**HealthConnect Initiative**

Key Elements of the Community Environment

The community must address and protect the healthcare delivery system through six key risk factors that drive the outcome of a successful and vibrant community. These risk factors are identified by certain effects that drive their existence in a community.

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| **Infra-Structure** | **Leadership** | **Culture** | **Education** | **Population/Demographics** | **Religion** |
| Health & safety | Experience | Legacy | Schools | Diversity | Denominations |
| Environment | Legacy | History | Leaders | Corporate presence | Diversity |
| Political | Founders | Nationality | Talent | Stability | History |
| Social | Heritage | Spirit | Experience | Net migration ratio | Acceptance |
| Tax Base | Sophistication | ethics | Tax Base | Income | Culture |
| Governmental | Resources & Depth | Philanthropy | Growth Plan | Growth rate |  |
| Commerce |  |  |  |  |  |

To bring balance and strength to a community, these risk factor require on-going attention and mastery by all that live and support the community. To assure a thriving and sustainable healthcare delivery system in a community, these essential elements must be considered and measured.

Each domain and element will have a current condition to assess for strengths, weaknesses, and concerns. This information should reveal the areas for improvement and opportunities to leverage in building upon the foundation toward a progressive healthcare delivery system.

**Conclusion:** the hospital as the center of the healthcare delivery system can facilitate the key stakeholders and leaders in their community to build upon the level of knowledge about the healthcare delivery system. Actions to improve and assure the continuity and succession of the healthcare system in that community are part of the Health Connect Initiative.