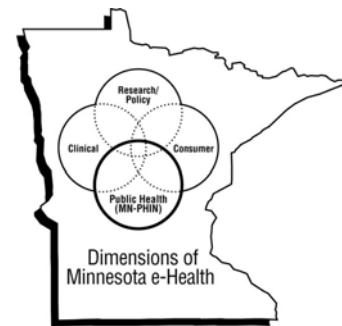


# Minnesota Public Health Information Network (MN-PHIN) Roadmap for Action



<b>Goal</b>	<p>Improve and protect the health of Minnesotans through the strategic application and management of health information systems.</p>		
<b>Vision</b>	<p>Create the infrastructure and policies that enable timely, accurate and statewide exchange of public health information. Such a network will enable public health professionals, policymakers, and community partners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Respond efficiently and effectively to community health threats.</li> <li>➤ Protect the public from serious but preventable diseases or injury.</li> <li>➤ Carry out their responsibilities to make Minnesota communities healthier places to live.</li> <li>➤ Enable consumers to access the public health and prevention information they need to make informed health decisions.</li> </ul>		
<b>Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Focused on the health of communities.</li> <li>➤ Driven by community and state needs.</li> <li>➤ Employs an incremental approach to achieving its vision.</li> <li>➤ Leverages existing information systems and knowledge.</li> <li>➤ Facilitates strategic development of new information systems.</li> <li>➤ Supports electronic exchange of data.</li> <li>➤ Safeguards confidentiality and security of information.</li> </ul>		
<b>Strategies</b>	<p><i><b>INTEGRATE</b></i> information systems to support public health practice and prevention in all local public health departments and at MDH.</p>	<p><i><b>INTERCONNECT</b></i> local, state, federal and key partners to support electronic exchange of information.</p>	<p><i><b>INFORM</b></i> Make personalized prevention and public health information and knowledge available to consumers.</p>
<b>Recommendations (2007)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reducing the growing public-private technology gap by modernizing current information systems to securely exchange infectious disease and other health data with private providers.</li> <li>2. Addressing the shortage of trained state and local public health informaticists by collaborating with post-secondary institutions to develop informatics courses specifically designed for practicing public health professionals.</li> <li>3. Coordinating, supporting and evaluating the above activities by ensuring adequate public health informatics expertise exists at MDH and is readily available to local health departments and MDH programs.</li> </ol>		