

Informal Health System Survey Template

This document lists the PARTNER "INFORMAL HEALTH SYSTEM" survey. That is, the questions are specific to informal health systems. You can use this document as a template to review questions and make edits, before working on the online version of the survey. The wording here is suggested wording based on past surveys that the PARTNER team has developed on a variety of projects. We encourage you to modify it for your own community/cultural contexts.

NOTE: This survey is ONLY approved for use within the PARTNER CPRM platform. It is not available for use in other platforms or survey tools. If you are interested in adopting or licensing the use of this survey instrument, please contact us at hello@visiblenetworklabs.com

How should you use this survey template? The entire survey is modifiable, although in some limited ways. You can use this template (in Word) to draft up your own language and customize question changes. If you follow the structure of this template, you will be able to fit changes into the online survey.

Any questions? Contact us at hello@visiblenetworklabs.com

THIS TEXT IS THE DEFAULT CONSENT AND INSTRUCTIONS THAT IS AUTO-FILLED INTO THE PARTNER SURVEY. IT IS ALL MODIFIABLE.

Consent:

By starting the survey, you are agreeing to participate. Your participation is voluntary, and you can stop at any time. There are no known risks to participate in this survey. If you have questions about your participation in the survey, please reply to the email invitation you received, or contact the PARTNER team at partnertool@visiblenetworklabs.com.

Instructions:

Thank you for taking this survey. To begin, you will be asked to answer a few questions about your own organization. You will then be asked to answer questions about other organizations.

Answer all questions from the perspective of your organization, rather than yourself as an individual. Feel free to check with others in your organization for more information.

At any time, you can save the responses and continue the survey later. When complete, you can review your responses and modify them, if required.

Q#	Question Text	Question Response Options	Notes on how question can be modified in the PARTNER system
1	Your organization should be listed below. If it is not, please return to the original email you received inviting you to take this survey, and click on the link included. Your organization should be listed below. If it is not, please return to the original email and click on that link.		This question is not modified, rather it is based on the respondent list

2	What is your job title?		This can be modified to any question where you elicit a short answer, short open-ended response, for example, "what is your organization's mission?" or "what is your motivation for joining?"
3	What is the length of time (in months) that you have been working in that role? Note: type numerals (e.g. 11, not eleven)		This can be modified to any question where you elicit a numerical value as a response, such as "how long have you worked in the area of community health?"
4	Please indicate what your organization can potentially contribute to the system. (choose as many as apply)	 Access to high risk target population Advocacy Communication/public relations technical assistance Community connections Community resources (housing, food banks, libraries, etc.) Data Expertise in breastfeeding or baby-friendly programs Expertise in chronic disease prevention Expertise in community-clinical linkages Expertise in creating or managing community initiatives Expertise in early childhood education Expertise in healthy food/food production & harvesting Expertise in social, emotional, & mental health Expertise in worksite wellness 	The wording of this question can be modified to be customized to this network (this question is linked to Q5). Usually this is a question asking about what member orgs can or can potentially contribute to the network. The response options listed here are from our default survey, but you can modify these to match resources/activities that you hope the organizations will bring to the network.

		15. Expertise other than in health	
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		17. Facilitation/community convener	
		18. Fiscal management (e.g. acting as fiscal agent)	
		19. Funding	
		20. In-kind or matching resources (e.g., meeting space and printing)	
		21. IT/web resources (e.g. website development, social media)	
		22. Knowledge of resources (information/feedback)	
		23. Leadership in the health field	
		24. Organizational management & expertise	
		25. Paid Staff	
		26. Services for residents in County	
		27. Strategic planning skills/expertise	
		28. Support & commitment to engage in systems building (e.g. developing partnerships, collective impact, shared goals)	
		29. Training and professional development	
		opportunities	
		30. Volunteers and volunteer staff	
5	What is your organization's most important potential contribution to the system?	Same response list as #4	
	(Choose one)		

