# Program: Northwoods Collaborative

# Situation: The Northwoods Collaborative is a cross-jurisdictional collaboration of 10 public health departments that contribute local public health preparedness funds to collaborative efforts around preparedness, surveillance, and epidemiology. The collaborative seeks additional financial resources through grant-writing.

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| **Inputs** |  | **Outputs** | |  | Outcomes -- Impact | | | |
|  | *Activities* | *Participation* |  | Short | Medium | Long | |
| Trust, commitment, and history of working together  Shared financial resources (Public health preparedness, Public Health Improvement grant funds)  Shared Services Learning Community grant  Shared public health staff within collaborative agencies  Shared staff employed by fiscal agent, Marathon County Health Department  Supportive board members  Technology (Adobe Connect, Survey Monkey, Microsoft Project, Visio)  Knowledgeable and experienced partners |  | Develop annual work plan, budget, staff assignments  Research and respond to funding opportunities  Research, plan, promote training opportunities  Conduct annual collaborative evaluation  Conduct strategic planning  Develop plans, templates, tools  Participate in DPH workgroups, panels  Participate in exercises and drills  Provide TA on WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System), PCA Portal, Everbridge, social media, website design | Collaborative agency health officers and staff  Marathon County Health Department staff  Division of Public Health Regional Offices  Division of Public Health Public Health Emergency Preparedness staff  DPH Wisconsin Public Health Improvement Initiative  MI-WI Border Coordination Committee  Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program/Healthcare Coalitions  Wisconsin Emergency Management  Shared Services Learning Community |  | Member agencies are aware of PHP contract requirements and necessary steps to complete them  Members are aware of staff expertise and services available to them in the collaborative  Agency staff increase knowledge in NIMS/ICS, performance management, communicable disease reporting and investigation, using PCA Portal and Everbridge  Collaborative members are satisfied with communications, how meetings take place, administration of the budget, and staff responsiveness | Public health plans are created and updated  Public health emergency response partners practice their roles  Staff increase competency in emergency response  Member agencies complete annual contract objectives and grant deliverables  Members increase meeting and completing Public Health Accreditation Board standards and measures | | Increased local capacity in public health preparedness, surveillance and epidemiology, accreditation readiness  Agencies are prepared for applying to be an accredited health department  Public health emergencies are identified early and contained with minimal death, disability, and environmental damage |

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| **Assumptions** |  | **External Factors** |
| Pooling funds contributes to staffing efficiencies and makes resources available to health departments for preparedness and accreditation readiness, improving capacity and infrastructure.  Sharing knowledge and expertise through a regional approach increases the quality and capacity of preparedness and response and delivery on essential services of public health in the community. | The collaborative is dependent on grant and annual funding, both unpredictable revenue sources that limit strategic planning and sustainability.  Public health funding continues to fall, placing a greater burden on health departments to contribute to a collaborative effort and meet accreditation requirements. |

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