

The CSTE leadership will guide the association, fully utilizing organizational resources and operations to facilitate:

Improving the capacity for state, territorial and local public health agencies to effectively use epidemiologic data to guide public health practice:

1. Define and build epidemiology capacity
 - Develop model of epidemiology functions (core functions)
 - Conduct assessments of epidemiologic training, resources and technology needs
 - Develop materials and conduct or sponsor training to address identified needs
 - Establish minimum standards (practice, capacities and staffing)
 - Develop programs and support policies to increase the proportion of state, local and territorial public health agencies meeting or exceeding standards
 - Develop programs and support policies that support excellence and diversity of the public health and epidemiologic workforce
 - Develop leadership within epidemiologists at state, territorial and local public health agencies
Implement National Public Health Surveillance System
2. Implement CSTE's vision of public health surveillance and science
 - Implement National Public Health Surveillance System
 - Develop collaboration across disciplines
 - Implement electronic laboratory surveillance and electronic data systems
 - Facilitating data integration
 - Increase the access of policy makers and the public to surveillance data
 - Develop recommendations regarding data display and data release
 - Develop recommendations for collection and use of data to support local public health practice
 - Provide and advocate for training or epidemiologists in informatics
 - Develop and promote a research agenda for public health surveillance and practice

Increasing the contribution of epidemiology to the formation of sound public health policy

1. Advocate for public health
2. Advocate for sound policy based on science
3. Increase infrastructure funds for surveillance and epidemiologic capacity at state, territorial and local levels

Enhancing the ability for CSTE to support its members effectively by improving the leadership and capacity for epidemiologists to contribute to changing the health status of the nation.

1. Increase the viability and visibility of CSTE
2. Create stable financial base
3. Expand membership
4. Improve member services/benefits
5. Establish structure to engage members actively
6. "Think CSTE First"
7. Improve membership networking/development
8. Provide opportunities for leadership
9. Increase interaction between CSTE members, consultants and staff