

Board of Health Orientation

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OBJECTIVES

As a result of this presentation you will be able to:

- Explain the relationship of your local public health agency to the local public health system.
- Relate the public health guiding principles to your work as a board of health member.
- Describe the role of a local board of health.

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- Describe the role of a local board of health member.
- Discuss the use of the Public Health Performance Standards and understand Public Health Accreditation.
- Explain NALBOH's relationship to local boards of health.

FACTS

Over 70% of local health departments have a board of health

Over 80% of boards of health have governing & policy making responsibilities

Over 3,200 boards of health in the United States

Over 20,000 individuals serving as public health trustees

Over 70% are appointed

44 state codes address local boards of health

INTRODUCTION

• **The center of the public health system in your state, your local public health agency:**

- Districts
- Local departments run by the State
- Local departments run by the county
- Municipal departments

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Prevent epidemics and spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Prevent injuries



PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- Promote and encourage healthy behaviors and mental health



PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEALTH



- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery
- Assure quality and accessibility of health services



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LOCAL GOVERNANCE

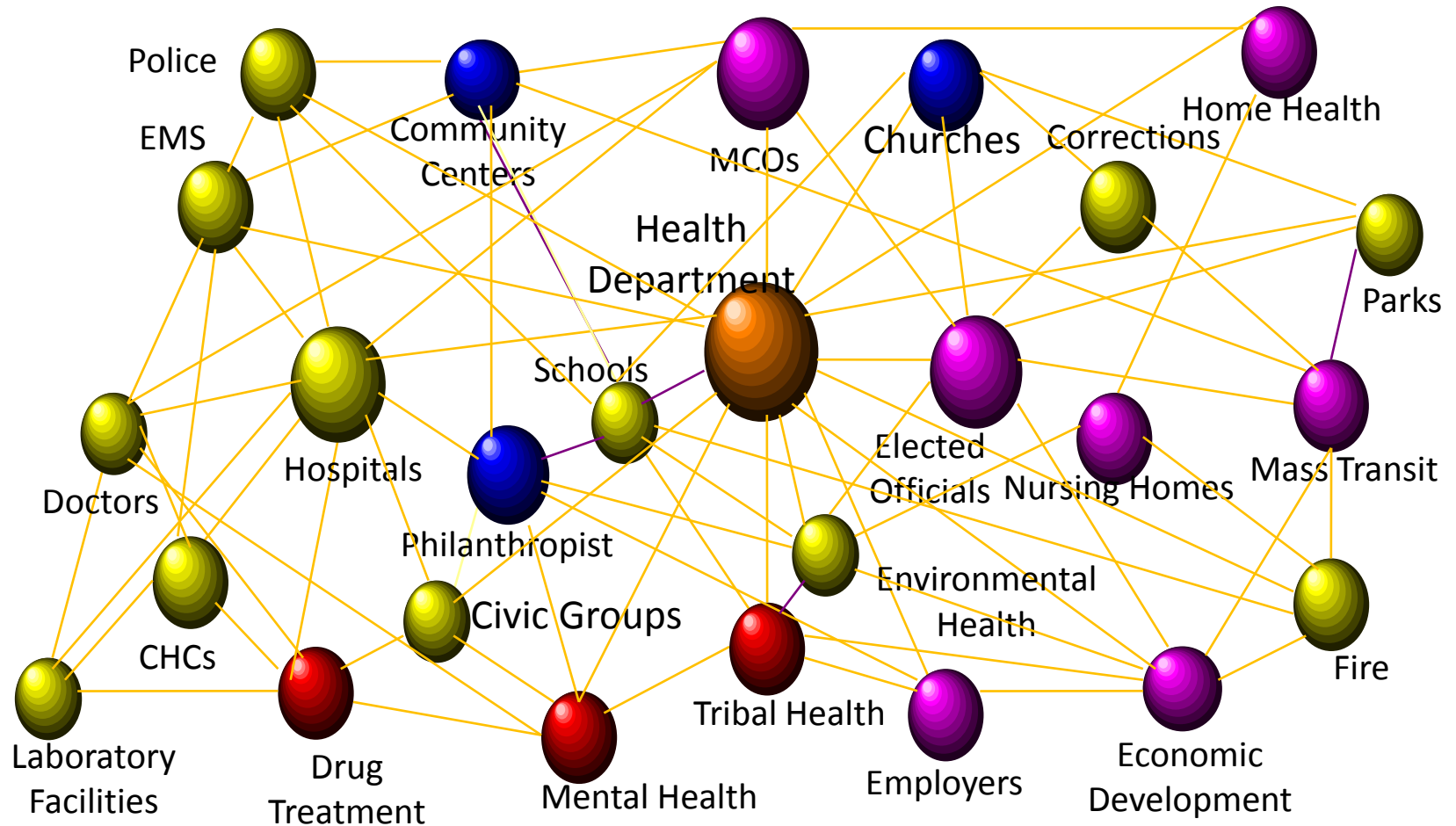
- Every community must be served by a governmental public health entity
- Partnerships in the community
- Community system that delivers services that protect and promote the public's health

PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS

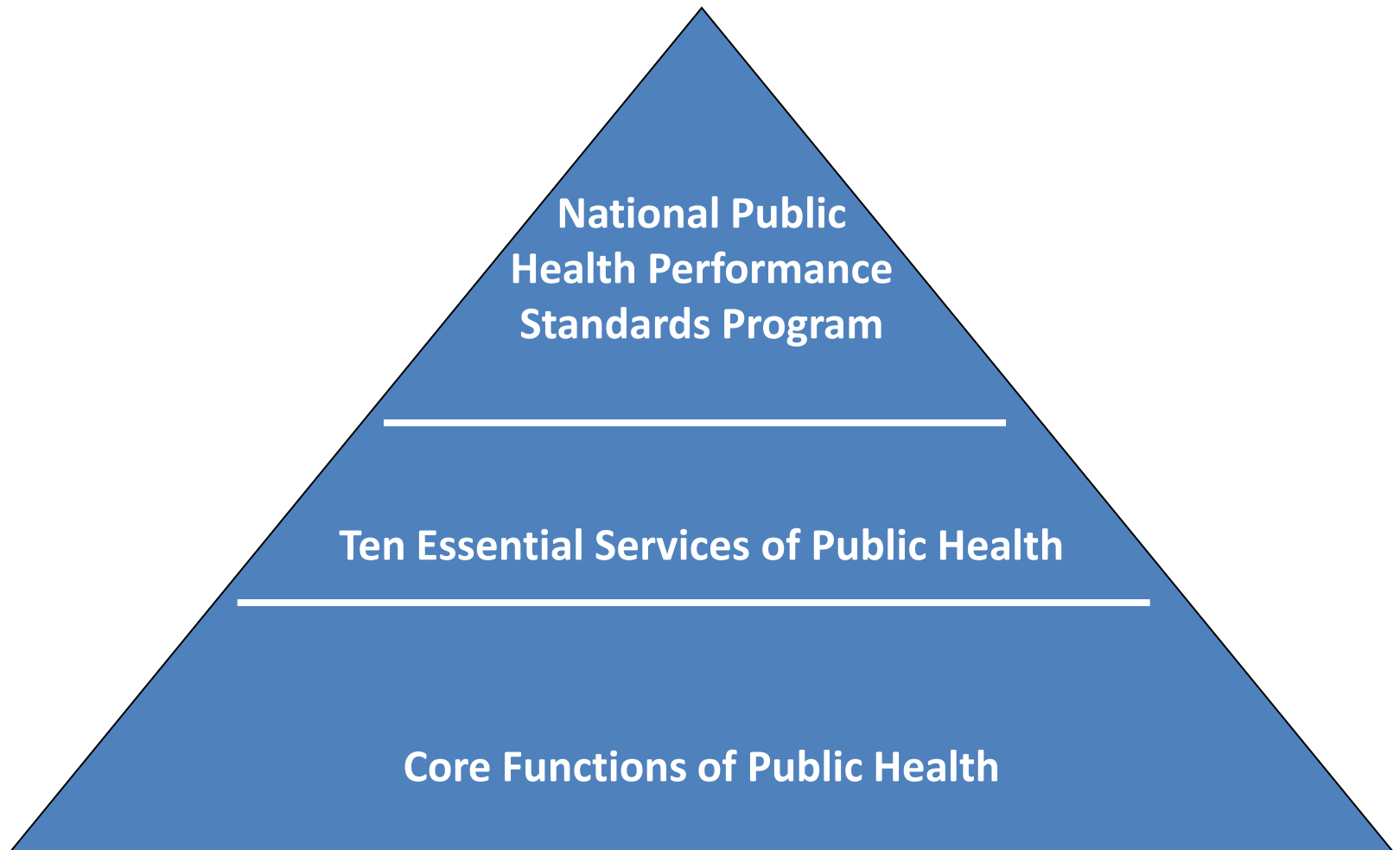
- All public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to public health in a given area
- Network of entities with differing roles, relationships and interactions
- All contribute to the health and well-being of the community



