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# Hospital Investment and Interaction in Public Health Systems

*Research In Progress Webinar*

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# Agenda

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## Questions and Discussion

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# Project Background

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**Health Reform Changes: Affordable Care Act (ACA) and IRS requirements that nonprofit hospitals conduct community health needs assessments and develop implementation plans.**

- ❖ We expect that these changes have resulted in:
  - ✓ Increased Investment by Hospitals in PH Systems (e.g. Community Benefits Spending)
  - ✓ Increased Involvement/Interaction by Hospitals in PH Systems (e.g. Community Health Needs Assessments)

# Research Questions

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RQ1: What indicators specify higher hospital interaction and investment in the public health system?

- RQ1a: What indicators inform successful Hospital-PH partnerships (interactions)?
- RQ1b: What indicators inform increased Hospital contributions to “Community Benefit” (investments)?

RQ2: How can data inform strategies for increasing levels of Hospital interaction and investment in public health systems?

# Specific Aims

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1. Develop a conceptual framework that identifies hypothesized indicators of increased hospital interaction and investment in public health systems based on the literature and a modified Delphi methodology.
2. Create a database of available indicator data for hospitals represented in the data.
3. Analyze relationships between the indicators and data on 2 outcomes: hospital interaction with PH systems (PARTNER data, AHA data) and hospital investment in PH systems (990 Schedule H data, AHA data). Determine which indicators explain increased hospital interaction and investment in public health systems.
4. Revise the conceptual framework to highlight those indicators that are identified as significant in Aim 3 analysis.
5. Develop a data codebook that includes the indicators for use by states to assess the status of their indicators, compared to other states.

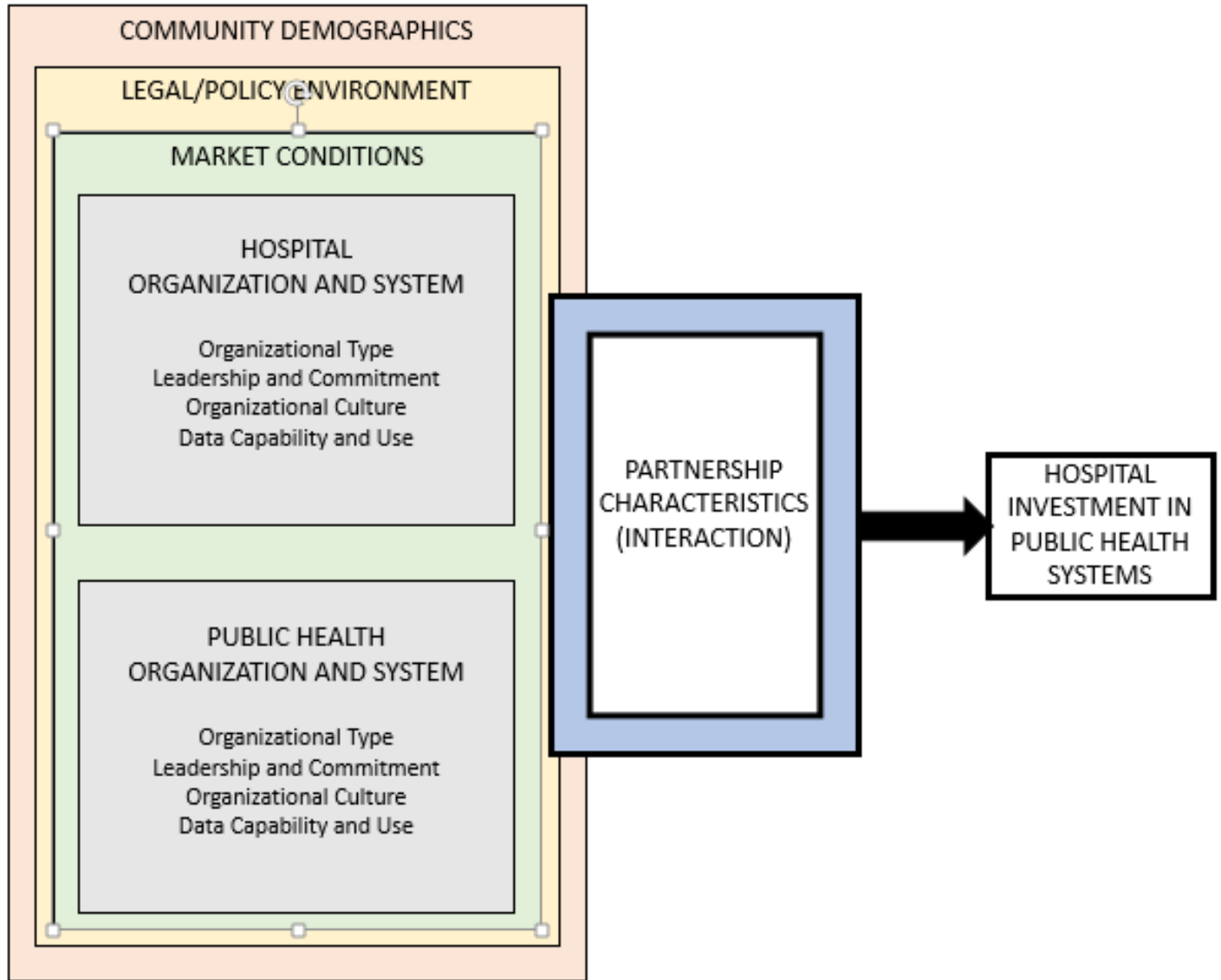
# To Accomplish Aim 1 (Conceptual Framework):

