

**GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
OUTCOME OF STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT ON
MAY 16, 2003**

Prevention through public awareness activities targeted towards issues such as obesity, fitness, nutrition, tobacco cessation, childhood immunizations, oral health, disease reporting, etc.

Identify and eliminate barriers which contribute to health disparities such as cultural/language, inequitable access to health care, transportation, lack of a coordinated indigent health care system, ability to pay.

Improve public health system and business practices in order to recruit and retain competent public health employees, to increase access to technologies which will improve efficiency, to improve training programs, to improve internal and external communications, to be prepared for public health disasters/emergencies, and to comply with legal responsibilities.

Improve health care financing in order to avoid loss of revenue from Medicaid, to finance medications and indigent health care, and to increase medical reimbursements in the clinic.

Improve management of chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, asthma, depression, etc.

Address environmental issues involving air, water and food to include aspects of wastewater management, enforcement, bacterial contamination, animal control violations, toxic substances monitoring, and conservation of natural resources.

Address senior health issues such as isolation, social needs, healthcare, legal, transportation and housing.

Immunize children and adults to prevent infectious diseases.