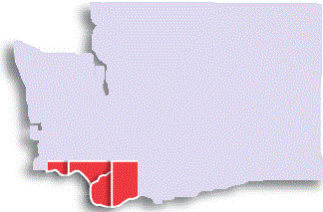




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## Southwest Washington Cross Jurisdictional Sharing Project

*The SW Washington Cross Jurisdictional Sharing project is exploring the idea of implementing a governance structure that will support a shared approach to delivering efficient public health services in ways that respect the unique political, organizational and financial realities of 4 southwest Washington counties and one tribal nation.*

### Project Purpose:

The purpose of the project is to develop a professional practice model for determining what programs may best be delivered and those programs may be delivered in a cross jurisdictional environment.

### Proposed Project Outcomes:

1. Development of grids related to each entities services and what might be potential programs to be delivered across jurisdictions.
2. Creation of a scoring criteria to evaluate potential shared programs
3. The pilot of a software program that would allow for scenario planning as criteria shift
4. Use of group decision making to evaluate potential for shared health officer for the region to replace out-going health officer.
5. Development of methods to fulfill the need for greater specificity regarding criteria in the face of immense change due to staff turnover and the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Washington State.
6. Inclusion of the needs of separate and unique LHJs from overall political restructuring in light of Washington's implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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