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- ❖ Review of the peer reviewed and grey literature to narrow the framework scope
- ❖ Drafted conceptual model
- ❖ Convened expert panel to review, further narrow, and refine the conceptual model.
  - ❖ The expert panel consisted of 9 people representing hospitals (N=4), public health (N=2), and other national expertise (N=3)
  - ❖ Contributed diverse voices to the conversation
  - ❖ Provided feedback on the questions we are asking
  - ❖ Drew on experiences related to PH-Hospital interactions (what factors were most important in success and challenges?)
  - ❖ Reflected on discussion and process
  - ❖ Provided new resources and ideas



# Conceptual Framework



# To Accomplish Aim 2 & 3

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## Create Database

### ❖ Three Secondary Data Sets

- 990 and Schedule H Community Benefit Data
- PARTNER PH-Hospital Partnership Data
- American Hospital Association Data

### ❖ Merged All Three Datasets by Medicare ID

### ❖ Analysis Lens: Two Perspectives

- Hospital – Public Health System: Cross-Sector Interorganizational Partnerships
- Hospital – Public Health Agencies: Partnerships with only PH Agencies
  - NACCHO Profile Data

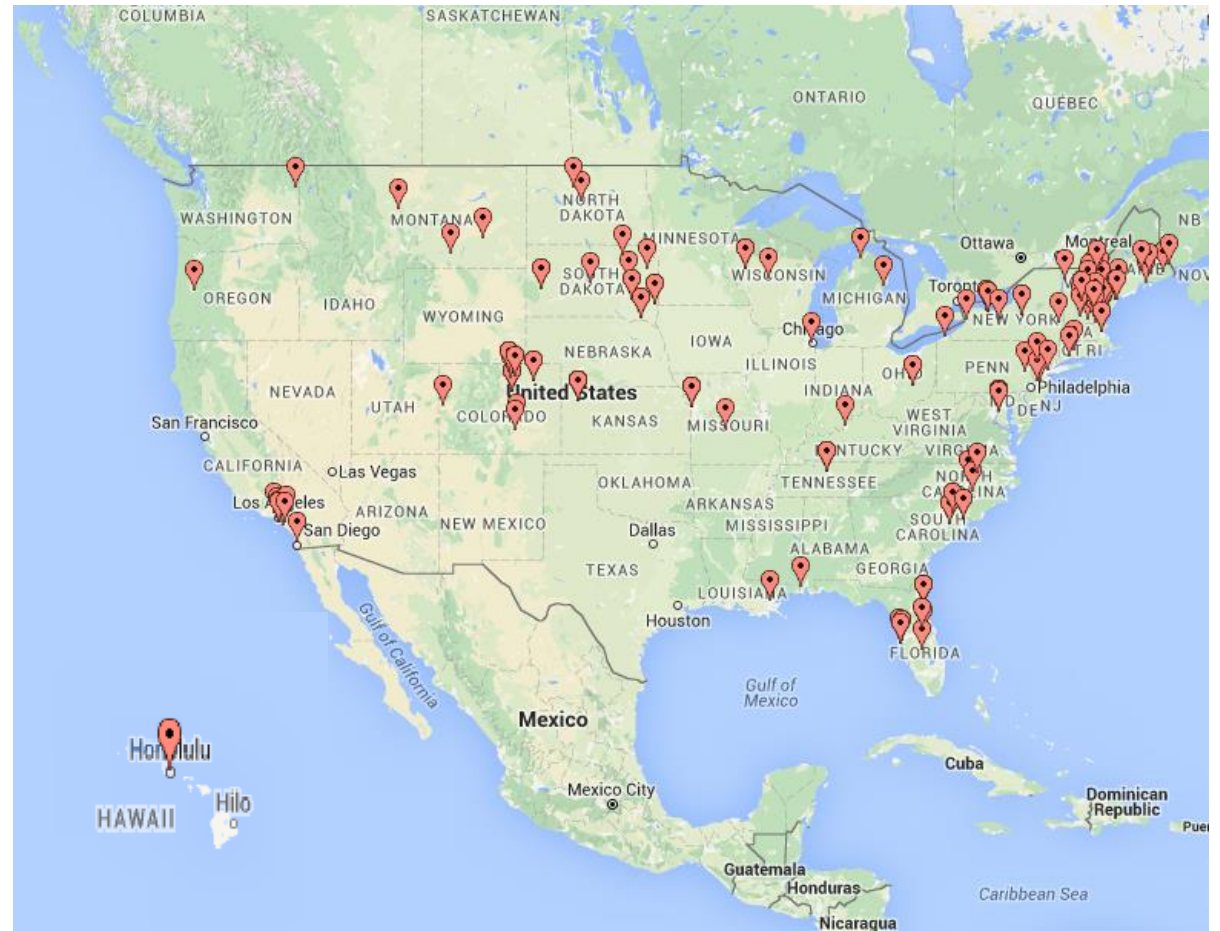
# Descriptive Analysis

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## AHA Data on Nonprofit Hospitals

# Nonprofit Hospitals in Dataset

- 134 unique nonprofit hospitals (Medicare IDs); 200 observations (some repeated within and across years)
- Size = 16-2083 beds, average = 284 beds



# Hospital “Investment” Data

All at Facility Level	Mean	SD
Total Community Benefit	\$52.7 million	\$105.3 million
Total Community Benefit (% operating expenses)	11.47%	
Community Health Improvement Services and Community Benefit Operations	\$6.9 million	\$67.6 million
Community Building Total	\$0.45 million	\$2 million

990 and  
Schedule H Data

# Two Lenses to Describe “Hospital Interaction”

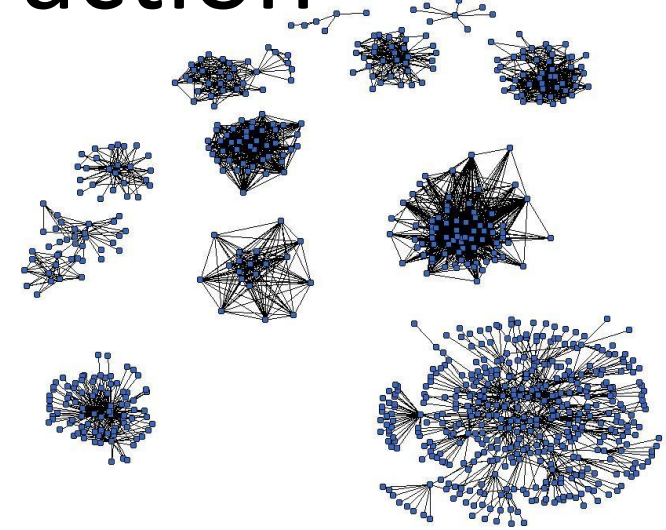
## PARTNER Data

Data available from existing community level networks of cross-sector, interorganizational networks from across the US

