

## 2015 Minnesota Health Information Technology Survey for Local Public Health Departments

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**24. Which software application does your CHB use for the public health electronic health record (EHR) system? (Check all that apply.)**

- PH-Doc
- CareFacts Information Systems
- CHAMP Software
- Digital Health Department
- Decade Software
- Custom-built local system (please specify)
- No electronic health record system in place
- Other (please specify)

**25. In the past year, with which of the following partners did you need to share client/patient health information (using any method or format, either electronic or manual)? (Check all that apply.)**

- Primary care clinics, including mobile clinics
- Hospitals
- Behavioral health providers
- Dental providers
- Home health agencies
- Long-term care facilities
- Jails/correctional facilities
- Social services and supports (e.g., housing, transportation, food, legal aid)
- Counties or departments within our CHB
- Health or county-based purchasing plans
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Other state agencies
- Federal agencies
- Other (please specify)
- We did not electronically send or receive health information

**26. In the past year, with which of the following partners did you electronically transmit (send or receive) patient/client health information, assuming appropriate consents were obtained? “Electronic” exchange does not include phone, fax, non-secure email, or view/download access from another organization’s EHR. (Check all that apply.)**

(Same response options as Q25)

**27. Indicate which of the following changes your CHB is planning for its EHR system within the next 18 months. (Check all that apply.)**

- Assess and plan for a new EHR system
- Select and implement a new EHR system
- Increase the functional capabilities of the EHR system currently in use
- Analyze data in the EHR
- Electronically exchange health information with an external organization (not including paper, mail, phone, fax, or non-secure email)
- No major changes planned to current EHR system
- Do not know

**28. Indicate your greatest challenges related to secure electronic exchange of health information with outside organizations (e.g., health providers, social services, state agencies)? “Electronic” exchange does not include phone, fax, non-secure email, or view/download access from another organization’s EHR. (Select up to five items.)**

- We lack the ability to electronically exchange health information.
- Our partners are not able to electronically exchange health information
- We do not know if our partners are able to electronically exchange health information
- Managing consent to share information (e.g., HIPAA, privacy, or legal concerns)
- Planning for and executing data use agreements
- Inadequate vendor options for health information exchange
- Inadequate technical support to implement health information exchange
- Our IT staff do not understand our needs for health IT and/or health informatics.
- Inadequate broadband/Internet access
- Inadequate set-up and/or subscription fees for health information exchange
- Inadequate leadership support (e.g., CHB, management)
- Unclear value on return on investment
- Other (please specify)

**29. Which of the following e-health resources (templates, tools, etc.) would help your CHB to advance electronic exchange of health information? (Select up to five items.)**

- Planning for EHR adoption
- Negotiating EHR and HIE vendor agreements
- Technical assistance to support information exchange with MDH
- Translating public health needs to IT staff
- Managing workflow changes
- Managing patient consent to share health information
- Risk management for security breaches
- Establishing agreements with exchange partners
- Developing infrastructure to support information exchange

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- Integrating patient/client data from external sources into our EHR
- Developing data analytics and/or informatics skills
- Using data in the EHR to support community health assessments
- Policies and procedures for managing data quality
- Conveying the importance of informatics to the CHB (e.g., talking points, communications templates)
- Other (please specify)

**30. Through which of the following methods do you prefer to receive e-health resources? Select all that apply.**

- Written resources (available online)
- Webinars, including live and archived
- In-person presentations/workshops at your CHB
- Conference-based learning sessions, such as the Community Health Conference
- Conference calls
- Other (please specify)