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6	Outcomes that the system should focus on over the next year include (or could potentially include):	 Assess, plan and develop strategies to identify and address significant health issues facing residents Commitment of partners to take action to implement a comprehensive community-wide health improvement plan Connected many organizations in the community to one another Coordinated local leadership opportunities Creating a more coordinated approach to address access to needs of the community Decreased incidence and prevalence of disease and improved community health Developing a comprehensive community-wide health improvement plan Developing effective strategies to support quality, availability, and access to services Enhanced community/clinical linkages Identifying a common goal Identifying key issues that challenge the communities' ability to reach their vision Identifying untapped existing community resources to address identified health needs Improving/increasing capacity among partners Increased knowledge and access to quality resources/materials for community organizations, providers, and partners Increased regional collaboration around a shared goal Increasing referrals to community programs among cross-domain partners 	You can customize the wording of this question (this question is linked to Q7). Usually this is a question asking about outcomes achieved or potential outcomes to achieve. The response options can be edited, but will be the same for both Q 6 and Q 7.

		 18. Less redundancy within the system 19. Leverage more resources throughout the system 20. More efficient health system 21. Proactive LPHS rather than reactive LPHS 22. Provided leadership in bringing community partners together to address identified issues 23. Strengthening existing partnerships 24. Other 25. Don't know 	
7	Which is the system's most important outcome to focus on over the next year? (Choose one.)	Same response list as #6	Whatever responses someone chooses in Q 6 will populate as possible responses for Q7.
8	Prior to this initiative, how successful have partners in the system been at collaborating with one another? (Choose one)	 Not Successful Somewhat Successful Successful Very Successful 	This can be modified to any question where you elicit a single choice response. If this is a new network, you can find another question to ask here if you do not think this fits. You could ask what their potential role in the network could be or what level of involvement they could contribute.
9	Please indicate which of the following are incentives to your organization's participation in the network? (Choose all that apply)	 Ability to distribute information to outside stakeholders Bringing together diverse stakeholders Collective decision-making Enhance program/services Exchanging info/knowledge Having a shared mission, goals 	This can be modified to any question where you elicit a multiple choice response.

		 7. Having a variety of communication channels 8. Informal relationships created 9. Meeting regularly 10. Sharing resources 11. Utilizing connections and networks of partners 	
10	From the list, select organizations/programs/depart ments with which you have an established relationship (either formal or informal). In subsequent questions you will be asked about your relationships with these organizations/programs/depart ments in the context of the system.		Question can be modified but list of organizations to choose from will be based on the respondent list uploaded.

The next set, questions 11-18 are relational questions, meaning that the respondent will answer each question about the organizations they selected in Q10.

Q11-12: Below are the relational questions, however there are several options for the content of these questions. At the end of this table are other options to choose from (in blue text), but all can be modified. In total, we recommend only choosing a total of 3 relational questions (q11, q12, and the 3rd option will become Q19).

Questions 13-18 are also relational, but instead of assessing the content and type of relationship between two partners, they assess the quality in terms of Value and Trust. Questions 13-15 are three measures of Value and questions 16-18 are three measures of Trust. The wording of Q13-18 can be slightly modified for your network, but the context cannot change. These are trademark PARTNER questions and usually yield the most useful data.

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		1. Advocacy/Awareness	You can modify the
	What kinds of activities does	2. Attend Conferences/Trainings	language/wording of the question
11	your relationship with this	3. Client Referrals	and response options.
	partner entail (pick all)?	4. Collect/store data	
		5. Conduct research	However, the nature of this
		6. Develop Guidelines	question has to be "relational"

		 Develop standards Develop Tools Fund Research Intellectual Exchange Legal/Regulation Change New Technologies Provide Educational programs Provide training Service Delivery Technical Assistance 	(something they are answering about their relationship with each partner they selected). See other examples at the end of this table.
12	Please describe the nature of your relationship with this organization/program/department [note: the responses increase in level of collaboration]?	 None Cooperative Activities: involves exchanging information, attending meetings together, and offering resources to partners (Example: Informs other programs of RFA release) Coordinated Activities: Include cooperative activities in addition to intentional efforts to enhance each other's capacity for the mutual benefit of programs. (Example: Separate granting programs utilizing shared administrative processes and forms for application review and selection.) Integrated Activities: In addition to cooperative and coordinated activities, this is the act of using commonalities to create a unified center of knowledge and programming that supports work in related content areas. (Example: Developing and utilizing shared priorities for funding effective prevention strategies. Funding pools may be combined.) 	You can modify the language/wording of the question and response options. However, the nature of this question has to be "relational" (something they are answering about their relationship with each partner they selected). See other examples at the end of this table.

