

# Cross ROADS Initiative

*Cross-jurisdictional Resources and Opportunities to Advance the Delivery of Services*

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The West Virginia Bureau for Public Health Center for Local Health has funded and launched a statewide initiative in direct support of the Public Health Impact Task Force (PHITF) recommendations to modernize public health in West Virginia and will result in evidence-based, opportunities for communities to advance the delivery of critical public health services and improve health outcomes. The initiative will support recommendations published in the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, *Briefing on Local Health Department Consolidation Potential in West Virginia*. Specifically, these resources will help local governments, local boards of health and health department staff provide, maintain and advance the delivery of quality public health services in times of diminishing resources and increased expectations. The Center for Local Health intends for these projects to support agencies interested in sharing services and will add value to the work public health professionals do every day while enabling our health departments to progress and thrive.

## Project 1: Internal Agency Assessment of Regional Public Health Agency

An internal study of the only regional health department in West Virginia that will describe, in detail, the process through which the agency was created and the operational characteristics to be considered to expand this model within West Virginia.

## Project 2: Cross ROADS Study

Self-identified local health departments will participate in a study that will serve as the basis for the development of tools to support resource sharing as a method of streamlining operational costs and /or creating opportunities for expanded service delivery so that communities and local health agencies have options for assuring quality services are provided to the same quality standard in every community. The study objectives are as follows:

- Understand the applicability of various service delivery models for local boards of health considering resource sharing, up to and including combining;
- Learn from other services sharing initiatives both in WV and in other states;
- Identify quantifiable benefits and costs that occur as a result of resource sharing; and
- Determine the factors, including geography, transportation, demographics, socioeconomic variables and board of health fiscal and administrative capacity that should inform the geographic design under which local boards of health may share services and/or combine.

## Project 3: Cross ROADS Toolkit

The development of a toolkit for West Virginia communities considering sharing resources and / or combining.



LHD Participants

