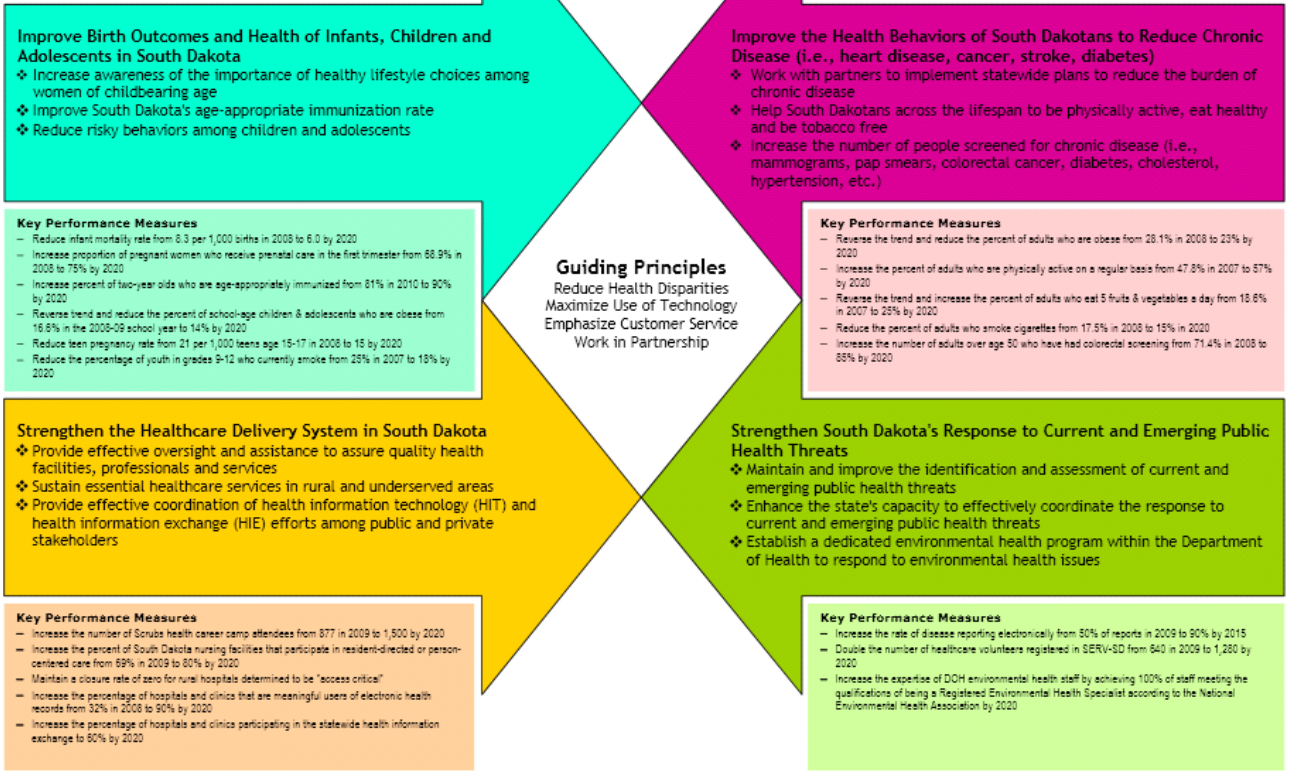




# South Dakota Department of Health 2020

Promote, protect, and improve the health and well-being of all South Dakotans



## Strategies for Achieving 2020 Objectives

<p><b>Improve Birth Outcomes and Health of Infants, Children and Adolescents in South Dakota</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Increase awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyle choices to women of child bearing age (<i>Peggy Seurer</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Promote the importance of prenatal care for South Dakota mothers</li> <li>— Maintain collaboration between public programs serving pregnant women and primary care providers to improve birth outcomes</li> <li>— Enhance activities and increase public awareness regarding the dangers of tobacco use by pregnant women and exposure to secondhand smoke</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Improve South Dakota's age-appropriate immunization rate (<i>Bonnie Jameson</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Educate providers and the public about the importance of immunizations</li> <li>— Create interface between electronic health records and the immunization registry</li> <li>— Utilize non-traditional avenues for providing childhood immunizations</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Reduce risky behaviors among children and adolescents (<i>Darlene Bergeleen</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Promote activities directed at reducing the incidence of childhood obesity</li> <li>— Enhance activities designed to reduce rates of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents</li> <li>— Enhance activities and increase public awareness to reduce the use of tobacco products among children and adolescents</li> <li>— Enhance partnerships/collaboration with other state agencies to address risky behaviors (i.e., suicide, motor vehicle crashes, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Improve the Health Behaviors of South Dakotans to Reduce Chronic Disease (i.e., heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Work with partners to implement statewide plans to reduce the burden of chronic disease (<i>Linda Ahrendt</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Develop and implement policies and environmental changes to support healthy behaviors and manage chronic disease</li> <li>— Engage additional partners (i.e., health providers, communities, service organizations, etc.) to expand the reach and impact of state chronic disease plans</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Help South Dakotans across the lifespan to be physically active, eat healthy and be tobacco free (<i>Kristin Biskeborn</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Utilize current communication methods and technology to market and promote programs to help South Dakotans live healthier lives</li> <li>— Enhance efforts to provide technical assistance and resources for individuals, families, communities, schools, employers, and health care providers to promote healthy behaviors and prevent chronic disease</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Increase the number of people screened for chronic diseases (i.e., mammograms, pap smears, colorectal screening, diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension, etc.) (<i>Norma Schmidt</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Increase public awareness of the importance of chronic disease screenings</li> <li>— Work with partners to assure accessibility to chronic disease screening for all South Dakotans</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Strengthen