- Health Focused Networks
- Each One Includes Hospitals
- Not All Involve Public Health

### Phase 1: Public Health System

- 134 Whole Networks
- ~41,000 partnerships
- ~6,000 hospital-cross-sector partnerships

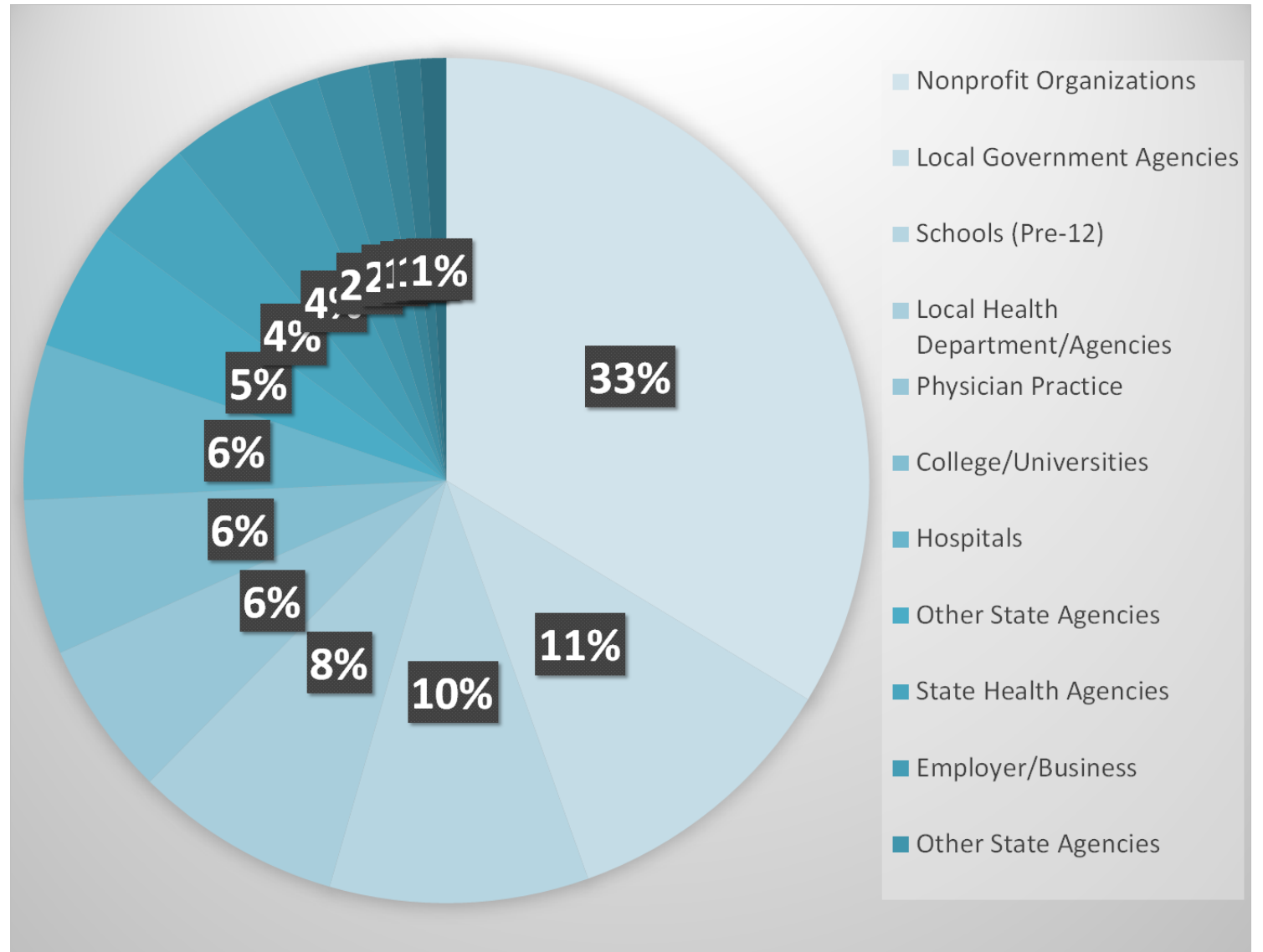


### Phase 2: Public Health Agencies

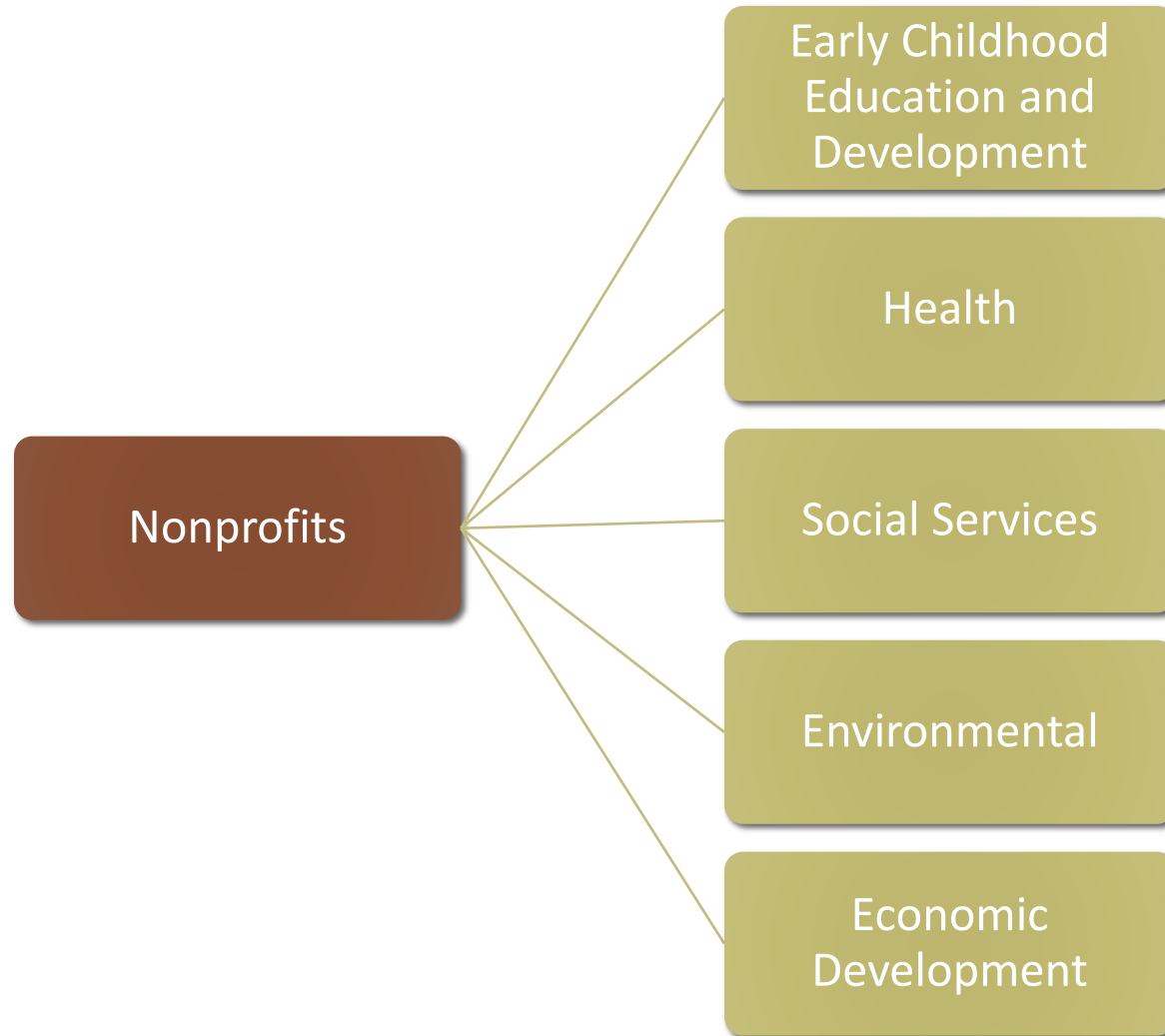
- 413 Hospital-Public Health Agency Partnerships
  - 159 reported by hospitals
  - 254 reported by Public Health



