

Forces of Change Assessment Summary

Idabel, OK ~ McCurtain County
McCurtain Memorial Hospital

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 @ 11:30am

36 people were in attendance

1. What do you believe are the most important issues to improve in order to create a healthy McCurtain County?

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Support of family
- ✓ Poverty levels
- ✓ Improve access to health care
- ✓ Create walk-ability in communities
- ✓ Make fitness and health an integral part of the lifestyle of McCurtain County.
- ✓ Increase places to exercise, via walking trails, parks, facilities.
- ✓ Increase access to healthy food through farmers markets, fresh foods, and healthier food chains in McCurtain County
- ✓ Increase integration between schools and communities
- ✓ Resource knowledge
- ✓ Access to healthier choices
- ✓ Decrease tobacco use
- ✓ Sustainability of programs
- ✓ Decrease teen pregnancy rates
- ✓ Economic development

2. What do you believe is keeping our county from doing what needs to be done to improve the health and quality of life for McCurtain County?

- ✓ Money/resources
- ✓ Limited community support and buy-in to health
- ✓ Limited communication across the county between schools, communities, towns, business, etc.
- ✓ Resources (funding and time)
- ✓ Limited transportation
- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Access to healthcare
- ✓ Economic development
- ✓ Collaborative leadership
- ✓ Affordable housing
- ✓ Limited hope and community buy in



3. What has occurred recently that may affect our local public health system in McCurtain County

- ✓ Loss of tax revenue due to job loss
- ✓ Affordable Health Care Act
- ✓ Increase in number of prescription drop boxes
- ✓ New jobs at International Paper
- ✓ Hiring of Nurse Practitioner to meet mental health needs within the community
- ✓ Increasing number of Grants
- ✓ Prescription Monitoring Program ~ PMP
- ✓ Health policies that have been adopted
- ✓ MAPP process
- ✓ State budget down
- ✓ Lack of qualified work force

**4. Are there trends occurring that will have impact on McCurtain County?
Describe the trends.**

- ✓ Limited tobacco control for communities
- ✓ Truancy
- ✓ Strong coalition
- ✓ Grandparents raising grandchildren
- ✓ Media involvement
- ✓ Choctaw Nation funding community programs
- ✓ Top 5 for accidental overdoses
- ✓ Additional exercise opportunities
- ✓ Growing tourism
- ✓ High teen pregnancy rates
- ✓ Growth in Marshallese population
- ✓ Decrease in population growth
- ✓ Aging population growing with limited resources to meet the needs of that specific age group

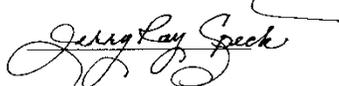
5. What has occurred recently that may affect our local public health system in McCurtain County?

- ✓ Health Statistics are bad, but improving
- ✓ There is limited access to primary care physicians causing long waiting periods between doctor visits
- ✓ Limited mental health for adults and children causes the time spent between physician and child to be cut short. Causing medicine to be the “cure all” treatment for mental health issues
- ✓ Budget cuts, which could result in worsening health outcomes.
- ✓ Projected Choctaw Wellness Center, which could increase health outcomes.
- ✓ 911 System, which could heath health outcomes.
- ✓ Hospital could close, which could lead to more deaths.
- ✓ Possible VA Clinic could improve access to health care and thus improve health statistics.
- ✓ Lower reimbursement rates for Medicaid and Medicare, which could increase cost of health care.

6. What forces are occurring locally? Regionally? Nationally? Globally??

- ✓ Nationally- Policy on immigration. This could be a positive and a negative in our community.
- ✓ Regionally- Policies that could be adopted at a state level on tobacco, school health and nutrition could help at a local level as well.
- ✓ Locally-McCurtain County has several involved partners at the table that hold funding to helping with key health issues. This creates opportunities for the coalition and communities to truly impact and change behaviors at a local level.
- ✓ Regionally and Locally-Collaboration between grants makes for synergistic opportunities.
- ✓ Global- ISIS
- ✓ National, Regionally and Locally-November elections
- ✓ Locally-common core, language barriers, truancy and qualified teachers can affect education opportunities.
- ✓ Locally-Enterovirus 68
- ✓ Regionally-Tobacco Tax

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Forces of Change - Threats and Opportunities Worksheet

Forces (Trend, Events, Factors)	Threats Posed	Opportunities Created
Affordable Housing	Funding, one community working on it currently.	Affordable housing could attract economic developers and help families grow savings.
Closing of Hospital	People not receiving health care and jobs lost	
New Jobs at IP	Possibility of trained/qualified workforce	Decrease unemployment rate and increase tax base.
Affordable Health Care Act	Finances could be barrier on individuals, increase on restrictions, more paperwork, dined if no insurance, consumer may be told which physician to use	Indigent have health care, increase employers to offer insurance
MAPP Process		Local public health system working as team across the county and more buy in from communities. Increase awareness of Coalition for Change.
Addition of Prescription Drop Boxes PMP (Prescription Monitoring Program)	Pharmacists and providers not clearly understanding the process	Decrease prescription abuse and misuse and safe way of disposal

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VA Clinic		Jobs created in healthcare and more opportunities to seek primary care.
Increase on Tax on tobacco	If it does not pass, could cause the other tobacco such as electronic cigarettes to be used more.	Could decrease harm. Illness and increase funding and the number of people quitting.
Decrease in population growth and aging population	Less tax base and will need more health care workers	More jobs created in healthcare
Choctaw Wellness Center		Jobs created and more opportunities for physical activity