4 MAPP Assessments

The assessment phase of the MAPP process comprises four separate assessments. These provide necessary quantitative and qualitative data to inform the goals, strategies, and initiatives that follow. Each assessment has its own purpose (Figure 1) and engages stakeholders in certain ways.

1. **HEALTH STATUS ASSESSMENT (HSA):** How healthy is the state? What does the health status of the state look like?
   - Participation would entail: Attendance at two 2-3 hour in-person meetings, and a potential ask to share secondary data that align with chosen indicators or facilitate needed relationships to obtain data.

2. **THEMES & STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT (TSA):** What is important to the state? How is quality of life perceived in the state? What assets does the state have that can be used to improve the public’s health?
   - Participation would entail: Attendance at three 2-3 hour in-person meetings, and a potential ask to contribute to data collection with specific populations or facilitate relationship development for data collection with specific populations.

3. **PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT (PHSA):** What are the activities, competencies, and capacities of the public health system? How are the 10 Essential Public Health Services being provided?
   - Participation would entail: Attendance at one full-day meeting.

4. **FORCES OF CHANGE ASSESSMENT (FOC):** What is occurring or might occur that affects the health of the community or the local public health system? What specific threats or opportunities are generated by these occurrences?
   - Participation would entail: Attendance at one ½-day meeting.

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**THE FOUR MAPP ASSESSMENTS**

- **THE HEALTH STATUS ASSESSMENT**
  - Examines quantitative data about health status at the population level.

- **THE THEMES & STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT**
  - Examines qualitative information about health assets and issues that are important to the state’s population.

- **THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT**
  - Examines how well different local public health system partners work together to deliver Essential PH Services.

- **THE FORCES OF CHANGE ASSESSMENT**
  - Identifies factors that may affect health, and opportunities and threats associated with those factors.

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*Figure 1. Purpose of Four MAPP Assessments. Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP): User Handbook*