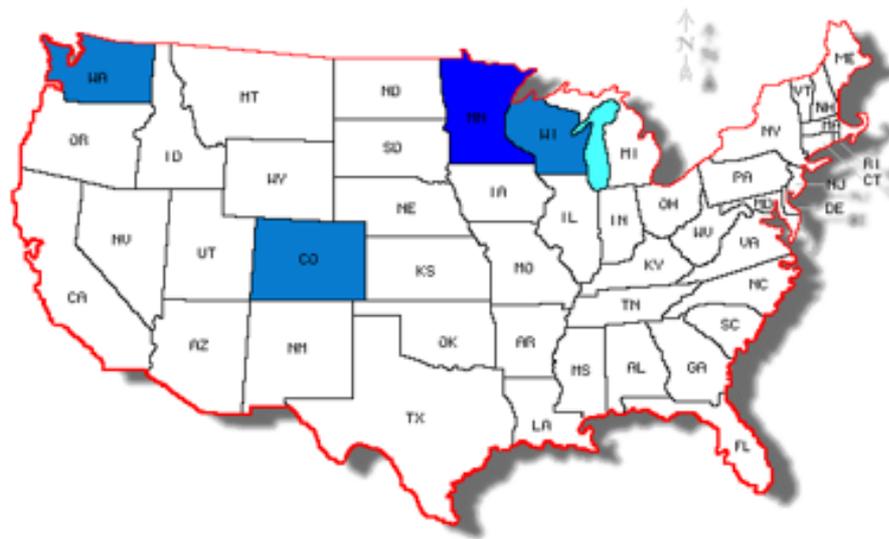


Where Are We Now?

Exploring Local Public Health and Primary Care Collaboration

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Surveyed public health and primary care leaders in all local jurisdictions



Key findings



Dialogue



Action

Collaboration Framework

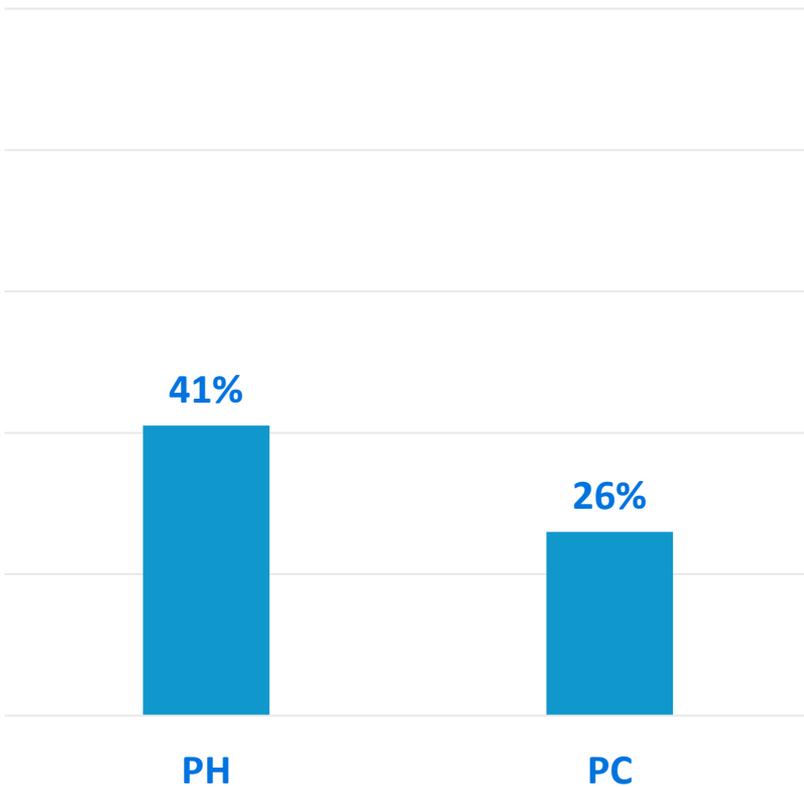
Energizing Characteristics	<p>Low Foundation/High Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come together on specific project or to address crisis • Formal structures to support work • Leadership strongly directs work • Lack partnership elements that contribute to ongoing work together <p><i>“Jurisdictions have higher levels of acting together, but weak partnership foundation”</i></p>	<p>High Foundation/High Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership elements: shared vision, mutual trust & respect, value • Committed leadership that takes strong role directing work • Formal structures to support work • Ongoing working relationship <p><i>“The Promised Land”</i></p>
	<p>Low Foundation/Low Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack partnership basics • Lack project- or program-specific interactions • No dedicated staffing or financial commitment <p><i>“Land of Opportunity”</i></p>	<p>High Foundation/Low Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership elements: shared vision, mutual trust & respect, value • Committed leadership • Lack tangible ways to work together (e.g., projects or program-specific interactions) <p><i>“Strong partnership foundation, though limited action actually working together”</i></p>
<p>Foundational Characteristics</p>		

