

An exploration of cross jurisdictional sharing arrangements between Polk and Marion Counties

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TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: Local Public Health Department leaders and academia professionals

ABSTRACT: With Oregon's move toward a modernized public health system, Local health departments are encouraged to look for ways to do things differently, and specifically to explore opportunities for locally driven and locally appropriate cross-jurisdictional sharing. Marion (pop. 323,614, 2013) and Polk (pop. 76,794, 2013) Counties have a common boundary and share the city of Salem, the state capitol, making them natural partners for this process. Marion and Polk counties conducted a feasibility study utilizing the Center for Sharing Public Health Service's self-assessments and Collaborative Trust Scale to compare the current public health systems of the two counties and facilitate discussions about opportunities for cross-jurisdictional sharing. This project was funded through a small grant opportunity from the Center for Sharing Public Health Service. Our goal is to identify a starting point for Marion and Polk Counties to begin sharing conversations in an attempt to gain efficiency in our local public health system. We will engage our commissioners and leadership in the conversation to establish a foundation of trust and collaboration for this process.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- To share the results of the Assessment of Existing public health services and collaborative trust scale
- To share lessons learned from engaging elected officials in the CJS process with public health modernization as the context for our discussions
- To share lessons learned from a large and small county CJS arrangements

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