health landscape. Through the use of workgroups composed of representatives of local health departments, providers, school health, health organizations, schools of medicine and other stakeholders, Healthy People 2010 objectives have been shaped to better serve local West Virginia communities.

Selected Healthy People 2000 objectives are included in chapter two of the State Health Plan showing public health goals in the following areas:

- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular Disease
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Unintentional Injuries
- Tobacco Use
- Obesity
- Sedentary Lifestyle
- Alcohol Misuse
- AIDS and HIV
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Environmental Health

The Healthy People 2000 objectives appearing in the current Plan will be updated with equivalent Healthy People 2010 objectives. The Healthy People objectives are included to serve as outcome measures for the State Health Plan. Efforts will be made to connect health status and health systems measures together to achieve stronger indications of health system accountability to the health of the state population.

Although considerable time may pass before specific data emerges to measure Healthy People 2010 objectives, these measurable objectives offer numerous opportunities for data collection and analysis. Nearly all of the objectives have identifiable data sources with which to measure success or failure in achieving stated goals. A portion of the Healthy People 2000 objectives used in the State Health Plan and their 2010 replacements may be found in Appendix B.

Health Status Data

Chapter two of the State Health Plan focuses on the health status of West Virginians in a descriptive and comparative context. Health data and information were gathered in five areas:

- Natality
- Mortality
- Behavioral risk factors
- Infectious diseases
- Environmental health

The information in chapter two will be updated annually as new data become available from the Health Statistics Center, Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion, Bureau for Public Health. This process has been initiated. Selected statistics presented in the current State Health Plan and others that will help form the update to the Plan may be found in Appendix C. Unless otherwise indicated, all statistics represent the West Virginia population.