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Organizations  
from 10 sectors



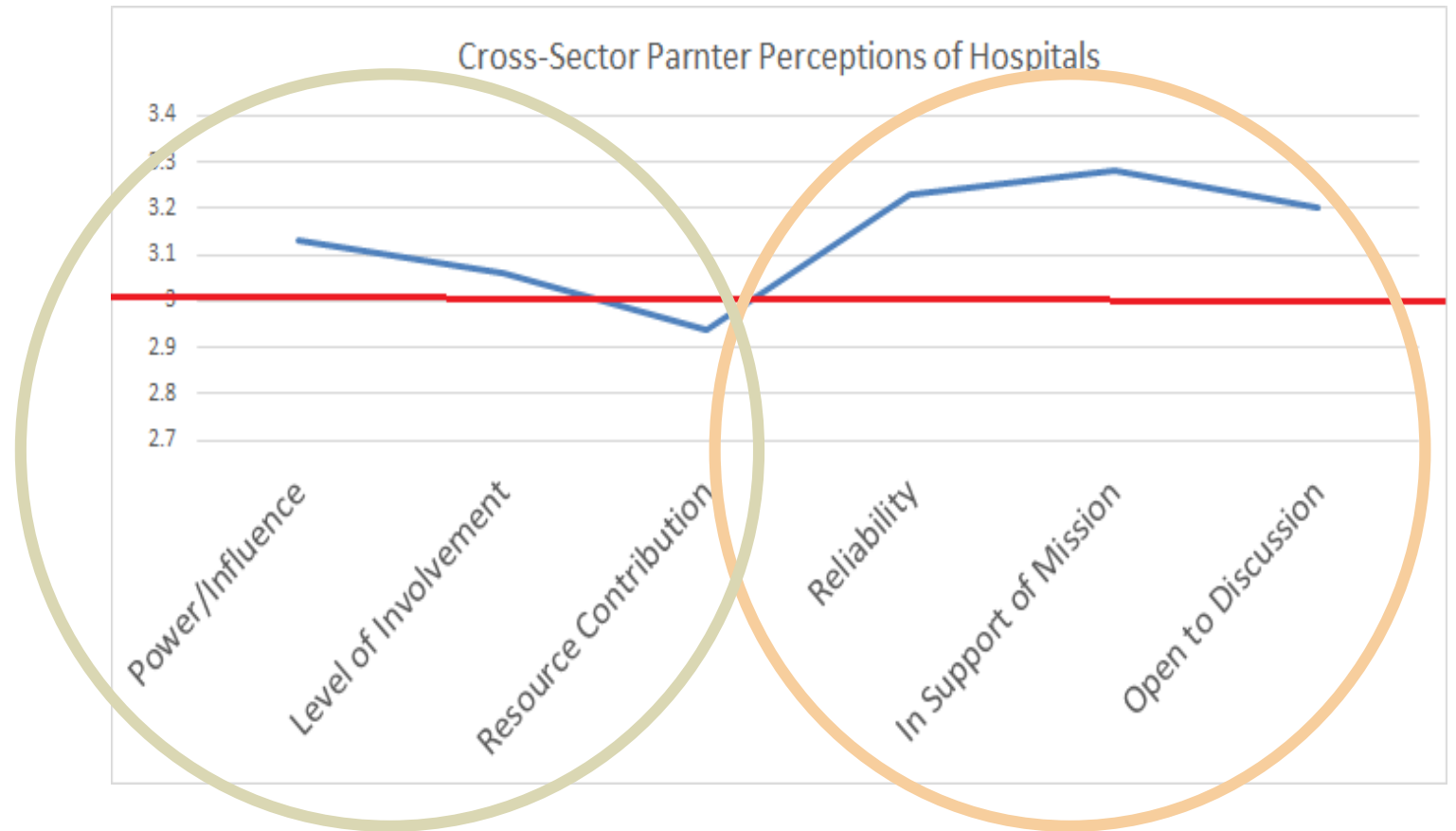
Next Step:  
Breaking Out  
Sectors in More  
Detail





