

Forces of Change Assessment

The Forces of Change Assessment is designed to help the Partnership for Health Delaware (PHD) answer the following questions: “*What is occurring or might occur that affects the health of our community or the local public health system?*” and “*What specific threats or opportunities are generated by these occurrences?*” During this phase, participants will engage in a brainstorming session that will identify and prioritize the forces that are or will be influencing the health and quality of life of the community and the local public health system. The results from this process will supplement the results from the other three MAPP Assessments and guide the PHDC as it works toward a healthier Delaware County.

This worksheet is designed for PHDC members to use in preparation for the Forces of Change brainstorming session. So we can make the best use of your time, **we need you to complete this worksheet at least four days before the session. When complete, please fax it to Dr. Orié Kristel (who will lead the brainstorming session) at 614-267-2220 or okristel@columbus.rr.com. This worksheet will be available at www.delawarehealth.org/phdc/**

What are Forces of Change?

Forces are a broad all-encompassing category that includes trends, events, and factors.

- **Trends are patterns over time**, such as migration in and out of a community or a growing disillusionment with government.
- **Factors are discrete elements**, such as a community’s large ethnic population, an urban setting, or a jurisdiction’s proximity to a major waterway.
- **Events are one-time occurrences**, such as a hospital closure, a natural disaster, or the passage of new legislation.

What Kind of Areas or Categories Are Included?

Be sure to consider any and all types of forces, including:

- social
- economic
- political
- technological
- environmental
- scientific
- legal
- ethical

How To Identify Forces of Change

Think about forces of change that affect the local public health system or community and are outside of your control. For example:

1. What has occurred recently that may affect our local public health system or community?
2. What may occur in the future?
3. Are there any trends occurring that will have an impact? Describe the trends.
4. What forces are occurring locally? Regionally? Nationally? Globally?
5. What characteristics of our jurisdiction or state may pose an opportunity or threat?
6. What may occur or has occurred that may pose a barrier to achieving the shared vision?
7. Was the MAPP process spurred by a specific event such as changes in funding or new trends in public health service delivery?
8. Did discussions during the Local Public Health System Assessment reveal changes in organizational activities that were the result of external trends?
9. Did brainstorming discussions during the Visioning or Community Themes and Strengths phases touch upon changes and trends occurring in the community?

Partnership for Healthy Delaware County: Forces of Change - Brainstorming Worksheet

Using the information from the previous page, list all forces that come to mind for you, including factors, events, and trends. Continue onto another page if needed.

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