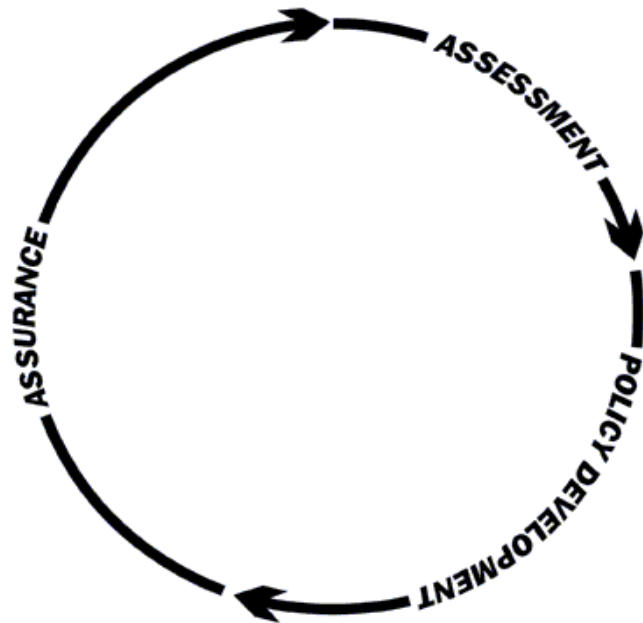
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PUBLIC HEALTH'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

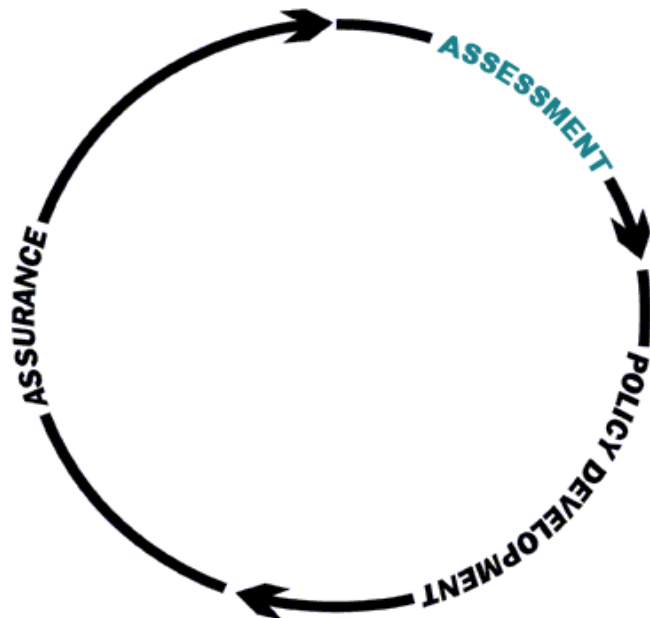


CORE FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH



- Assessment
- Policy Development
- Assurance

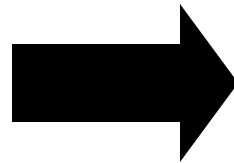
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ASSESSMENT

**Community
Assessment**

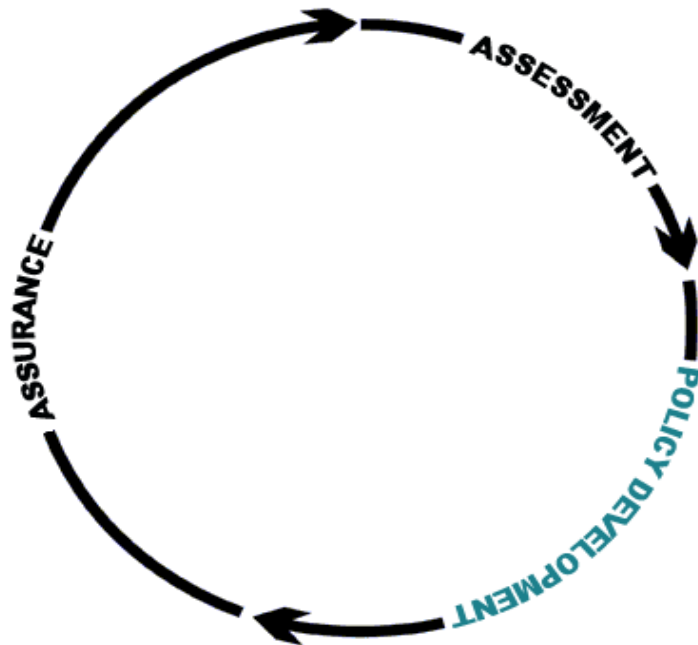


**Strategic
Plan**

What are the needs of the community, families, and individuals?

