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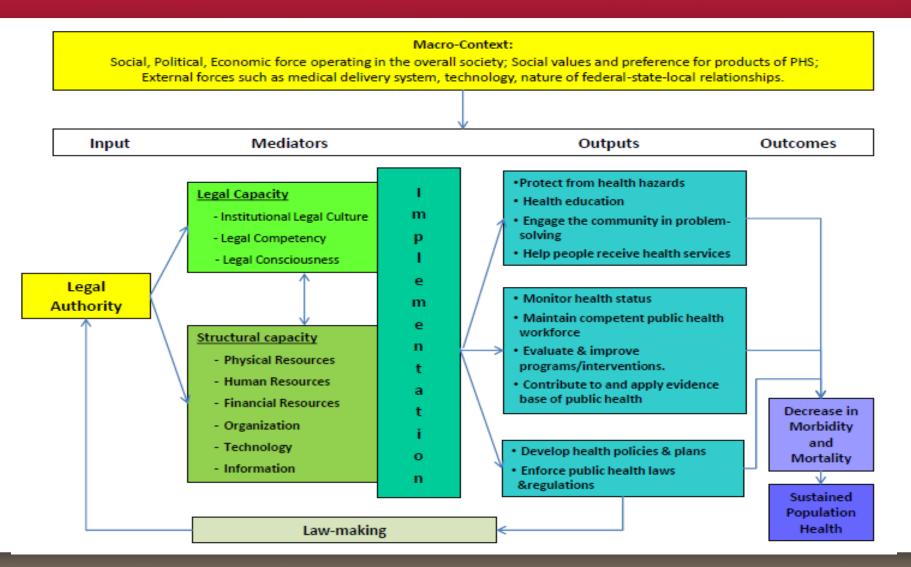
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### Theoretical Framework





## **Project Aims**

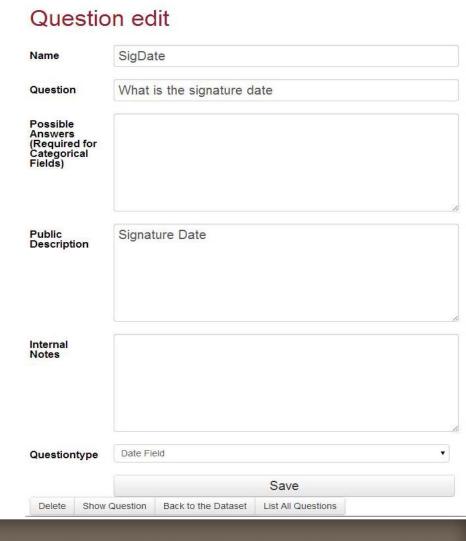
- Aim 1: To systematically collect and code all state and local laws in Nebraska that govern the authority of public health agencies.
- Aim 2: To create an online policy surveillance system interactive map, actual text, and database for Nebraska.
- Aim 3: To evaluate changes in perceptions of law and the use of law by the public health workforce in Nebraska.
- Aim 4: To evaluate the impact of a set of legal provisions on public health agency performance and population health.



## Methods

- Data Collection
  - Nebraska team collected laws
  - Temple team verifies

 Data Coding in LawAtlas.org





## LawAtlas - Nebraska



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#### Nebraska Public Health Laws



The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides public health services to Nebraskans and promotes public health by implementing laws and regulations that address health issues, track health outcomes, and certify and license health professionals.

This section of LawAtlas tracks laws and regulations that relate to DHHS's core mission. Below are links to pages that provide contextual information and texts of relevant laws and regulations on key functions of the DHHS. Select one of these options below for more information on the specific topic area and to access the surveillance of key public health laws and regulations.

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Health Professions Licensure
- Structure and Governance
- Vital Statistics

## **Bodies of Law Covered**

- Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs
- Chronic Disease & Injury
- Environmental Health
- Food Safety
- Structure & Governance
- Health Professions
- Disasters & Emergencies

- Maternal & Child Health
- Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Vital Statistics
- Mental & Behavioral Health
- Seniors & Aging
- Disabilities



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#### Nebraska: Structure and Governance - APHA Demo Dataset Map



This page provides information on Nebraska's laws and regulations addressing the structure and governance of health-related professional and occupational boards. This page has been updated through October 1, 2014 to include laws currently in effect. To explore variation in these laws click the "Start Here" button below or see the table for a default query displaying information on this topic.

- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Athletic Training
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Chiropractic
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Dentistry
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists
- The State Board of Health appoints members to which state health-related professional boards?: Board of Massage Therapy



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Jurisdiction	Effective	Valid Through	Law	Appointment by State Board of Health to State Health- Related Professional Boards	State health-related professional board duties
Nebraska	07/18/2014	10/01/2014	◆ View Law	Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Board of Athletic Training, Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of Chiropractic, Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art, Board of Dentistry, Board of Emergency Medical Services, Board of Registered	Set minimum standards of proficiency and competency, Provide recommendations related to the issuance or denial of credentials, disciplinary action, and





changes in legislation, Provide the department with recommendations on regulations to carry out the Uniform Credentialing Act



Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Funeral Directing

and Embalming, Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists,

Therapy, Board of Medical Radiography, Board of Medicine

Board of Massage Therapy, Board of Medical Nutrition

and Surgery, Board of Mental Health Practice, Board of

Nursing, Board of Nursing Home Administration, Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of Optometry, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Physical Therapy, Board of Podiatry, Board of Psychology, Board of Respiratory Care Practice,



## Next Steps

Coding of local laws – in progress now

 Ongoing satisfaction assessment by users in Nebraska DHHS

- Evaluation of one area of law tobacco
  - Demonstration of the use of legal dataset with existing performance and surveillance data

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