

On June 20, 2000, ACPCH became the 28th community partnership of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The purpose of SHIP is to devise a health plan based on prevention, by addressing underlying causes of disease and effectively work with partnerships to address local health improvement priorities.

At a recent yearly meeting in Franklin County, a warm welcome was given to Adams County as the newest member of SHIP. The purpose of the yearly meeting is to provide information about SHIP and obtain feedback and recommendations, by comparing data from the attending community partnerships about the underlying priorities in their communities, regarding the development of the next edition of the State Health Improvement Plan.

A new TOBACCO PREVENTION TASK FORCE was added to the already 15 active task forces and committees. The task force held its first meeting August 2, 2000 in which the American Lung Association and the Cancer Association shared their tobacco cessation programs that are implemented in surrounding counties as well as the ATobacco Compliance Check/Retail Sales To Youth@ sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.