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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

GENERAL DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY:

It is the belief of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, that each person in the Territory of Guam is entitled to life and the pursuit of happiness; that the attainment of such basic rights may be difficult for some; that the provision of Health and Social Services for those in need may be the only vehicle to such fulfillment; now, be it known, that the Department of Public Health and Social Services, was established so that each person shall have the opportunity to living his/her life to the fullest!

PURPOSE

The Department of Public Health and Social Services' purpose is to protect and maintain the health and well-being of the people of Guam by:

1) Assessment of the Territory's health and social needs and the quality and adequacy of health and social services;

2) Establishment and enforcement of Local, Federal, and International health and social services standards and regulations;

3) Technical assistance and training to health and social service providers;

4) Administration of Territorial and Federal public health and welfare funds;

5) Provision of health care and social services assistance to those who cannot obtain it from the private sector.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Division of Public Health is responsible in promoting, protecting and maintaining the health of the people of Guam and to make resources for entry into the total health system.
# Mortality

The Ten (10) Leading Causes Of Death (Guam)

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<td>Disease of the Heart</td>
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<td>Malignant Neoplasm</td>
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<td>Homicide</td>
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<td>Other Disease Of Central Nervous System</td>
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<td>Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis</td>
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These fifteen health priority areas were then grouped under three service categories as follows:

I. PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

"Those services provided to individuals by physicians, hospitals and other health care providers."

- High Blood Pressure
- Family Planning
- Pregnancy and Infant Health
- Immunization
- Sexually Transmitted Disease

II. HEALTH PROTECTION

"Those efforts provided to people in groups by government, industry and other organizations to reduce environmental hazards."

- Toxic Agent Control
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Accident Prevention and Injury Control
- Fluoridation and Dental Health
- Surveillance and Control of Infectious Disease

III. HEALTH PROMOTION

"Primarily an educational process aimed to the public and health care professionals about Health Risks and Options for Healthier Life-styles."

- Smoking and Health
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Control of Stress and Violent Behavior
HEALTH STATUS GOALS

GOAL 1. HEALTHY INFANTS (below age 1)
   Subgoal: To reduce the incidence of low birth weight infants
   Subgoal: To reduce the incidence of birth defects

GOAL 2. HEALTHY CHILDREN (age 1-14)
   Subgoal: To enhance childhood growth and development
   Subgoal: To reduce childhood accidents and injury

GOAL 3. HEALTHY ADOLESCENTS/YOUNG ADULTS (age 15-24)
   Subgoal: To reduce death and disability from motor vehicle
   Subgoal: To reduce misuse of alcohol and drugs

GOAL 4. HEALTHY ADULTS (age 25-64)
   Subgoal: To reduce heart attacks and strokes
   Subgoal: To reduce the incidence of cancer

GOAL 5. HEALTHY OLDER ADULTS (age 65 and above)
   Subgoal: To increase the proportion of older people who can function independently
   Subgoal: To reduce premature death and disability from influenza and pneumonia