

Priority 4: Nebraska has improved integration among public health, behavioral health and healthcare services.

There are several factors that contribute to the health and quality of life for individuals, families and communities such as preventive services, safe and healthy environments, access to affordable physical and behavioral healthcare. Unfortunately these services are usually not well integrated or provided within a collaborative framework. However, changes in the healthcare systems are creating new opportunities to build a framework for integration. Moving the concept of integration forward is a complicated task that will involve several activities. The SHIP Integration Priority is developed to achieve several goals towards this effort.

R	The Nebraska public health system reviews data to design best practices and health promotion programs.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
I	Health data from clinics with healthcare home models are analyzed and best practices are recommended.	—	—	—
I	Health education and promotion programs are implemented to compliment clinic services.	—	—	—
P	Complete pilot project with healthcare home clinics who are tracking health indicators to determine best practices for health education and promotion programs.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
PM	Study completed and results disseminated.	2015	0	→ 1
R	The Nebraska local health departments and hospitals collaborate on community health needs assessments.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
I	Local health departments have completed community health needs assessments in collaboration with hospitals.	—	—	—
I	Local health departments implement community health improvement plans in collaboration with hospitals.	—	—	—
P	Local health departments partner with hospitals to complete the Community Health Needs Assessment.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
PM	Number of local health departments that partner with hospitals to complete the Community Health Needs Assessment.	2014	15	→ 0
PM	Number of local health departments that implement strategies identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment.	2014	18	→ 0
R	The Nebraska public health system includes community health workers as public health professionals.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
I	A final report documenting recommended roles, core competencies, curriculum and systems for Nebraska community health workers.	—	—	—
I	Support provided to the PHAN Community Health Worker Association to implement system goals.	—	—	—
P	Identify and implement the core competencies, essential educational curriculum components, key roles and responsibilities, and a system of support for community health workers.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
PM	Number of community health workers trained in core competencies.	2014	43	↗ 1
PM	Number of community health worker curriculums aligned with core competencies.	2014	1	↗ 1
PM	Final report outlining recommendations towards a community health worker certification process is completed.	2015	1	↗ 1
R	The Nebraska public health system connects behavioral health and public health programs with healthcare clinics.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
I	A list of public health programs and strategies to implement in clinics with a healthcare home model is completed.	—	—	—
I	Identified public health programs are implemented in clinics with a healthcare home model.	—	—	—
P	Connect all appropriate behavioral health and public health community programs with clinics that have a healthcare home model.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend

PM	Complete an inventory of community public health programs that could be used to connect with healthcare home models and complete an inventory of clinics with a healthcare home model.	2015	0	→ 1
PM	Percentage of community public health programs identified in the inventory that collaborate with a clinic with a healthcare home model.	—	—	—
R	The Nebraska public health system identifies role in preventing mental health and substance abuse issues.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
I	A final report outlining opportunities and recommendations to integrate public health and mental health/substance abuse.	—	—	—
P	Complete a study on the role of the state and local public health agencies in the prevention of mental health and substance abuse problems and the coordination of these services.	Time Period	Actual Value	Current Trend
PM	Study completed and results disseminated.	2015	0	→ 1
PM	Percentage of public health practitioners reporting collaboration with community partners on substance abuse issues.	2015	79.2%	→ 0
PM	Percentage of public health practitioners reporting collaboration with community partners on mental health issues.	2015	77.0%	→ 0