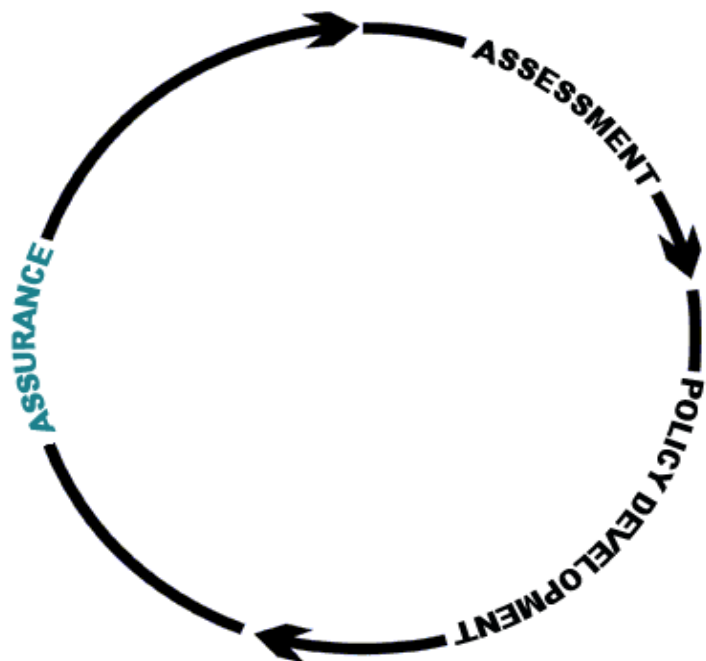
What are the public health initiatives the health department will undertake to meet those needs?

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Board's Assurances

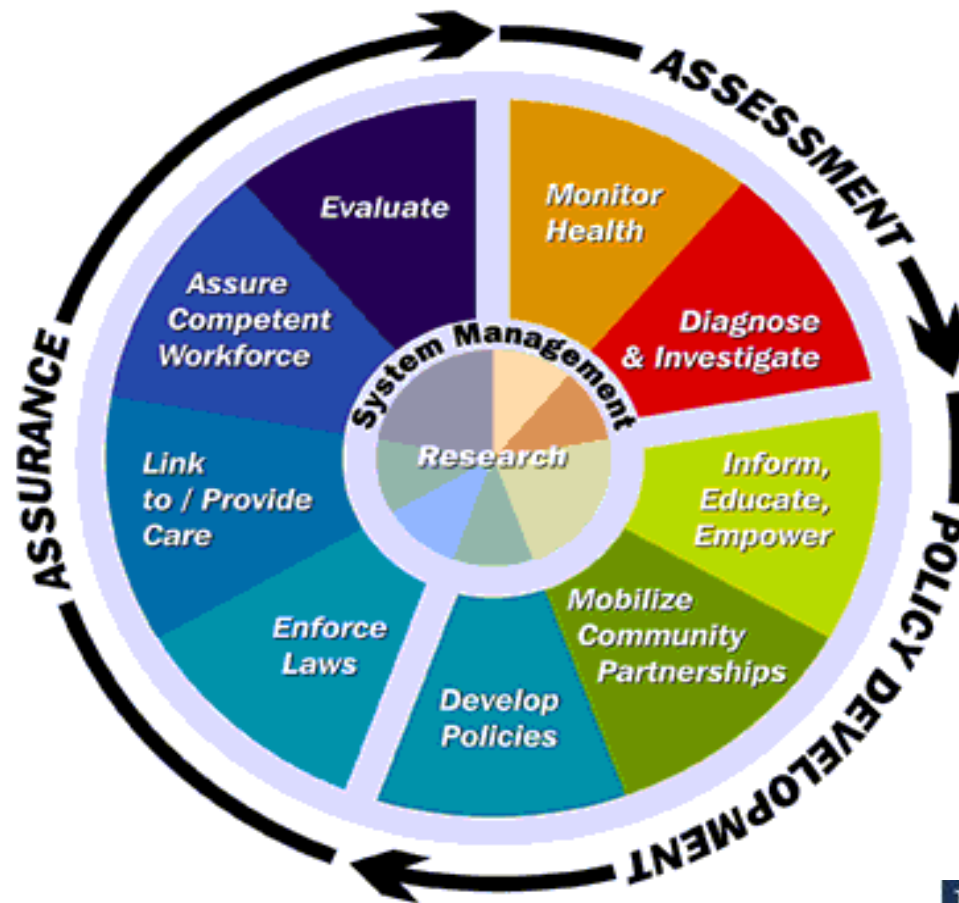
- 1) Assure Legal Authority
- 2) Assure Resources
- 3) Assure Policy Making
- 4) Assure Accountability
- 5) Assure Collaboration
- 6) Assure Community Input

