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Public Health Integration: *Case Studies*

Companion document to the SHVS issue brief on PH Integration.

Blueprint for Health (VT)

Vermont's [Blueprint for Health](#) emphasizes wellness and prevention in its model of coordinated care across the health system. The state is leveraging the Blueprint infrastructure of primary care practices and community health teams to advance public health priorities and adopt population-based interventions.

Physicians and providers that participate in the Blueprint model of care have access to an ongoing learning series sponsored by the program. Past learning topics include healthier living workshops or trainings for managing chronic conditions. In addition, the Department of Health has implemented evidence-based self-management programs for smoking cessation and diabetes into Blueprint practices. Public health officials worked with the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) to engage Blueprint practices in improving the quality of care for those chronic conditions. The public health officials developed tools and then worked with providers to integrate them into their practices.

In addition, with its data analytics capabilities, the Blueprint model is positioned to support population health management by assisting in the identification of public health priorities for the different health service areas across the state. Public health epidemiologists assist the medical community in targeting their resources. For example, an area hospital identified homelessness as a driver of emergency department use, so the Blueprint team engaged the support of a community organization to identify solutions, including using the hospital's community benefit dollars to support temporary housing.

