BAR HII Collaborating Partner Survey Regional Results

There were 108 responses to the survey, 24 for Crook County, 34 for Deschutes County, 34 for Jefferson County, and 16 for Tri-County Public Health.

Most respondents worked for community-based organizations, public agencies, or academic institutions/schools. While the majority of respondents indicated they are front-line staff, response were from a range of positions. The vast majority of respondents indicated their organization has worked with the health department for five years or more.

The most frequently mentioned environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health in Central Oregon were poverty and economic disparity, housing and homelessness, substance abuse and addiction, access to care, mental health and inadequate resources/access, and lack of education.

Seventy percent of respondents agree that their organizations work with the health department to addresses the environmental, social, and economic conditions that affect health. Sixty-six percent indicated that addressing these conditions are a high priority in their organization. Another 28% indicated they are moving in that direction.

Ninety-five percent of respondents strongly agree or agree that the health department should play a significant role in addressing the environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health.

Seventy-seven percent of respondents think the health department demonstrates a commitment to addressing the environmental, social, and economic conditions that influence health, and 83% think that Public Health staff understand the major causes of health inequities in their County.

Opportunities for improvement include working closely with partners during planning, going to collaborate locations instead of having partners come to the health department, and advancing focus on the determinants of health.
Number of Responses by Health Department
- Crook County (24)
- Deschutes County (34)
- Jefferson County (34)
- Tri-County (16)

Respondent Position by Health Department

Years the Organization has worked with the Health Department
- Tri-County
  - 1 year or less: 3
  - 1-5 years: 12
  - 5 years and above: 1
- Jefferson County
  - 1 year or less: 7
  - 1-5 years: 23
  - 5 years and above: 2
- Deschutes County
  - 1 year or less: 6
  - 1-5 years: 27
  - 5 years and above: 6
- Crook County
  - 1 year or less: 9
  - 1-5 years: 21
  - 5 years and above: 1

Respondent's Position

Primary Relationship with the Health Department
- Networking or sharing information
- Cooperation with/assisting the Health Department
- Coordinating activities
- Not currently working with the Health Department
- Health department employee
- Business needs
- Collaborative- Referrals: Mental Health, vaccines for adults and pediatrics
Most frequently mentioned environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health in Central Oregon

- Poverty and economic disparity (57)
- Housing and homelessness (49)
- Substance abuse and addiction (28)
- Access to Care (21)
- Mental health and inadequate resources/access (21)
- Lack of education (20)

My organization/group's work with the health department addresses the environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health in some way.

- Tri-County
  - Strongly Agree: 7
  - Agree: 4
  - Neutral: 4
  - Disagree: 1
  - Strongly Disagree: 1
  - Don’t Know: 1

- Jefferson County
  - Strongly Agree: 12
  - Agree: 10
  - Neutral: 9
  - Disagree: 1
  - Strongly Disagree: 1
  - Don’t Know: 1

- Deschutes County
  - Strongly Agree: 9
  - Agree: 17
  - Neutral: 4
  - Disagree: 1
  - Strongly Disagree: 1
  - Don’t Know: 2

- Crook County
  - Strongly Agree: 5
  - Agree: 10
  - Neutral: 8
  - Disagree: 1
  - Strongly Disagree: 1
  - Don’t Know: 1

Addressing the environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health in our communities is a high priority among organizations or groups like mine.

- Yes (69)
- Moving in that Direction (29)
- Don’t Know (3)
- No (3)

Top topics partnered on:

**Crook County**
- Access to care
- Health Education
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Safety

**Deschutes County**
- Access to care
- Health Education
- Communicable Disease

**Jefferson County**
- Access to Care
- Community Safety
- Poverty/Economic Development
The health department should play a significant role in addressing the environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health

I think the health department, as an organization, demonstrates a commitment to addressing the environmental, social, and economic conditions that impact health.

Public Health staff that I interact with understand the major causes of health inequities in the County.

Public Health staff advocate on behalf of the community and have influenced how resources have been made available to support community residents and/or community institutions in addressing community concerns.
I have trusting relationships with the health department staff I work(ed) with.

- Strongly Agree: 40%
- Agree: 35%
- Neutral: 15%
- Disagree: 4%
- Strongly Disagree: 2%
- Don't know: 4%

Organizations like mine are meaningfully involved in the planning process.

- Strongly Agree: 59%
- Agree: 44%
- Neutral: 14%
- Disagree: 7%
- Strongly Disagree: 2%
- Don't know: 5%

The health department values input from community residents and organizations like mine.

- Strongly Agree: 26%
- Agree: 25%
- Neutral: 24%
- Disagree: 30%
- Strongly Disagree: 2%
- Don't know: 2%

The health department is responsive to the priorities of the community.

- Strongly Agree: 25%
- Agree: 44%
- Neutral: 18%
- Disagree: 5%
- Strongly Disagree: 6%
- Don't know: 1%

The health department communicates openly and honestly with community members and partners.

- Always: 30%
- Sometimes: 39%
- Never: 15%
- I don't know: 6%

What role(s) do community leaders play in Public Health program planning and delivery?

- Provide input in the beginning of the planning process: 39%
- Collect feedback from larger groups of community members and communicate the feedback to the health department: 34%
- Not sure: 34%
- Review program planning documents and give feedback: 32%
- Maintain active involvement throughout the planning process as appropriate: 28%
- Participate in the decision-making of program planning and delivery: 26%
- Little or no participation in the planning and delivery: 15%
The health department creates and distributes oral and written materials that are appropriate for the cultural, linguistic, and literacy needs of the community.

The health department plays an active role in developing, maintaining, and supporting networks/partnerships in the community.

The health department provides training to increase the knowledge and skills of community partners to address the environmental, social, and economic conditions that...

The health department collects and shares data in a manner that is appropriate for the cultural, linguistic, and literacy needs of the community.

The health department creates and distributes oral and written materials that are appropriate for the cultural, linguistic, and literacy needs of the community.

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**How can the health department improve its collaboration with organizations/groups like yours?**

**Crook County**
"Keep the communication lines open."
"I think the department works really hard to reach out to other partners."
"Use data to support needed improvements."

**Deschutes County**
"The health department responds in a timely manner, they are open to hearing different perspectives, and are definitely easy to work with."
"Acknowledge the expertise of other fields, collaborate over dominate."
"Go where community members/groups are, instead of expecting people to come to them."

**Jefferson County**
"The Health Department has always reached out in a collaborative manner."
"Take more active role in local government, land use and infrastructure planning."
"Include us at the beginning of planning- when ideas are being kicked around"

**What challenges have you had in your partnership with the health department?**

**Crook County**
"Lack of communication."
"Public health staff are stretched too thinly."

**Deschutes County**
"Devaluing of non medical professionals."
"Unclear funding priorities; lack of input of community members into program priorities."

**Jefferson County**
"Everyone wears multiple hats. It slows down planning."
"We are unavailable for meetings, and information is

**What Public Health topics/areas, specific to health equity, should we focus on in the coming years?**

**Crook County**
"Affordable housing."
"Mental Health."
"Focus on disparities in health equity."

**Deschutes County**
"Transportation."
"Homelessness."
"Care for uninsured and/or undocumented patients."

**Jefferson County**
"Access to affordable housing and helping to address challenges faced by families in poverty."
"Increasing minority involvement in health

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**What health equity topics/areas does your organization plan to focus on in the coming years?**

"Affordable housing for more residents."
"Mental health and substance abuse"
"Equity of education across the region."
"Affordable access to health services, cultural competency training for providers."