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*Multi-sector Partnerships for Health:*

# 2014 PULSE CHECK FINDINGS

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# HIGHLIGHTS: 2014 PULSE CHECK REPORT

*Across the country, leaders from many sectors are collaboratively reimagining and redesigning the systems that affect health and resilience in their regions. In 2014, representatives from 133 of these multi-sector partnerships in 33 states shared brief profiles of their work using an online questionnaire. While our findings may not represent the full field, they do reveal insights, possibly for the first time, into where and when these groups were formed; who participates; the scope of their visions and approaches; key successes and challenges; and how they finance their work. Here are some selected highlights.*

- Multi-sector partnerships for health are broadly distributed across the U.S. and 75% of responding organizations were formed in the last decade (median age = 5 five years).
- Nearly half operate at the county level, with another 22% working at the state level.
- Many constituencies are often involved, with more than half reporting at least 10 different sectors at the table, with certain sectors more commonly engaged than others.
- The most engaged sectors are hospitals and healthcare providers, public health, community organizations, government and elected officials, social services, and academia/research. The least likely to be engaged are: health insurance, philanthropy, and media.
- Nearly half have a broad vision of population health and seek to improve it for all residents, while others focus on a specific disease, risk factor, or population group.
- About one third have a strong emphasis across *all* four possible action areas, including: health behaviors and risk factors; social, economic, educational conditions or services; health care access, quality, and/or cost; and physical environments.

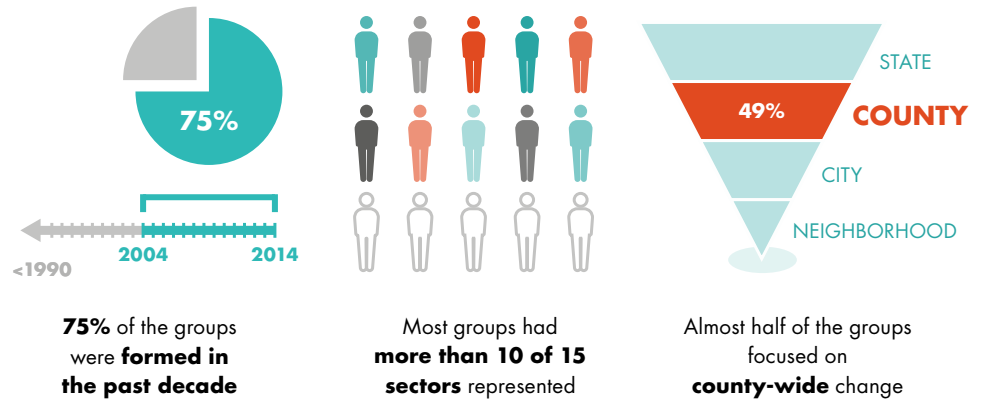
- Nearly three-fourths named financing as their most persistent challenge, with the vast majority relying on just a few, short-term mechanisms, such as grants and contracts.

*Based on these findings, there are several frontiers where groups may have room to improve.*

- **Formation:** With so many relatively young partnerships, and with others likely to form, there may be opportunities to get off to an even stronger start as each group learns how to fulfill the basic functions of stewardship, strategy, and sustainable financing.
- **Multi-Sector Engagement:** The number and diversity of sectors in a partnership can affect its purpose and progress, particularly if certain key constituents are absent. Those who value greater inclusion could engage area residents and colleagues who tend to be less involved but are likely important for progress (such as health insurers, philanthropies, business, and those in economic development).
- **Matching Vision and Practice:** Groups with the most comprehensive visions generally did not have an equally comprehensive scope and approach in practice. This disconnect may reflect the fact that many respondents had only just begun this work, and it may also a signal a need for new tactics, tools, and support to assure that those with broad ambitions are equally well-equipped to enact a diverse portfolio of programs, policies, and practices.
- **Sustainable Financing:** Financing for these multi-sector partnerships may be either their chief impediment or a profound way to unlock greater potential. With an expanding menu of financing options, leaders may learn to manage a larger mosaic of financing mechanisms that together could better match resources with the stated values and priorities in each region.

## HOW WERE GROUPS COMPOSED?

A total of 133 diverse partnerships responded to the Pulse Check.



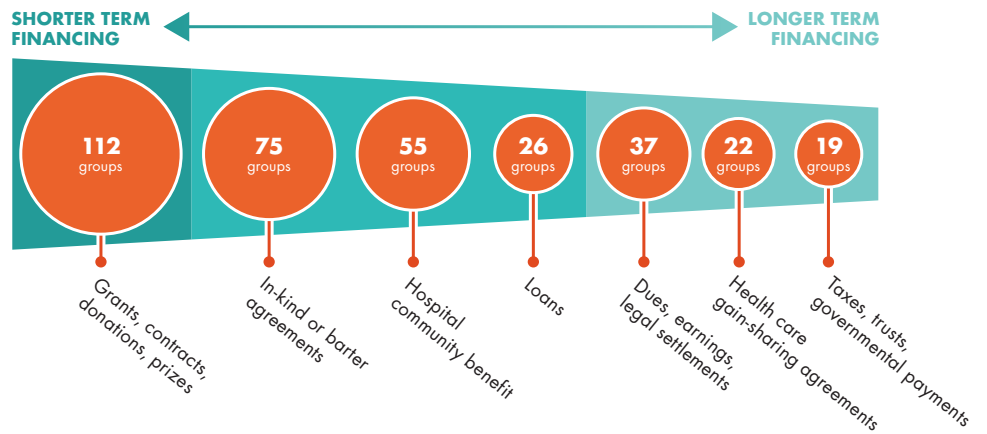
## WHICH ACTION AREAS WERE GROUPS ADDRESSING?

About one third of groups have a strong emphasis across all four action areas.



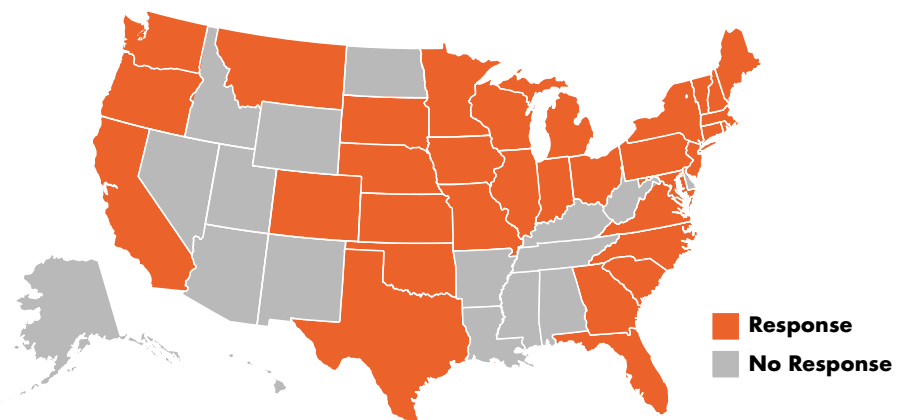
## HOW DID GROUPS FINANCE THEIR EFFORTS?

Most groups rely on short-term financing mechanisms.



## WHERE WERE GROUPS LOCATED?

Groups from 33 states responded to the Pulse Check.



# PARTICIPATING MULTI-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

CA	Building Healthy Communities	MA	Interagency Supportive Housing Working Group	NH	ReThink Health Upper Valley
CA	Contra Costa Health Services	MA	Statewide Pioneering Healthier Communities	NH	Upper Valley Public Health Advisory Council
CA	East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation	MA	The MGH Center for Community Health Improvement	NH	Upper Valley Public Health Advisory Council/Upper Valley Substance Misuse Prevention Partnership/Upper Valley Healthy Eating Active Living/& others!
CA	Fresno Healthy Communities Access Partners	MD	Allegany County Health Planning Coalition	NJ	Eat Play Live Better
CA	Go For Health	MD	HELPS/HEZ	NJ	North Jersey Health Collaborative
CA	HEAL Zones	MD	Long Branch Health Enterprise Zone	NJ	VNA Health Group
CA	Healthier Community Coalition	MD	Prince George's County Community Advisory Group	NY	Corona Maternal Infant Community Health Collaborative
CA	Healthy Sacramento Coalition	MD	The Access Partnership	NY	Intersectoral Forum on Advancing Health and Equity in New York City
CA	Healthy Ventura County	MD	The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County	NY	North Country Health Compass Partners
CA	Impact Monterey County	ME	Cumberland District Public Health Council	NY	Prevention Agenda
CA	Live Well San Diego	ME	Healthy Casco Bay	NY	Spinney Hill Partnership
CA	Patient Health Improvement Initiative	ME	Healthy Maine Partnership	NY	The Bronx Health Link
CA	Prevention Network for Family Health	ME	Healthy Maine Streets	OH	Athens County Healthy Community Coalition
CA	Sonoma Health Action	MI	Health Improvement Organization	OH	Health Care Access Now
CA	South Bay Cities Council of Governments Services for Seniors Workgroup/Torrance Prevention Community Council	MI	Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance	OH	Healthy Lucas County & Toledo/Lucas County CareNet
CA	thebalancedetectives.org	MI	Saginaw Pathways to Better Health	OH	Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio
CO	Center for Improving Value in Health Care	MI	The Michigan Health Information Alliance	OH	The Health Policy Institute of Ohio
CO	Mesa County Health Leadership Consortium	MN	Health Care Homes	OH	Health Measurement Initiative
CO	Pueblo Triple Aim Coalition	MN	Health Commons	OK	Urban Health Plan
CT	Northeast Neighborhood Partnership, an initiative of Community Solutions	MN	Healthy Northland/The Health and Wellness Table	OR	Community Health and Advocacy Resource Team (CHART)
FL	Bithlo Transformation Effort	MN	Healthy Minnesota Partnership	OR	Healthy Columbia Willamette Collaborative
FL	Hialeah Healthy Families	MN	Hearts Beat Back: The Heart of New Ulm Project	OR	Northwest OpenNotes Consortium
FL	Miami-Dade Health Action Network	MN	Honoring Choices Minnesota/LifeCourse/Make It OK/others...	PA	Healthy York Network
GA	Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI)	MN	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement	PA	Lancaster County Medical Foundation
GA	Georgia Shape	MN	Minnesota Community Measurement	PA	Lighten Up Lancaster
GA	Get Healthy, Live Well	MN	Minnesota Diabetes & Heart Health Collaborative	PA	Tobacco Free Coalition and Livewell Lancaster
GA	Healthy Houston County	MN	Minnesota Immunization Networking Initiative (MINI)	RI	Healthy Washington County
IA	Iowa Healthiest State Initiative/Blue Zones Project	MN	PartnerSHIP 4 Health	RI	Interagency Food and Nutrition Policy Advisory Council
IA	Quad City Health Initiative	MN	Tri City Partners	SC	AccessHealth Spartanburg
IL	Community Engagement & Healthcare Partnerships	MN	Winona Collaborative	SD	Live Well Sioux Falls
IL	CommunityRx and the South Side Health and Vitality Studies	MO	Greater Kansas City Community Health Partnership	TX	Health and Wellness Alliance for Children
IL	Feeding America Diabetes Initiative	MO	Heartland Foundation/Healthy Communities	TX	The Health Collaborative
IL	GOHIT's Public Health Integration Workgroup	MT	MT Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committee	VA	Live Healthy Lynchburg
IL	Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity	NC	Durham Health Innovations	VA	Virginia Center for Health Innovation
IL	Impact DuPage	NC	Healthiest Capital County campaign	VT	ECOS
IL	Kane County Planning Cooperative	NC	Not yet a formal association with a name	VT	Winooski Coalition for a Safe and Peaceful Community
IL	Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY)	NC	McDowell County Health Coalition	WA	Active Community Environments
IL	Will County MAPP Collaborative	NC	McDowell Health Coalition	WA	CHOICE Regional Health Network
IN	Floyd County Health Coalitions	NC	Orange County Child Poverty Council	WA	Communities of Opportunity
IN	Healthy Communities of Clinton County	NC	Renaissance West Community Initiative	WA	Spokane Regional Health District - Priority Spokane
IN	Reach Healthy Communities	NC	Rockingham County Healthcare Alliance	WA	Transforming the Health of South Seattle and South King County
KS	Finney County Community Health Coalition	NC	Wilkes Health Action Team	WA	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement
KS	Healthy Community Wyandotte	NE	North Central Community Care Partnership	WI	Evidence-Based Health Policy Project
KS	Healthy Harvey Coalition	PA	Way to Wellville Scranton		
MA	Boston Alliance for Community Health (BACH)	NH	Healthy Monadnock 2020		
MA	Greater Fall River Partners for a Healthier Community	NH	NH Citizens Health Initiative		



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