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## Public Health Integration: *Case Study*

*Companion document to the SHVS issue brief on PH Integration.*

### Trillium Community Health Plan and Lane County (OR)

[Trillium Community Health Plan](#) and Lane County partnered to create a coordinated care organization (CCO), a regional health system that manages care for the state's Medicaid beneficiaries. Trillium and Lane County combined financial resources to form the CCO, establishing a strong partnership between the insurer and the county's health and human services department from the beginning. The county's health officer demonstrated to physicians the value of public health and prevention, and helped to bridge the language and culture of the traditional medical community and public health disciplines.

All of the state's CCOs operate within a global budget and are required by the state to have formal written agreements with local public health authorities. Trillium Community Health Plan achieves those objectives through the [composition of its board](#), CCO governance priorities, and direct investment in public health resources. The county's senior public health official sits on the CCO's 22-member board, and the board's governance documents commit the CCO to working with the county's health and human services department to approve and implement [prevention](#) programs to manage the health of the population. [Contracts](#) between Oregon's CCOs and the state stipulate that each CCO convene a community advisory council

charged with overseeing the development of a community health assessment and community health improvement plan. At Trillium, part of the council's responsibility is to recommend prevention strategies for implementation. In Lane County, the public health department manages [Trillium's community advisory council](#), and a council subcommittee works with local experts, scientists, community leaders, and Medicaid members. This broad community advisory council is tasked with identifying and recommending comprehensive and evidence-based health prevention proposals for the board's consideration and final approval. The proposals are based on the priorities identified in the community health improvement plan. CCOs are required to work with local public health authorities to develop the plan. Two council members are also voting members of the CCO board enabling them to advocate to the board for proposed public health strategies.

Finally, Trillium Community Health Plan pays Lane County Health and Human Services \$1.33 per-member-per-month to fund three public health staff positions and prevention programs authorized by the CCO's board. One of the CCO-funded county positions is an epidemiologist who analyzes available public health data, identifies data gaps and works closely with Trillium's data analytics team to inform intervention strategies. This collaboration points to additional public health and health care integration in program planning and analysis.