

Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing and Accreditation



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Rethinking Boundaries for Better Health

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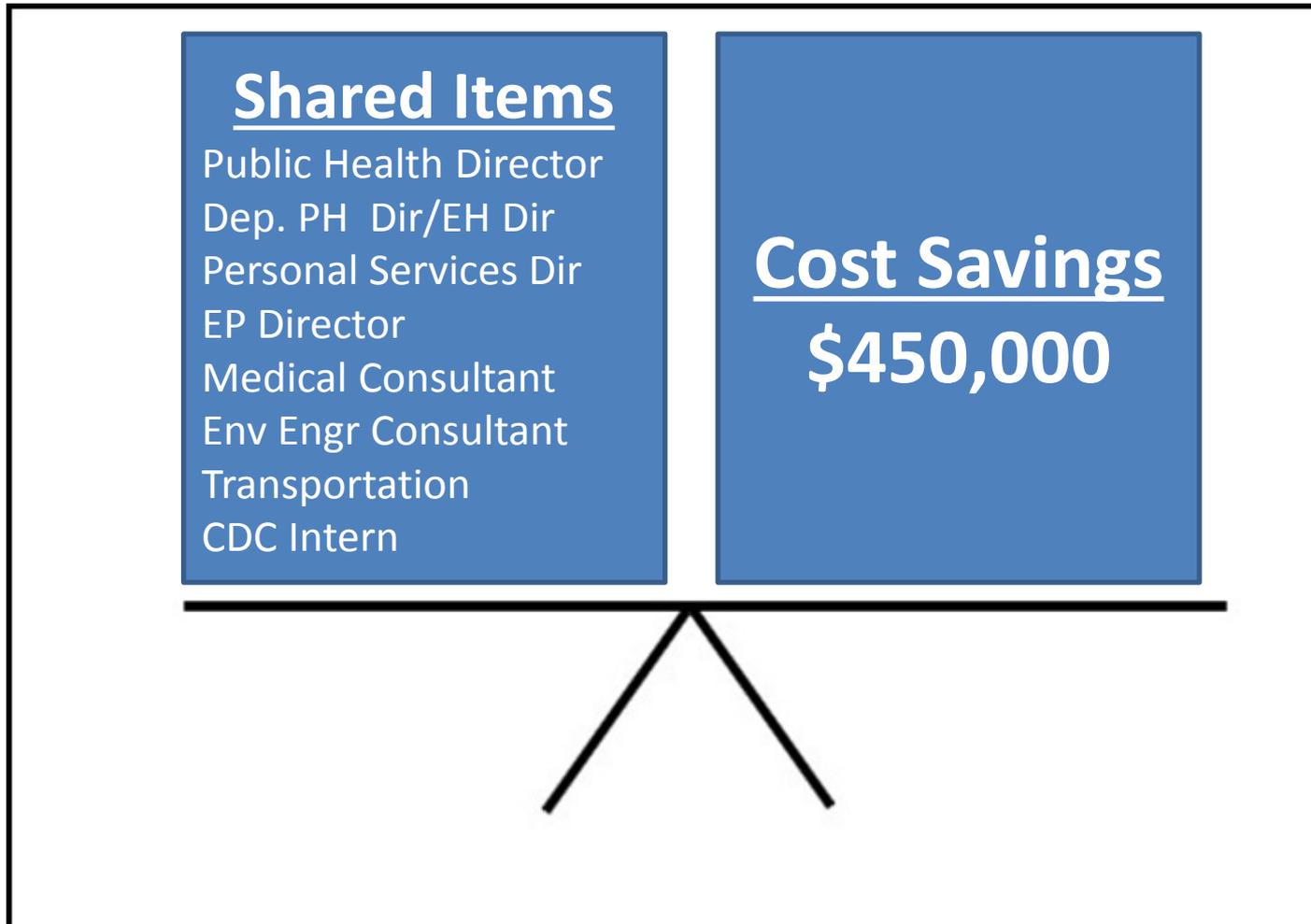
LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Public Health - Shared Services Pilot Project

Genesee and Orleans County are committed to providing essential public health services and to their respective County residents. Due to unprecedented fiscal pressures being faced by the counties and the mutual desire to work collaboratively towards fiscal responsibility balanced with quality and effective public health service delivery, Genesee and Orleans County pose to conduct a pilot project focused on sharing Public Health Director (PHD) and a Deputy Public Health Director (Deputy PHD) between the two counties. This pilot project will be studied over a two year duration (ending December 31, 2014) and will evaluate the effectiveness of the project along with identifying the feasibility of future sharing of services and personnel within the Health Departments.

The Genesee County Board of Health, Genesee County Legislature, Orleans County Board of Health and the Orleans County Legislature are fully supportive of the pilot project as outlined in the proposal to share a Public Health Director and Deputy Public Health Director between Genesee and Orleans County.

Shared Services with Joint Oversight



Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Spectrum			
Informal and Customary Arrangements	Service-Related Arrangements	Shared Functions with Joint Oversight	Regionalization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Handshake” • Information sharing • Equipment sharing • Coordination • Assistance for surge capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service provision agreements (e.g., contract to provide immunization services) • Purchase of staff time (e.g., environmental health specialist) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint projects addressing all jurisdictions involved (e.g., shared HIV program) • Shared capacity (e.g., joint epidemiology services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New entity formed by merging existing local public health agencies • Consolidation of one or more local public health agencies into an existing local public health agency
Looser Integration		Tighter Integration	

Source: Center for Sharing Public Health Services. Adapted from: Kaufman, N. (2010) which in turn was adapted from Ruggini, J. (2006); Holdsworth, A. (2006).

Success Factors

Prerequisites

- Trust
- Balanced approach
- Clarity of Objectives

Facilitating Factors

- Regional identity
- Strong interpersonal relationships
- History of successful collaboration

Project Characteristics

- Senior level support
- Strong project management skills
- Strong change management plan
- Effective communications



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