# Perceptions of Hospitals by Their Cross Sector Partners

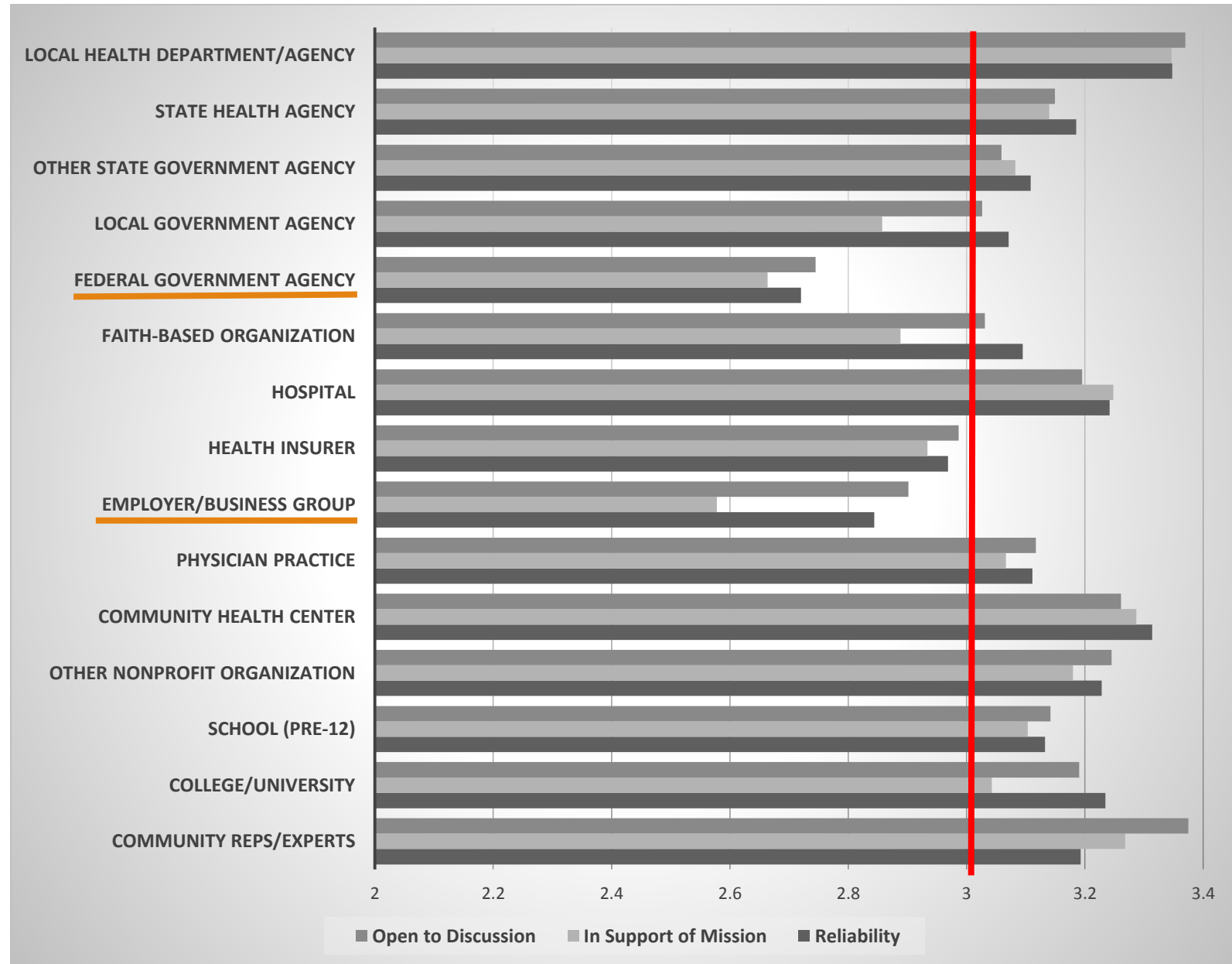
Phase 1:  
Early Descriptive  
Analysis



# Perceptions of Value Among Cross-Sector Partners



# Perceptions of Trust Among Cross-Sector Partners



## Other Dimensions to Look At Across Sectors

### Resource Exchange

- ❖ What do hospitals contribute?
- ❖ What does public health contribute?

