

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