Key Findings

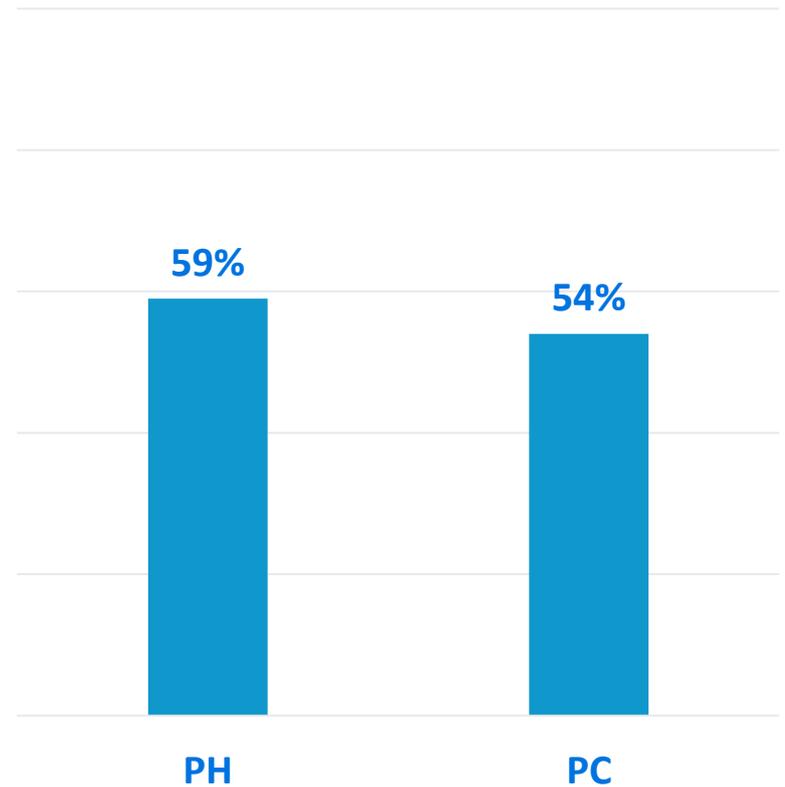
- Both primary care and public health respondents report high levels of mutual trust and respect—yet substantial lack of mutual understanding
- Public health reported more skills in relationship-building—and primary care thinks of public health as a natural neutral convener
- While both seem invested in the promise of a relationship, necessary resources and capacity currently lacking to promote this work

Current Working Relationship

Consistently/Frequently Work Together



Satisfaction With Working Relationship



*Slide depicts percent agreement with each statement by public health or primary care respondent to electronic survey conducted in 4 participating states

Discussion Questions

- How do these findings fit with your experience?
- What are the consequences of inaction (i.e., the status quo)?
- What can we do now, with existing resources, to improve connections between public health and primary care?
- What longer term policy and systems changes would support stronger, on-going connections that benefit patients and communities?
- Are there suggested actions specific to public health?
- Are there suggested actions specific to primary care?
- Are there areas where joint action is needed?

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For More Information

- Minnesota Research to Action Network:
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- Research Findings: Search for:
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