*Improving Community Health through Planning and Partnerships*

Forces of Change Assessment

Another type of assessment within the MAPP community health assessment process is the Forces of Change Assessment. The Forces of Change Assessment identifies the major forces and associated opportunities and threats that can stand in the way of reaching our vision for our community. Forces of change can be trends, factors, or events.

**Our Vision**: Together we support equitable access to resources for a healthy, safe community.

**Definitions**

**Trends**: Patterns over time, such as population growth or an aging population.

**Factors**: Discrete elements, such as a community’s large ethnic population or an urban setting.

**Events**: One-time occurrences, such as the passage of new legislation or a large employer closing.

**Forces of Change Assessment Exercise**

Think about your area of expertise and the organization/area you represent on the Leadership Council. What is potentially the **one** biggest issue that might prevent us from reaching our vision?

Consider all kinds of forces, including:

* social;
* economic;
* political;
* technological;
* environmental;
* scientific;
* legal; and
* ethical.

What might be a solution to the issue?