

## **InformationLinks Program Grantee Summaries**

### **City of Austin Health and Human Services Department, Austin, Texas**

**Award: \$75,000**

This project will create a plan to improve the exchange of immunization information between the health department, safety net providers and community stakeholders (such as school district nurses and private providers).

### **State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**

**Award: \$92,030**

This project will identify barriers and solutions to sharing newborn screening results in a statewide information exchange.

### **Denver Health and Hospital Authority, Denver, Colorado**

**Award: \$74,257**

This project will leverage the experience, momentum, and collaborative Colorado Health Information Exchange environment to define an atmosphere where public health surveillance systems are a natural product of health information technology investments.

### **Hamilton County General Health District, Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Award: \$74,408**

The Greater Cincinnati Public Health InformationLinks Project will strengthen the existing collaboration between public health authorities and HealthBridge, a fully funded and operational regional health information organization serving southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky.

### **Imperial County, El Centro, California**

**Award: \$75,000**

The Integrating Information-Improving the Exchange Project will work with existing data exchanges for communicable disease, laboratory result reporting, immunization registry, access to health care, and HIV/AIDS to improve health information exchange between local, state and national partners.

### **State of Indiana, Indiana State Department of Health**

**Award: \$100,000**

The Indiana State Department of Health will develop a model health exchange network that identifies the components, resources and personnel needed in the state and local community to establish an information exchange.

**County of Ingham, Mason, Michigan**

**Award: \$74,518**

This project will support a multi-staged research and development process to embed public health surveillance, epidemiological, and health promotion capabilities in a regional health information organization.

**State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment**

**Award: \$96,037**

This project will initiate a public-private partnership between the Kansas Immunization Registry and an electronic community health record managed by the employer-driven, nonprofit Kansas City Health Exchange to enable a two-way flow of immunization registry data.

**Louisiana Public Health Institute, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Award: \$74,980**

The Louisiana Health Information Exchange project will develop shared disease control protocols between public health and healthcare to support rapid and coordinated diagnosis, treatment and prevention of HIV, STDs, TB, and Hepatitis C.

**Maine Center for Public Health, Augusta, Maine**

**Award: \$100,000**

Connecting Maine will strengthen the relationship between public health and health care informatics by joining two innovative data integration efforts—Maine's Integrated Public Health Information System; and Maine's nascent health information exchange, the Maine Health Information Network Technology project (MHINT).

**Mendocino County Department of Public Health, Ukiah, California**

**Award: \$74,800**

This community-based effort will expand Mendocino Securing Health Access and Records Exchange, or SHARE, a nationally recognized health information exchange demonstration project, from its safety net clinic roots into a full health information exchange that can operate across the entire regional health care sector.

**Mesa County Health Department, Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Award: \$75,000**

The Mesa County Public Health Information Exchange Project will work with the existing Quality Health Network (QHN) electronic health information exchange to establish a filter to automatically notify Mesa County Health Department when a reportable condition has been diagnosed or treated.

**State of Minnesota Department of Public Health**

**Award: \$100,000**

This project will implement strategic policy actions to establish governance for exchange of information between public health systems and clinical practice settings.

**New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, New York**

**Award: \$75,000**

The overall objective of the Primary Care Health Information Technology Strategy project is to help small and mid-sized primary care providers, especially community health centers, in adopting public health-focused health information technology solutions (including electronic health records and electronic prescribing).

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Health**

**Award: \$96,780**

This project will help create a health information exchange by developing a Public Health Statistical System, with the purpose of tracking health trends in Puerto Rico for 15 main areas of public health and sharing information with constituents in the health community.

**Research Foundation of State University of New York**

**Award: \$74,949**

The Public Health Institute at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, in partnership with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, will develop a regional public health information organization for Suffolk County, New York.

**State of Rhode Island Department of Health**

**Award: \$96,317**

This project will help accelerate adoption of electronic data standards for use in the health information exchange and convert lab and child health data to facilitate data flow between the department and the health information exchange.

**County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California**

**Award: \$74,839**

This project will bring together information technology experts, convened by the health department, to plan a community-wide health information exchange.

**State of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration**

**Award: \$100,000**

The Tennessee Health Network project will leverage relationships with three existing regional health information organizations to facilitate public/private health data sharing.

**State of Utah, Utah Department of Health**

**Award: \$99,780**

This project will develop a business plan for ongoing statewide public health participation in electronic exchange of clinical data through an existing network and assess new opportunities for public health participation in health information exchange.

**State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services**

**Award: \$100,000**

This project will define the public health role in the Wisconsin's Public Health Information Network and help encourage public health participation.