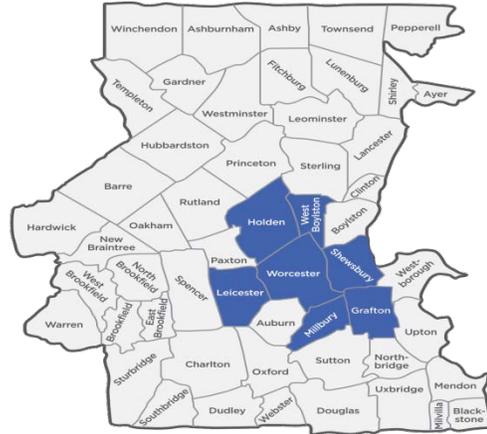


# Central Mass Regional Public Health Alliance

*Building a Better Regional, Comprehensive Services Model to Improve Public Health*



## What is the Central Mass Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA)?

The Central Mass Regional Public Health Alliance is a coalition of seven municipalities (Towns of Grafton, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, and West Boylston and the City of Worcester) working cooperatively to create and sustain a viable, cost-effective, and labor-efficient regional public health district. The regional health district provides a comprehensive array of services to partner municipalities through a single organization managed by Worcester's Division of Public Health. The inspiration to develop a regional alliance arose from the considerable disparity in size, available resources, and kinds and types of resources offered by each municipality.

## Key Goals, Initiatives, and Future Plans

Build a Road to Sustainability	Develop a plan to expand and actively pursue a diverse set of resources and funding streams from grants, philanthropic contributions, healthcare revenue, and user fees.
Improve Organizational Effectiveness	Strengthen the qualifications of the local Public Health workforce, by recognizing the need to enhance professional development in order to deliver consistent services to the communities.
Mobilize a Community Coordinated Approach	Align partners' mission and priorities of public health practices and leverage that knowledge into innovative and responsive community and public health approaches. Bringing together student (undergraduate, graduate, medical) interns with professors from academic institutions to assist the CMRPHA in local public health programs for the creation of a Center for Public Health Practice.
Make Data-Driven and Evidence-Based Decisions	Conduct a Community Health Assessment that will be used to formulate a Community Health Improvement Plan with the vision of making the Greater Worcester area the healthiest district in New England by 2020.
Achieve voluntary Accreditation	Improve the scope and quality of local public health services in Central MA, consistent with the "Ten Essential Services of Public Health" in order to acquire accreditation by 2015 through Public Health Accreditation Board.

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