After winning legislative approval for County-Based Purchasing (CBP) in 1997, PrimeWest Health System (PrimeWest Health) was formed by Big Stone, Douglas, Grant, McLeod, Meeker, Pipestone, Pope, Renville, Stevens, and Traverse counties. It was governed by a Joint Powers Board (JPB) of county commissioners.

- County commissioners, public health and human services officials, health care providers, and PrimeWest Health staff began the long process of developing a health plan with help from a $300,000 federal Rural Health Network Development grant.

- Total number of employees: 2