the Healthcare Delivery System in South Dakota</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Provide effective oversight and assistance to assure quality health facilities, professionals and services (<i>Bob Stahl</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Assure healthcare facilities meet minimum standards for quality</li> <li>— Enhance technical assistance, training, and resources for healthcare facilities and providers to meet identified needs</li> <li>— Assure information regarding healthcare facilities, providers, and services is available to the public in a coordinated, understandable, and easily accessible manner</li> <li>— Increase coordination with health professional licensing boards to address quality of care and access to care issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Sustain essential healthcare services in rural and underserved areas (<i>Sandi Durick/Halley Lee</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Build and sustain South Dakota's healthcare workforce</li> <li>— Develop and promote systems of care to assure high quality, readily accessible, and well-coordinated healthcare services statewide</li> <li>— Promote and develop innovative primary care delivery models in rural areas</li> <li>— Develop and implement quality improvement programming and services</li> <li>— Assist healthcare organizations identify resources for operation, maintenance, and replacement of healthcare facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Provide effective coordination of HIT/HIE efforts among public and private stakeholders (<i>Kevin DeWald/Ken Doppenberg</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Encourage adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records through use of federal incentive programs</li> <li>— Promote the formation and use of a regional center to advance HIT adoption among providers</li> <li>— Link Critical Access Hospitals with educational and technical assistance resources for implementation of health information systems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Strengthen South Dakota's Response to Current and Emerging Public Health Threats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Maintain and improve the identification and assessment of current and emerging public health threats (<i>Lon Kightlinger</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Develop and maintain State Public Health Laboratory proficiency in all applicable Laboratory Response Network procedures</li> <li>— Increase electronic disease reporting and maintain continuing functional electronic laboratory reporting competency within the Department of Health</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Enhance the state's capacity to effectively coordinate the response to current and emerging public health threats (<i>Bill Chalcraft</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Improve the Department of Health's ability to electronically monitor and track response efforts and interventions</li> <li>— Identify, coordinate, and train the state, local, private, and volunteer public health workforce</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Establish a dedicated environmental health program within the Department of Health to respond to environmental health issues (<i>Clark Hepper/Mike Smith</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Develop key capacity to respond to current and emerging environmental health issues (i.e., lead, mold, indoor air, nuisance investigations, etc.)</li> <li>— Identify, train, and maintain staff proficient in dealing with environmental health issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>