

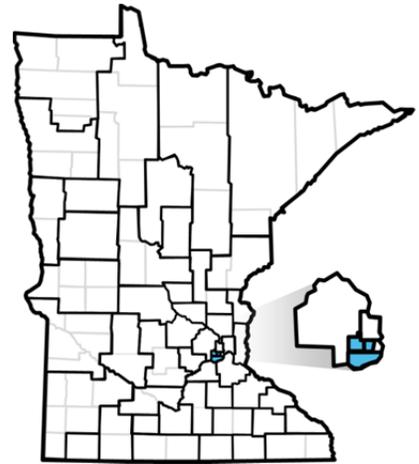


Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield

This Minnesota Shared Services Learning Collaborative partner is located in southern Hennepin County (Twin Cities Metro Area) and includes:

- Bloomington Community Health Board
- Edina Community Health Board
- Richfield Community Health Board

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What is the Purpose of the Project?

Identify opportunities to strengthen and improve existing shared services between the Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield (BER) community health boards.

Why Now?

The Edina and Richfield community health boardsⁱ (CHBs) have contracted with the City of Bloomington for public health services since 1977. Over time, services have shifted, grants have come and gone, and there has been renewed pressure to show the benefits of public health programs and services. In addition, with decreasing funds, BER wishes to focus on improving efficiencies and effectiveness.

Key Activities and Outcomes

- 2013** Develop SSLC charter; meet with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).
Conduct historical, financial, and legal analysis of current contracts and level of services.
Evaluate formal reporting mechanisms, e.g., annual and quarterly reports, monthly meetings.
Formalize orientation process to shared services to new partners.
- 2014** Developed an orientation guide for new Public Health Administrators.
Greater understanding of how to calculate and distribute the costs of shared services.
Completed the shared services roadmap process for “Bloomington Edina Richfield Public Health Alliance”, creating a more formalized relationship.
Developed Guiding Principles for the Alliance, including mission, vision and value statements.
Submitted a joint application for public health accreditation.

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ⁱ The community health board (CHB) is the legal governing authority for local public health in Minnesota. CHBs have statutory responsibility under the Local Public Health Act and must address and implement the essential local public health activities, as well as assure regular assessment, prioritization, and action on community health needs.