

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department is conducting a community-wide strategic planning process called MAPP.

My Healthy Community is a short survey designed to get the public's input into what makes up a healthy community. All residents of Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties are encouraged to take the survey and participate in the strategic planning process.

The My Healthy Community is one assessment that will be utilized in the MAPP process. A total of four assessments will be performed with the results used to develop a strategic plan, goals and an action plan.

The survey may be taken on the My Healthy Community Facebook page or is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/myhealthycommunity> or at www.swhealthdept.com. Additionally, the survey will be distributed via paper format in certain communities within the eight county health district.

Mobilizing-for-Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-driven strategic planning tool for improving community health.

Being facilitated by public health leaders, this tool helps communities apply strategic thinking to prioritize public health issues and identify resources to address them.

MAPP is not an agency-focused assessment tool; rather, it is an interactive process that can improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and ultimately the performance of local public health systems.

"We have several public health partners distributing the survey throughout the health district," said Myra Stoney, director of Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department. "It is being distributed electronically and by paper. If you have the opportunity to take the survey, please do so by the March 31st deadline."

Steve Shaner, strategic planning manager, Community Hospital commented, "The survey will be offered by our MAPP committee through other venues. We need input from as many residents as we can get within the eight county district. We would like to get everyone involved in helping to improve the health and quality of life in our communities."

More information may be obtained by calling Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department at 308-345-4223. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties.