Primary Care & Public Health Integration Successes

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COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

1. Community Type

- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Rural
- ☑ Suburban
- ☐ Other _____

2. Please describe community characteristics or other setting information relevant to the integration.

Greene county is located in West Central Ohio. The county is a diverse community with one local public health (LPH) agency and one major healthcare system operating within its borders. Both organizations are dedicated to improving the health and well being of the community. Both organizations embrace population based, results oriented health outcome management.

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES

3. Public Health Organization/Agency Name(s)

Name 1: Greene County Combined Health District

Name 2 (*optional*): _____

Name 3 (*optional*): _____

Type (may check more than one):

- ☐ Federal Health Agency
- ☐ State Health Agency
- ☑ Local Health Agency
- ☐ Non-Profit
- ☐ Academic Institution
- ☐ Institute
- ☐ Foundation
- ☐ Association
- ☐ Other _____

4. Primary Care/Health Care Organization/Agency Name(s)

Name 1: Kettering Health Network facilities Greene and Soin

Name 2 (*optional*): Greater Dayton Area Hospital Associtation

Name 3 (*optional*): _____

Type *(may check more than one):*

- ☐ Hospital
- ☐ Community Health Center
- ☑ Health Center Controlled Network
- ☐ Payer (Insurer/Medicaid)
- ☐ Private Practice
- ☑ Association
- ☐ Rural Health Clinic
- ☐ Academic Health Center
- ☐ Other: _____

5. Other Community Organizations, Agencies or Businesses

Name 1: Greene County Job and Family Services

Name 2: _____

- ☐ Business
- ☐ Community Organization
- ☑ Other Government

OVERVIEW OF THE INTEGRATION

6. Title of integration activity. *Provide a brief title that describes the integration.*

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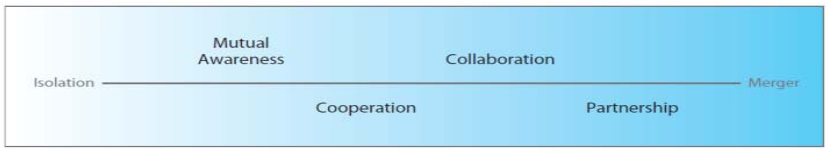
7. Please select where you think you fall on the integration scale for the following time periods: Isolation being least integrated, and merger being most integrated.

IOM (Institute of Medicine). 2012. *Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health.* Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.



	Isolation	Mutual Awareness	Cooperation	Collaboration	Partnership	Merger
Where you were when you began	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
Where you are now	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐
Where you hope to be	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐

8. Provide a brief description and goal of the integration.

This integration effort was undertaken to highlight existing and explore new ways local public health and primary care cooperate to address the health needs of the community. An existing example of cooperation is the local health district operates prenatal, reproductive, well child and dental clinics for uninsured and under insured individuals. Primary care and dental services are provided through contracts with individual providers. Comprehensive care includes screenings, nutrition, and social services provided by the public health agency. Funding is provided through mixed streams including grant funding, patient fees, reimbursement from insurers and local tax dollars. Currently in process, the Local hospital association is undertaking a community health assessment. The data will be collected based upon residence and shared with each health district within the service area.

9. How was this integration activity funded? *(may check more than one):*

- ☑ Federal grant
- ☐ State grant
- ☐ Local grant
- ☑ Other: _____
- ☐ Private funding
- ☑ Insurance
- ☐ No additional funding was obtained for this project

10. How are you measuring/evaluating the success of the integration? What indicators do you have to-date of success? (ex. ROI, cost benefit, improved outcomes, time savings).

Success is measured through monitoring of health outcomes and recognized movement along the integration scales presented by the IOM. General Awareness and cooperation regarding services and the assessment has opened the door to future considerations including care coordination, future analysis of patient population data, and community referral.

11. Describe any key elements that made this integration a success, and briefly explain why.

Open dialogue builds trust between two very different entities. Shared visioning and shared action plans promote understanding.

12. Describe lessons learned along the way, and briefly explain.

One lesson learned was that it never hurts to ask. If we had not shared our information and needs we would not have made progress.

LINK TO ADDITIONAL WEBSITE INFORMATION

Please list any links to websites or resources below.

Please email documents or resources that describe the integration efforts in more detail to Albert Terrillion at aterrillion@astho.org.
You can access this form in an online format at: ***http://www.astho.org/Programs/Access/Primary-Care-and-Public-Health-Integration/***