### Activities Engaged In?

- ❖ Types of activities?
- ❖ Level of interaction: Cooperative, Coordinated, Integrated

### Perceptions of Outcomes/Success

- ❖ What do hospitals contribute?
- ❖ What does public health contribute?

### Others

# Implications for Research & Practice

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## ❖ Research

- ❖ Quality and Types of Data Available – Need for research to build the databases
- ❖ Many areas of the conceptual framework we will not be able to analyze in this study

## ❖ Practice

- ❖ Can we leverage specific factors that may promote increased investments and interactions in public health systems?
- ❖ Can we target programs and interventions that will emphasize those factors in practice?
- ❖ What leverage points can policymakers look towards to balance the cost-benefits across the Hospital, Public Health, and broader Cross-Sector landscape?

# Next Steps

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- ❖ Running Models to Look at Relationships Between

- ❖ Hospital Characteristics (Control Variables)
- ❖ Hospital Investment in Public Health Systems

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- ❖ Revise Conceptual Model

- ❖ Identify Data Needs

- ❖ Translate Data to Recommendations for Practice

# Project Information & Updates

go to: <http://www.publichealthsystems.org/hospital-investment-and-interaction-public-health-systems>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `westment-and-interaction-public-health-systems`. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible. The website header includes the logo for "PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES & SYSTEMS RESEARCH PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH NETWORKS" and a navigation menu with items: HOME, RESEARCH, DISSEMINATION, FOR GRANTEES, and ABOUT US. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

The main content area is titled "Hospital Investment and Interaction in Public Health Systems" and includes an "Overview" section. The overview text states: "The Affordable Care Act (ACA) creates new requirements for nonprofit hospitals to assess community health needs and develop implementation plans for local public health priorities. University of Colorado Denver investigators seek to inform community strategies to increase hospitals' involvement in public health systems by examining hospital investments and interactions with other public health organizations in their communities. Investigators will study the association between hospital indicators, such as size and strength of relationships with other organizations, with two outcomes: 1) hospital interactions in their communities using the investigator's PARTNER survey data on partnerships between hospitals and public health, and 2) hospital community benefit investments reported on IRS 990 and Schedule H forms. Initially, the study will employ a Delphi technique with practice and research experts to hypothesize hospital indicators, and then obtain data on the identified indicators. The study's translation tool will enable other communities to use an interactive registry of indicator and outcome measures to design their hospital-public health integration strategies. Partners involved in the study are Colorado School of Public Health, Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials, and Colorado Public Health Practice Based Research Network."

A summary box on the right side of the overview section contains the following information:

- Year:** 2015
- Funding:** PHSSR PHS4 Award
- Status:** Underway

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**[ARE WE MEASURING UP? EXPLORING PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE AND HEALTH EQUITY IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA](#)**

Phuc Dang, MA, University of Victoria, British Columbia and University of Kentucky College of Public Health

June 1, 2016 (12-1p ET/ 9-10a PT)

**[EFFECTS OF CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL RESOURCE SHARING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION, SCOPE AND QUALITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES](#)**

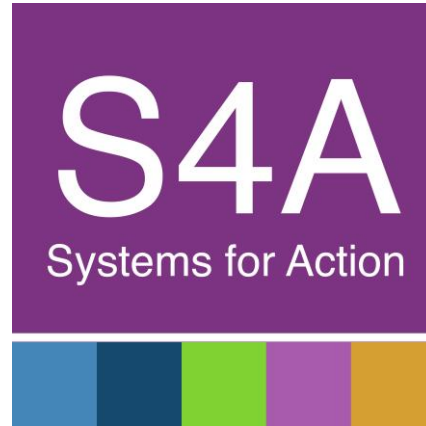
Justeen Hyde, PhD, Institute for Community Health & Harvard Medical School, and Debbie Humphries, PhD, MPH, Yale School of Public Health

June 23, 2016 (12-1p ET/ 11-12a CT)

**[IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF NEWBORN SCREENING FROM COLLECTION TO TEST RESULTS](#)**

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