

Meeting participants selected two of the four Overarching Health Protection Goals and participated in detailed discussions about these Objectives with CDC facilitators and staff.

During these discussions participants selected their top third of the Objectives in 2 Goal Areas.

Participants offered numerous suggestions and comments during the small group discussions as well as on note cards collected after the meeting. Generally, participants wanted to know what other agencies and partners are doing in each area.

HEALTHY PEOPLE

Participants first discussed the Healthy People goal area generally then they discussed the Objectives within each strategic goal area.

- *Overall Criticisms:* Participants said the Objectives were inconsistent. They also felt the Objectives lacked specificity, parallel structure, and clarity.
- *Repetitive:* Participants also noted that these Objectives were very repetitive with almost the same Objectives repeated for each age group.
- *Missing Objectives:* They found the Objectives lacking specific mention of mental health issues and disabilities. They also noted that concepts, such as cultural competence, were lacking, and influential roles, like that of parents, were not mentioned.
- *Health Insurance:* Some participants wondered why increasing the number of individuals with health insurance was not an Objective. Others wondered about Objectives related to access to healthcare services and asked, "How does CDC address access?"
- *Current Activities:* A related point was that participants frequently asked what other partners and Federal agencies were doing to better understand CDC's likely role in achieving Objectives.

Example: Lack of parallel structure:

Objective 17:

"Increase the numbers of adolescents who receive recommended effective, evidence-based preventive and healthcare services."

Objective 27:

"Increase the numbers of adults who receive recommended preventative and physical, mental, and dental healthcare services."

Infants and Toddlers

- *Child Care:* Participants wanted quality day care and prenatal care to be included as an Objective.
- *Illustrative Examples:* It should be emphasized that the provided examples are intended to be illustrative and not exhaustive. This comment was also heard in other Goal Areas.

Example: Expand examples or remove them.

Objective 3:

"Promote healthy pregnancy and birth outcomes.

Examples include:

- preconception care"

Adolescents

- *Objective 17:* Some participants found the Objective 17, "Increase the number of adolescents who receive recommended effective, and evidence-based preventive and health services," is too narrow, especially when viewed against similar Objectives for other age groups that included dental care, mental health services and more.

Adults

- *Preventive Services:* Participants identified the lack of Objectives focused on screening and preventive services for adults.

Older Adults and the Elderly

- *Large Age Span:* Many participants thought that this category includes too wide an age span and should be broken up by into sub-populations (e.g., 50-64, 65-74, 75-84, and 85+) because health needs and health protection practices vary among these age groups.
- *Missing Objectives:* Participants saw a need to include health literacy (e.g., education on Medicare, preventive services), maintaining safe independent living (perhaps via in-home services), and dementia and cognitive function in the Objectives.
- *Expansion of CDC's Roles:* Some participants felt that CDC should expand its role in palliative care, care-giving, and injury prevention among older people.