

HEALTHY PLACES

Missing Objectives

- *Workplaces:* Participants suggested including numerous Objectives to increase health in the workplace such as including workplaces as built environments to support health and encouraging workplaces to establish infrastructures that support healthy behaviors (e.g., changing policies to encourage employees staying home when sick and to increase breastfeeding).

General Comments

- *Most Important in Boston:* Participants said that Objective 42 best relates to the situation in the Boston metropolitan area because it addresses social determinants. Participants felt that CDC should focus on strengthening social determinants of health.
- *Implementation Activities:* Participants suggested that CDC develop a sustainable plan to holistically address health issues.
- *Partnerships:* A participant wondered about the level of interaction between CDC and other agencies in implementing the Objectives. Other participants added that CDC can form powerful alliances with other federal agencies (e.g., EPA, USDA, and DOT).
- *Overlap:* Participants identified areas where Objectives are indistinguishable from one another (e.g., Objectives 36 and 37 and Objectives 43 and 45).
- *Metropolitan v. Rural Communities:* Participants said that there should be flexibility on the local level because the issues facing different communities vary greatly. For example, the issues facing a metropolitan community are very different than those a rural-based community faces.