## **Gilliam County Health Department**

As we have been establishing our new public health department, it has been important to concentrate our efforts in Modernization by focusing on the Foundational Capabilities, which will allow us to support basic public health protections and other programs and activities that are key to ensuring the community's health and achieving equitable health outcomes.

The focus of our activities in these first few months have been towards:

- Developing local public health policies and procedures, discussion and adoption, and defining a strategic direction of public health initiatives.
- Developing a competent workforce, which has included many hours of training throughout several different programs.
- Establishing a thorough financial system of budgeting, auditing and billing in compliance with federal, state and local standards and policies.
- Accessing and training in the many necessary data bases needed to process electronic health information for different Programs.