

NGA Policy Academy on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control
Mississippi Action Plan
(Revised 2/7/03)

Our Vision

We envision creating a physical, social, and economic environment that promotes and maintains optimal health and well being for all Mississippians through state-wide collaboration fostering accessibility and affordability of health care and disease prevention and management.

Status Report

The state team met on February 7, 2003 at the Department of Health. I have attached the revised action plan for your review. **Our next meeting is set for March 7, 2003 from 11:00-1:00 at the Department of Health, 4th Floor Conference Room.** Lunch will be provided.

Action Plan

Goal #1: Improve the health and well-being of children so that they can be effective learners

Strategy: Implement the CDC Comprehensive School Health Model (eight components) throughout the state

Action Steps:

1. Medicaid evaluation of the RN's based EPSDT revenue
2. Medicaid coordinate resources with existing school based nurses to further the enrollment of children in SCHIP and Medicaid
3. The Bower Foundation funding for start-up funding for additional RN based EPSDT clinics statewide

4. Work cooperatively with the Department of Education to apply for the CDC Program Announcement 03004 “Improving the Health, Education, and Well-Being of Young People Through Coordinated School Health Programs”
5. Work with state superintendents and principals to facilitate the roll-out of program throughout the state
6. Work with the State Superintendent of Education to make the Statewide Physical Activity Coordinator position permanent.

Goal #2: Reduce the incidence of tobacco use

Strategy: Provide education about the long-term effects of smoking

Action Steps:

1. Work with the Bower Foundation to evaluate the policy impact of the Communities for a Clean Bill of Health Coalition.
2. Health promotion for the reduction/prevention of adult tobacco use through the nine public health districts (mini-grants).
3. Update and revise the tobacco prevention/control section of the State Health Plan.

Goal #3: Improve the quality of care for patients with heart disease

Strategy: Provide education to health care providers about the population level benefits of using of evidence-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease

Action Steps:

1. Explore the use of “Get with the Guidelines” program throughout the state.

2. Develop educational messages through Medicaid bulletins, state employee insurance newsletters, MSDH website, other websites, MS Morbidity Report, etc.
3. Obtain information on successful states' practices (Quality of Health Care in the United States, 2002).
4. Explore incentives for health care providers who incorporate evidence-based guidelines in their practice.
5. Explore partnerships with health care specialty organizations.

Goal #4: Control and prevent the impact of Overweight/Obesity in the adult population

Strategy:

Action Steps: