



PARTICIPANT HANDOUTS

Region VIII Maternal Health Summit

Session Three



Primary Care and Public Health Collaboration: Integrating Title V and Community Partnerships

Addressing maternal health is a federal priority area, and many community, state, and federal partners are actively engaging in a variety of initiatives throughout Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) aimed at improving maternal health outcomes. This online convening of health center and maternal health experts is intended to foster efficient cross-program collaborations and to share evidence-based models or promising practices that support improved maternal health.

Facilitated by:

Sharon Talboys, PhD, MPH, [University of Utah](#)

Featuring Panelists:

Darcie Lee, RN, [Horizon Health](#)

Hope Kleine, [South Dakota Department of Health](#)

Live Session Date & Time:

Thursday, January 22, 2026

11:00–11:45PM Mountain Time | 12:00–12:45PM Central Time

Session Overview:

This session will discuss Title V priorities and opportunities for collaboration, public health and clinical care integration, and patient navigation and support program innovations in Region VIII. Health center clinical and enabling services staff, state and local health officials, and individuals from maternal health community organizations are encouraged to attend.

Maternal Health Landscape in RVIII Summary of Findings:

CHAMPS partnered with the University of Utah to conduct an environmental scan of maternal health programs in Region VIII. View the [Summary of Preliminary Findings](#) that will serve as the basis for Summit discussion.

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Description of CHAMPS

Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting all Region VIII federally designated Community Health Centers so they can better serve their patients and communities. Currently, CHAMPS programs and services focus on education and training, collaboration and networking, workforce development, and the collection and dissemination of regional data. The Happenings box in the middle of the CHAMPS home page highlights the newest CHAMPS offerings. Staff and board members of [CHAMPS Organizational Members](#) receive targeted benefits in the areas of business intelligence, networking and peer support, recognition and awards, recruitment and retention, training discounts and reimbursement, and more. Be sure to take advantage of CHAMPS' programs, products, resources, and other services. For more information about CHAMPS, please visit www.CHAMPSonline.org.

Speaker & Panelist Biographies

Sharon Talboys

Sharon Talboys, PhD, MPH is an Associate Professor in the [Division of Public Health at the University of Utah](#). As a ‘pracademic’ for over 25 years, her focus is on accelerating the implementation of best practices in public health and healthcare to improve health outcomes and address upstream drivers of health. She has expertise in maternal and child health, health workforce, community health needs assessments, strategic planning, and policy development. She has worked extensively with communities in Utah, Ghana, India, and Latin America. She is a former president of the Utah Public Health Association and received her public health training at Emory University and the University of Utah.

Darcie Lee

Darcie Lee, BSN, RN, serves as the Director of Clinical Operations at [Horizon Health](#) and has been with the organization in various clinic and leadership positions for almost eight years. In her current role, she oversees the Clinical Support, Care Coordination, and Quality Teams, and leads key clinical initiatives, such as the HRSA Maternal Health Quality Improvement Project.

Hope Kleine

Hope Kleine serves as the Office of Lifespan Health Administrator with the [South Dakota Department of Health](#). In her role, Hope oversees programs and initiatives that promote health and well-being across all stages of life, with a focus on Maternal Child Health populations. She is dedicated to advancing public health strategies that support healthy communities, improve access to resources, and empower individuals to make informed health decisions. Hope began her career as a Program Specialist with SDSU Extension, where she focused on community health education and outreach. She later transitioned to the Department of Health to work in the Title X Family Planning Program, where she played a key role in supporting reproductive health services and ensuring access to care for individuals and families. Today, Hope continues to champion

collaborative efforts and innovative approaches to improve health outcomes for all South Dakotans throughout their lifespan.

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Public Health and Primary Care Collaboration

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Health education expand public health clinical
MMRCs or PQRCs

CBOs Integrated care Nurse family partnership
warm hand off Home Visiting (MCH)
Dental Title V or X CHC partnerships for MH care
WIC
Care coordination Public Health

Data Resources OB_Gyn_Deliveries
SDOH screening or support

Collaboration and Partnerships

expand CHC services

What do we mean by public health and primary care?

“While few would argue against greater integration, there is often little agreement as to what it means.”¹

Public Health

Public health is often defined as ‘*the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts of society*’

Core functions:

- Assessment
- Policy Development
- Assurance

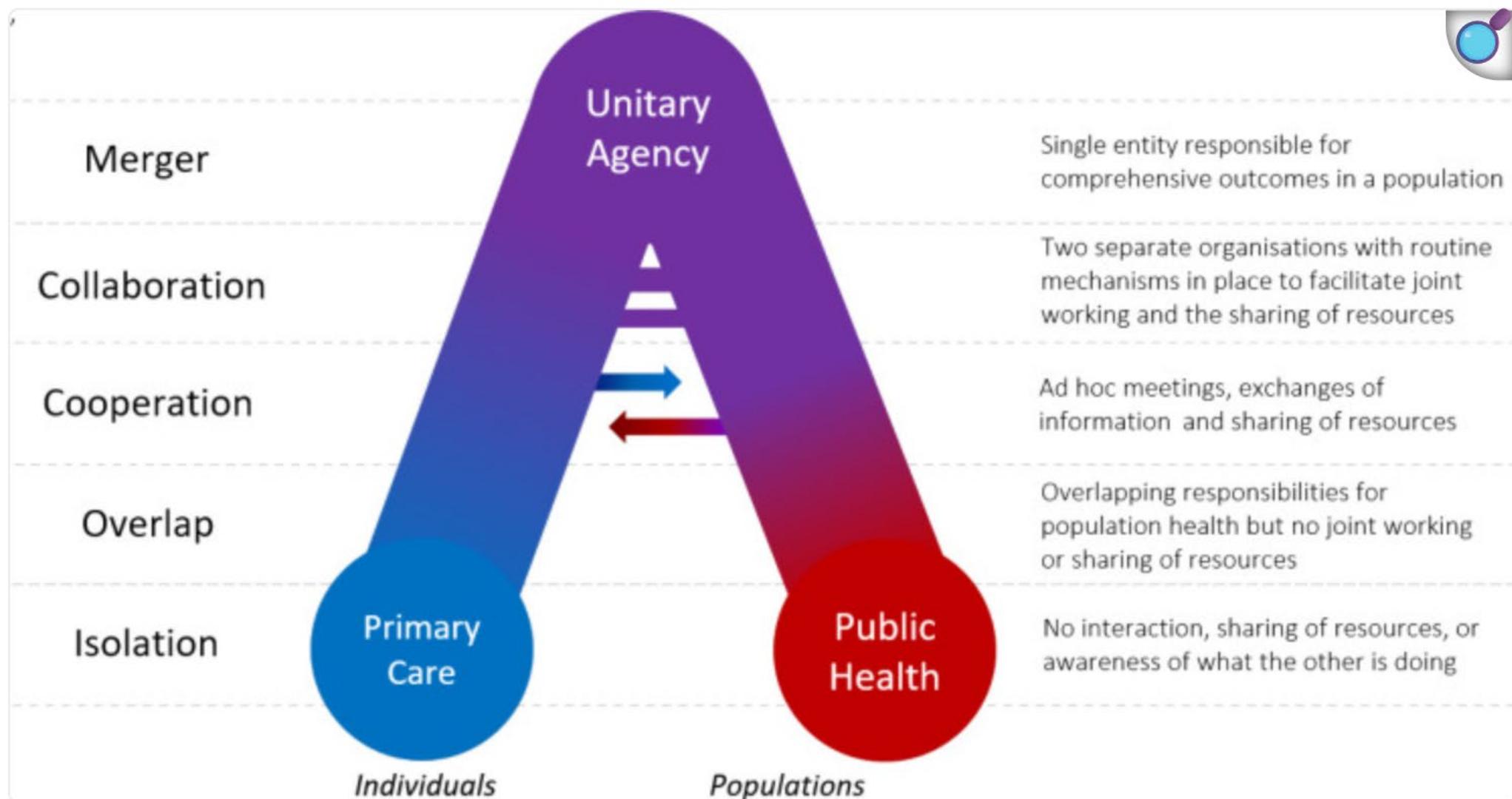
Primary Care

Primary care is a community-based service delivery platform that is commonly defined in terms of five core characteristics:

- First contact,
- Continuity,
- Comprehensiveness
- Coordination
- Person centeredness

1. Allen LN, Rechel B, Alton D, et al. Integrating public health and primary care: a framework for seamless collaboration. *BJGP Open*. 2025;8(4):BJGPO.2024.0096. Published 2025 Jan 2. doi:10.3399/BJGPO.2024.0096

Framework for public health and primary care integration





Maternal Health Grant

HRSA QIF-MH 2023-2025



Main Initiatives

- Patient Feedback: Surveys, Interviews, Focus Groups
- Increase outreach & marketing for services
- Provide Care Coordination Support:
 - Increase collaboration with local, regional, & state programs
 - Increase collaboration with delivering facilities
 - Increase 1st Tri visits
 - Increase PP & newborn visits
 - Streamlined educational materials across org
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative
- Baby Boutique (M-HELP) Initiative
- Dental & BH Collaboration Initiatives



Small Project, Big Impact

- Pack-N-Play Distribution
- Car Seat Distribution + Safety Check Training
- WIC & Bright Starts Collaboration
- Simulation training with Mobile Sim Unit
- Collaboration Meetings with OBs & Delivering Facility teams
- Community and State Outreach Efforts
- Maternal Mental Health Certificate Training
- Delta Dental Bus Partnership





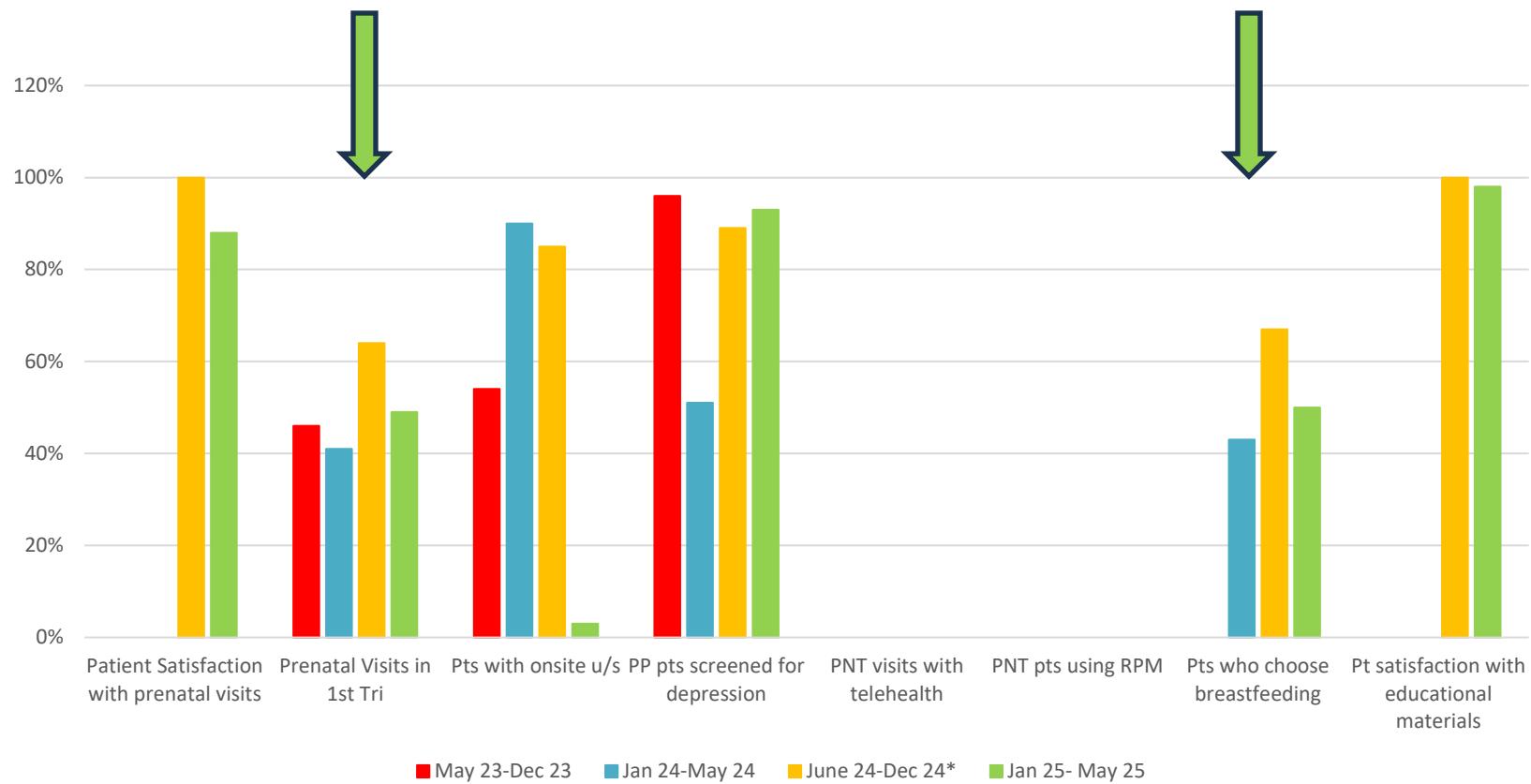
OB Sim Training in Mission



Car Seat Inspection Training in Huron



Project Specific Measures

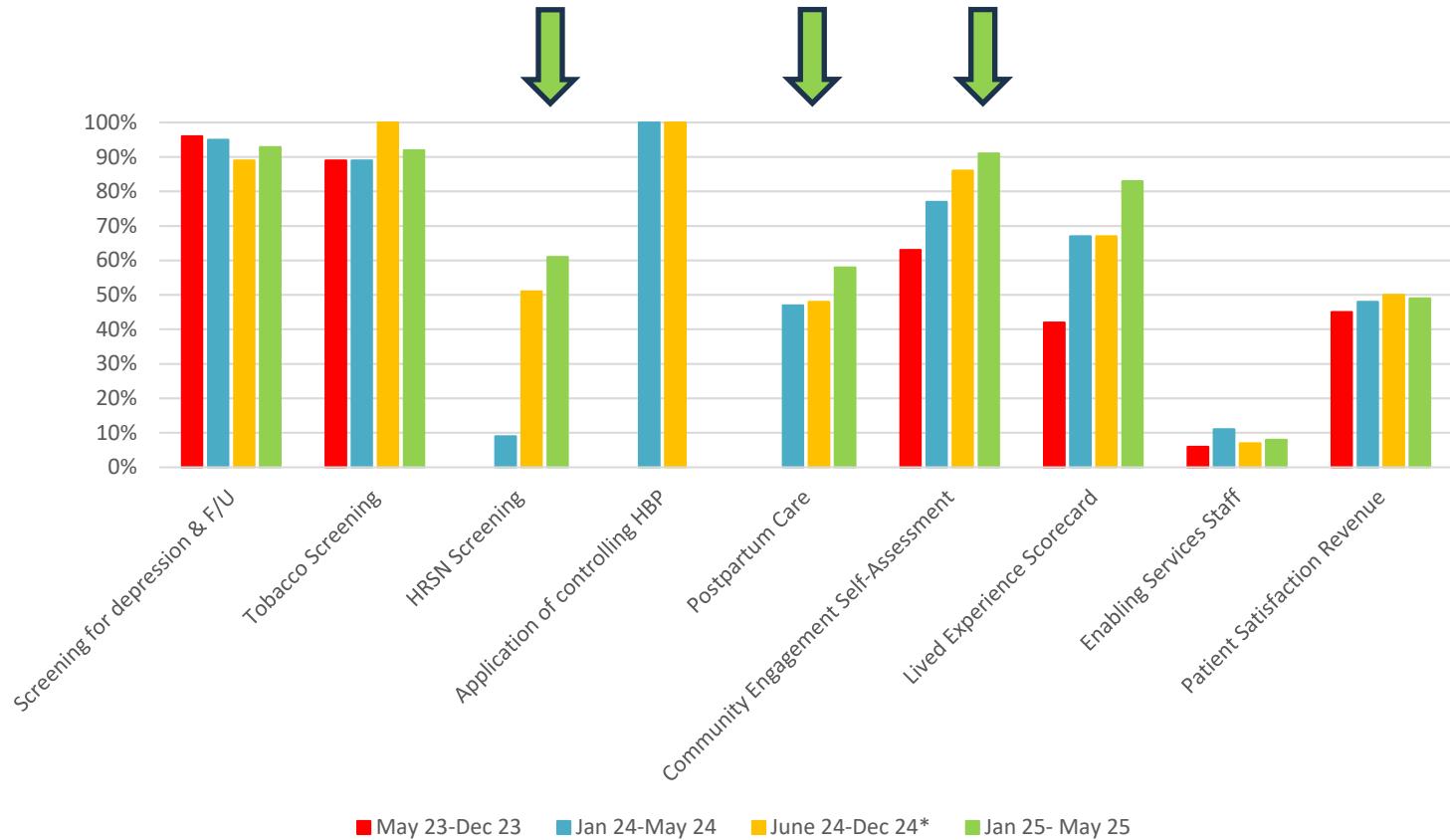


*MH PCC started 4/24, implementation of CC activities started 6/24



Grant Core Measures

(All MH Grant Health Centers Reported This Data)



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Delta Dental Bus in Mission



Next Steps

- Sustainability of Current Staff & Initiatives
- Streamline Workflows
- MHELP Implementation
 - Educational Platform & Baby Boutique
- Regular Car Seat Checks
- Continue collaboration at State level
 - Maternal Health Advisory Committee
 - Advocacy to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates
 - Rural Health Transformation MH Initiatives





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National Performance Measures

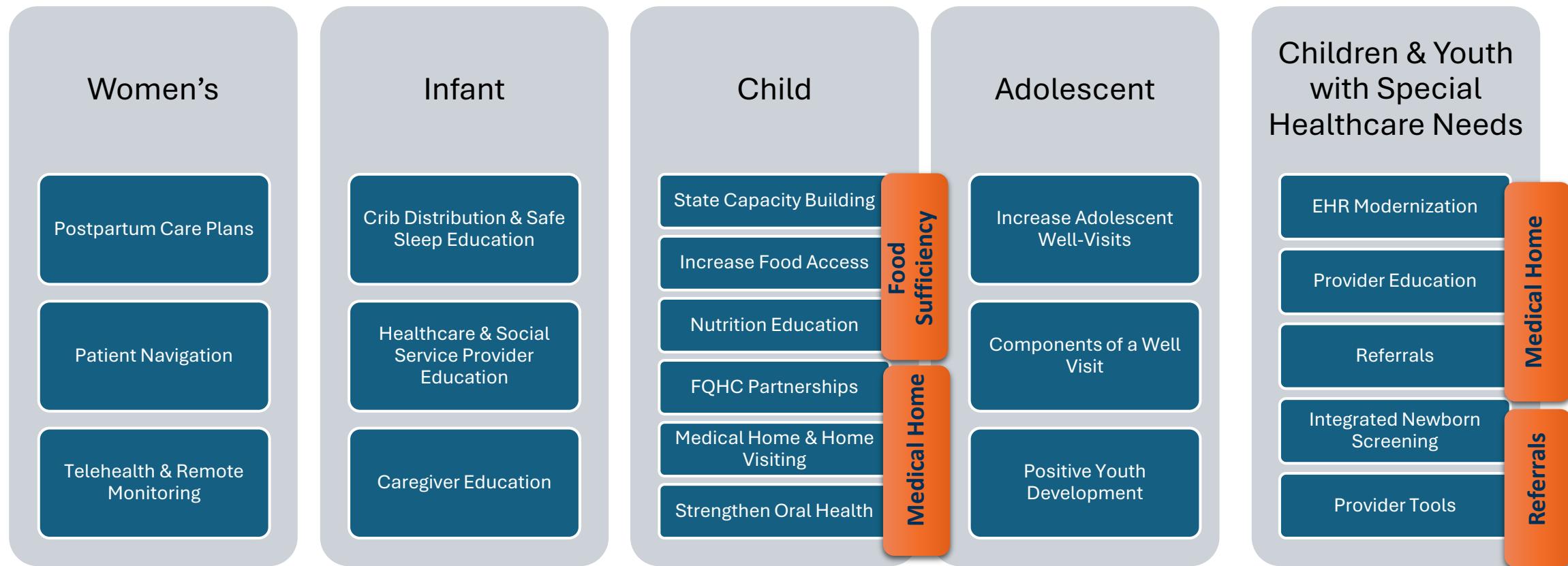


South Dakota 2025-2030 Priorities

KEY: Domains of Action



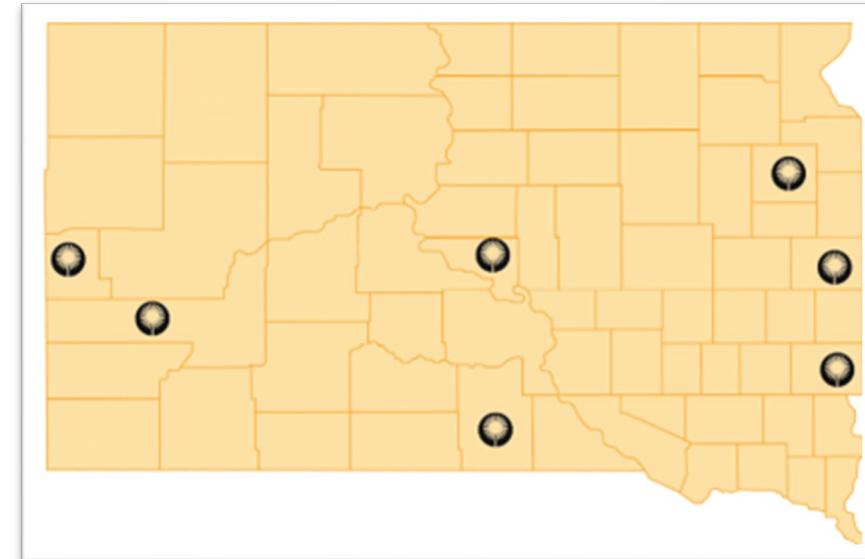
Domain Strategies



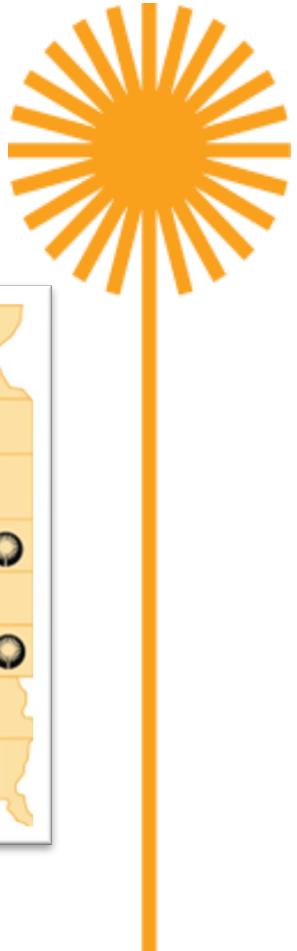
South Dakota PLAN

PREPARE. LEARN. ADVOCATE. NAVIGATE.

- Provides equitable access to quality reproductive health care, with a strong emphasis on confidentiality, cultural sensitivity, and informed consent to low-income and uninsured individuals.
- Sexual & reproductive health services are provided judgement-free to help individuals make decisions about if or when they want to have children.



Current SD PLAN Locations



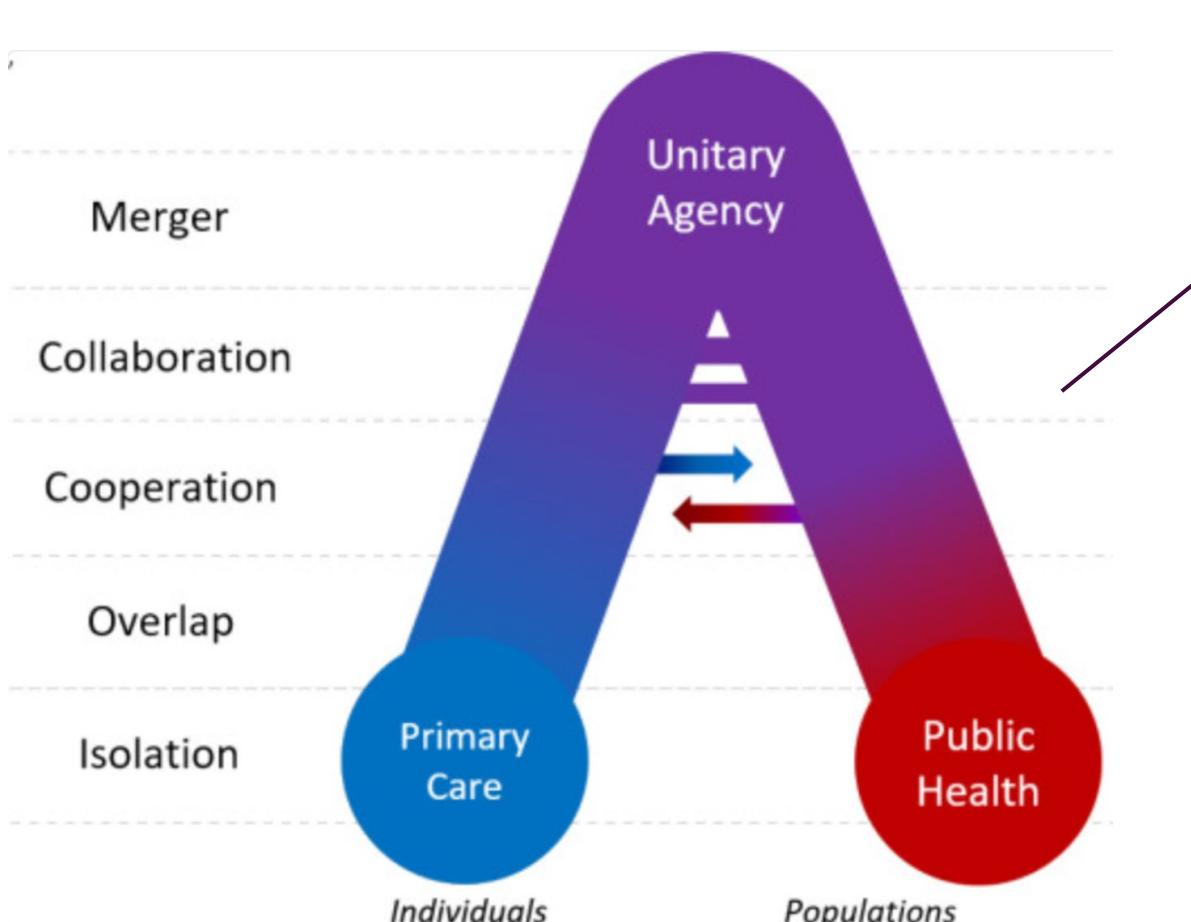


What Services are part of SD PLAN?

- Contraceptive services
- Wellness exams
- Cervical and breast cancer screenings
- STI prevention education, screening, and treatment
- HIV testing and referral for treatment
- Pregnancy testing, counseling, & referrals
- Basic infertility services



CHC and Title V Integration

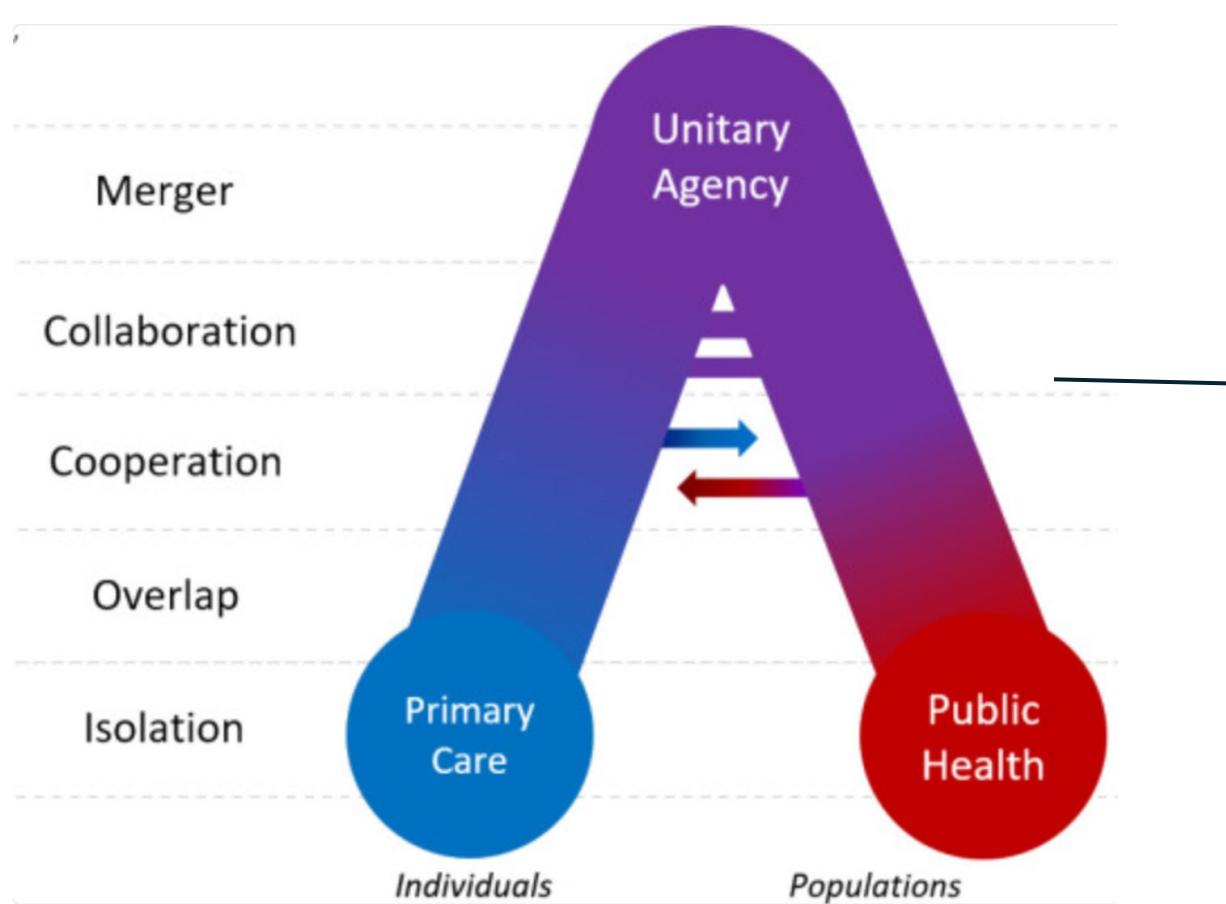


What would a merger look like between CHCs and public health department services?

“We do have WIC, yes. I’m actually the medical director for public health here as well because, you know, small communities wear a lot of hats.” (CHC clinician)

*“We [CHC] work closely with our Public Health Department for vaccines - they help us get the vaccines we would need for preconception care. **But I haven’t really thought about what else we could do together.**”*

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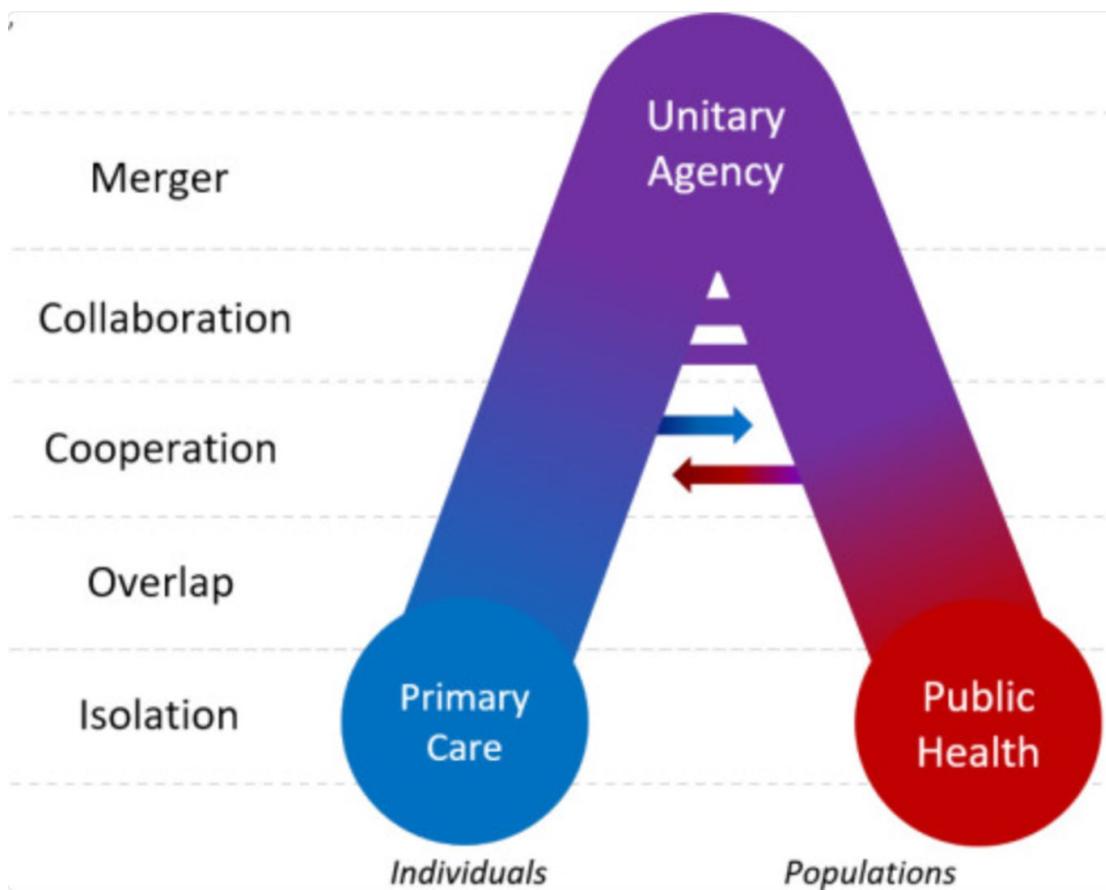


Examples of collaboration and cooperation

- ✓ Maternal Mortality Review Committees and Perinatal Quality Collaboratives
- ✓ Community Health Needs Assessments
- ✓ Data Resources
- ✓ Referral to services like home visiting, vaccines

*“So I think there's again, **there's all these great programs, and the real question is how do we take advantage of them in a more coordinated effort?**... I am probably actually the worst person to do a home visit, for example, right? That's not my expertise, but there are people who have expertise...and they don't all have to be nurses... **But I feel like the coordination is difficult and it's not because people have not tried...**” (Primary Care clinician)*

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How to break siloes?

- ✓ Strengthen communication and information sharing about programs, services, resources
- ✓ Make it easier for providers' busy schedules
- ✓ Start with specific services (e.g. Home visiting, WIC)
- ✓ Invest in public health liaisons to CHCs?

“Nationwide and statewide maternal health outcomes are lacking. Assuming progress will happen just because people are passionate isn’t realistic. Providers often don’t have time carved out for public health initiatives. Organizations need to prioritize and set aside time for these activities—not as an add-on to full-time jobs.” (Clinician)

Thank you for participating!



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Innovations in OB Care and Workforce Development**

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