13	To what extent does this organization/program/departm ent have_power and influence to impact the overall mission of the system? *Power/Influence: The organization/program/departm ent holds a prominent position in the community by being powerful, having influence, success as a change agent, and showing leadership.	 Not at all A small amount A fair amount A great deal 	Questions 13-18 are based on validated scales to measure perceived value and trust among partners, so they generally need to remain as is, although we can customize for your network. You can modify the language of the definition and what this term means to your group. Please do not modify the response options as it is linked to the analysis tool/calculations.
14	What is this organization/program/departm ent's level of involvement in the system? *Level of Involvement: The organization/program/departm ent is strongly committed and active in the partnership and gets things done.	 Not at all A small amount A fair amount A great deal 	
15	To what extent does this organization/program/departm ent/s contribute resources to the system? *Contributing Resources: The organization/program/departm ent brings resources to the partnership like funding, information, or other resources.	 Not at all A small amount A fair amount A great deal 	

16	How reliable is the organization/program/department? *Reliable: This organization/program/department is reliable in terms of	 Not at all A small amount A fair amount A great deal
	following through on commitments.	
17	To what extent does the organization/program/department share a mission with the system's mission and goals? *Mission Congruence: this organization/program/department shares a common vision of the end goal of what working together should accomplish.	t
18	How open to discussion is the organization/program/departm ent? *Open to Discussion: this organization/program/departm ent is willing to engage in frank, open and civil discussion (especially when disagreement exists). The organization/program/departm ent is willing to consider a variety of viewpoints and talk together (rather than at each	1. Not at all 2. A small amount 3. A fair amount 4. A great deal

19	other). You are able to communicate with this organization/program/departm ent in an open, trusting manner. How would you describe this organization as a current or potential partner? [please pick one]:	 None Just learning about this organization, not really aware of how a partnership would benefit my organization Aware of how my organization could benefit from a partnership with this organization, but have not built that relationship Aware of how my organization could benefit from a partnership with this organization, and have interacted a few times to try out a partnership Aware of how my organization could benefit from a partnership with this organization, and consider this organization a steady partner in our work 	You can add any type of question here and after this point in the survey. If you added a 3 rd relational question, you would do so here followed by any other question(s) you would like to ask.
		6. Fully engaged with this organization as a	
		partner	
		SURVEY END	
OPTI		U WILL NEED TO ADD TO THE SURVEY TRANSFERRED TO	YOUR ACCOUNT.
	In order to inform the system's future community engagements, can you suggest		
20	any other organizations in the system that were not included in the list of partners included in this survey?	Open-ended	

21	Please describe what your involvement could be in the system, if any. (Choose one)	 No Active Involvement Minimal Involvement Occasional Involvement Consistent Involvement Proactive Involvement and Leadership
22	Which of the following factors could FACILITATE your organization's ENGAGEMENT in the system? (Choose as many as apply)	 Diverse and multi-disciplinary network membership (including the makeup of organizations including their size, type, and racial/ethnic makeup) Funding History of collaboration/sharing among network members In person meetings and institutes Meeting regularly Opportunities for technical assistance Peer learning/sharing among network members Sharing resources amount network members Strong sense of trust among network members Strong/well-connected network leadership (e.g., able to resolve conflicts) The network is responsive to needs of members (e.g., timely, helpful, provides resources) 230ther Not sure
23	What are the greatest CHALLENGES your organization FACES in participating in the system? (Choose all that apply)	 Competition amongst the organizations in the system Difficult to achieve regular participation by members in meetings and other system activities Funding limitations Lack of executive leadership support for system activities within my organization Lack of trust among members

		 Members are already overburdened or too busy to fully engage Members do not work together collaboratively/productively (e.g., high levels of conflict or transition) Poor leadership (e.g., does not resolve conflicts, not organized) The system is NOT responsive to needs of members (e.g., not timely, not part of organization's priorities) There are no barriers
24	I believe that the work of the system helps the community to be more successful in doing its job.	1.Completely Agree 2. Somewhat Agree 3. Somewhat Disagree 4. Completely Disagree 5. Not sure
25	Do you have any additional comments or feedback about the network?	Open-ended