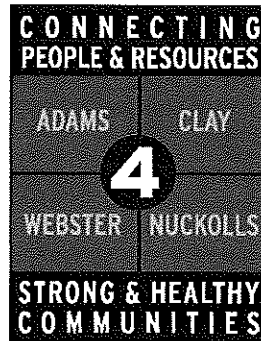


Attachment 6



Forces of Change Assessment – Global/Local Trends & Events

CONNECTING
PEOPLE & RESOURCES

ADAMS	CLAY
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WEBSTER	NUCKOLLS

STRONG & HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES



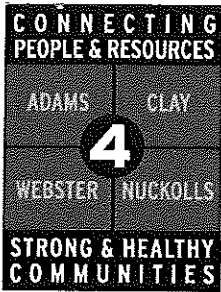
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Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships

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Major Trends/Events that Influence Health and Quality of Life

Adams County

ACCESS TO CARE:

1. Mental health
 - a. Closing of Hastings Regional Center
 - b. Public cost
 - c. Security
2. Care for children with special needs
3. Aging population

DEMOGRAPHICS:

1. Cultural changes
2. Aging population
3. Depopulation of area
 - a. Loss of congressional district
 - b. Living wage
 - c. Housing
4. Composition of families
 - a. Increase in single parents/multiple children
 - b. Children in daycare (outside of home)
 - c. Increase in teen drivers/drinking

AGRICULTURE:

1. Water issues
 - a. Quantity
 - b. Quality
2. Weather issues
 - a. Global warming

ECONOMICS:

1. Technological divide
2. Technological literacy
3. Education
 - a. Prepare for 21st century
 - b. Preparing for workforce
 - c. Lack of skilled workforce

PREVENTABLES:

1. Pandemic flu
2. Obesity
 - a. Eating habits – general toward convenience and fast foods
3. Physical inactivity
 - b. Increased screen time
 - c. Less outdoor time
 - d. Lack of activities for adults – less active adult role models for children

4. Cardiovascular disease
5. Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco/Meth use in community
 - a. Differing perspectives of importance of issues among generations

NATURAL:

3. Water issues
 - a. Quantity
 - b. Quality
4. Weather issues
 - a. Global warming

OTHER:

1. Invasion of privacy

Clay County

ACCESS TO CARE:

1. People living longer – health problems
2. In-home providers of health care and other services
 - a. Could state pay (decent wages)? Currently funded by Older American Act
3. Children's mental health needs
 - a. Growing issue with less parental oversight
 - b. Children watched by others of spending time alone
4. No hospital, but satellite clinics
5. Telehealth

DEMOGRAPHICS:

1. Leaders in "middle age" bracket are absent
2. Young people leaving for county for job opportunities/insurance benefits
3. Some migration in county for work-MARC
4. Increasing number of Hispanic residents – cost of living cheaper – but not for jobs – impact on schools
5. Good schools
6. Need more jobs
7. Losing rural values (community interaction)

AGRICULTURE:

1. Closure of UNL Research Center
2. Becoming "green" – plant a tree

ECONOMICS:

1. Future trend – work at home
2. Second income job opportunities
3. Could some businesses be "outsourced" to rural NE rather than other counties? How to market this?
8. Technology and impact
 - a. Better on the job training, especially for technology
 - b. Technology socially isolates
9. Distance learning
10. Telehealth
11. Need to look at housing - rehab

PREVENTABLES:

1. Tobacco use by teens, including girls
2. Meth use
 - a. School systems good – tie communities together
 - b. Groups continue to be involved in community activities, sports
3. General lack of time/energy motivation
4. Obesity
 - a. Opening fitness centers in rural areas
5. Diabetes

NATURAL:

1. Becoming green – plant a tree

OTHER:

1. Need parent “training” on how to be parents – tools, resources,
 - a. Choosing appropriate times
 - b. Cost (free)
 - c. Provide childcare
 - d. Keep length to one hour

Nuckolls County

ACCESS TO CARE:

1. Aging population
2. Increased hospitalization rate
3. 56% of kids on Medicaid
4. 18% of adults on Medicaid
5. Lack of dental providers

DEMOGRAPHICS:

1. Aging population
2. Low drop-out rate
3. Increasing low birth rate
4. Decreased crime rate

AGRICULTURE:

1. Coop farming – loss of family farm

ECONOMICS:

1. Migration out of county
 - a. College
 - b. Loss of industry – economic development
 - c. Coop farming – loss of family farm

PREVENTABLES:

1. Smoking

Webster County

ACCESS TO CARE:

1. Not enough dental providers
2. Health
3. Need services for persons with lower income
4. Good service, but hard to access
5. Shortage of health care professionals
6. Started delivering babies at hospital

DEMOGRAPHICS:

1. Declining population
2. Migration out of county
3. Increasing minority population

AGRICULTURE:

1. Water crisis
 - a. Republican River
 - b. Economic and water quality impact
 - c. Federal regulations on water runoff, etc.
2. Ag chemicals
3. Feedlots
4. Air quality

ECONOMICS:

1. Computer Chip
2. Perception of poor county/poverty
3. Declining local resources (tax base)

PREVENTABLES:

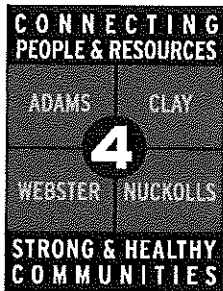
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OTHER:

1. Volunteer emergency response (difficult to maintain training)



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October 29, 2007
Global Forces of Change

1970's

Vietnam War ended
Computers – Calculators
Watergate – President resigns
LSD
Nebraska national football champions
Sexual revolution
Birth control
Disco
Bell bottom / elephant leg pants / hip huggers
Energy crisis
Stag – flation
Explosion in medical treatments
3 presidents → Carter, Ford, Nixon
Space program
Gas process high
New car \$3,400
Iran hostages
Good farm prices

1980's

Ronald Regan
Farm crisis – interest rate ↑
Chernobyl
Ethiopian aid
GI tornado
Construction rates ↓
CB radios
Berlin Wall Down
Malls – many
2 family income
Video recordings
Movie at home
Preppy fashions
Out-patient service
HIV – Aids
China – Tiananmen Square
Explosion of pivot irrigation
President Bush elected '88'
Cost of college starts to rise
Space shuttle tragedy
Trickle down economics
Renewable fuels

1990's

Clinton elected
1st Iraq war
Home computers
Internet
Cell phones
Safe sex
Wal-mart
School consolidation
AIDS
More senior services
Back to sleep-campaign (SIDS)
Rowanda
Welfare reform
Property
Livestock runoff on our water
Water shortage / law
X – Box video games
USSR split
Immunization
Rap music
Gang resurgence
Body piercing / tattoos
Good football!
Teen pregnancy rates ↑
Domestic violence awareness