CORE FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

• **Three core functions of public health represent crucial aspects of your board's activities and responsibilities:**

- **Assessment**
- **Policy Development**
- **Assurance**

CORE FUNCTIONS & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

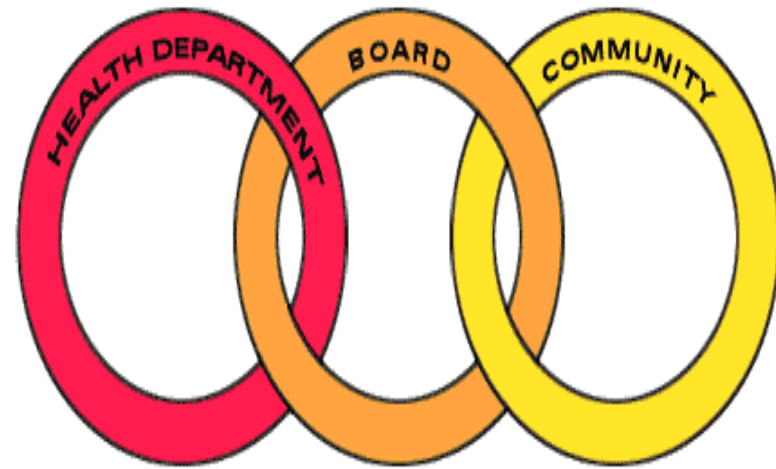


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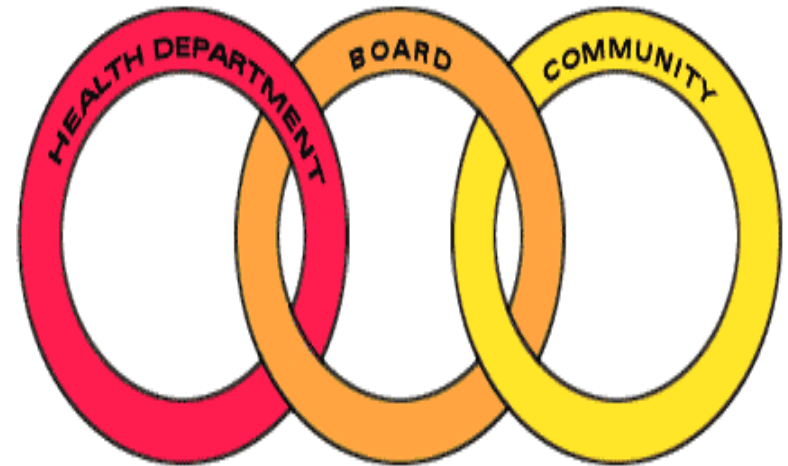
MEMBERS OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH

- Promote and protect the public health
- Work to link the community to the local public health department
- Advocate for public health
- Buffer between politics and provision of services



MEMBERS OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH

- Hire and evaluate the health officer
- Develop or make recommendations on policies or regulations
- Establish and approve budget allocations
- Review progress of health department goals and objectives



Role of Individual Members

- Learn as much as possible about the organization
 - Roles and obligations of the board
 - Programs and services offered by the health agency
 - What are the community's health problems
 - Address the need – plan for solutions

Role of Individual Members

- Do know the LPHA's mission, purpose, goals and its programs and services
- Do get to know the LPHA's strengths and weaknesses
- Do pitch in enthusiastically and willingly
- Do make sure you have all the information before expressing an opinion or a judgment

Role of Individual Members

- Do get acquainted with other trustees, the Administrator and staff
- Do come to meetings – and come prepared to participate
- Do ask questions
- Do support the Administrator and staff, and understand that they are operating with limited resources

Board Chair Responsibilities

- Oversee board meetings
- Work in partnership with administrator to make sure board resolutions are carried out
- Call special meetings if/when necessary
- Assist Administrator in preparing board meeting agendas and conducting new board member orientation
- Oversee searches for new Administrator

Board Chair Responsibilities

- Coordinate Administrator's annual performance evaluation/appraisal
- Assist in recruiting potential board members
- Act as an alternate spokesperson for the organization
- Periodically consult with trustees on their roles and help them assess their performances

Board Chair Tips

- Learn the Job
- Know Your People
- Build a Team
- Delegate
- Show Up
- Look Ahead

Board and Health Officer Relationship

- As a general rule, Boards Primarily Govern and Administrators Primarily Manage
 - To make this work each party needs to understand its own responsibilities and those that fall in the other's purview
 - Clear expectations for the board and the administrator need to be established and maintained

National Public Health Performance Standards Program

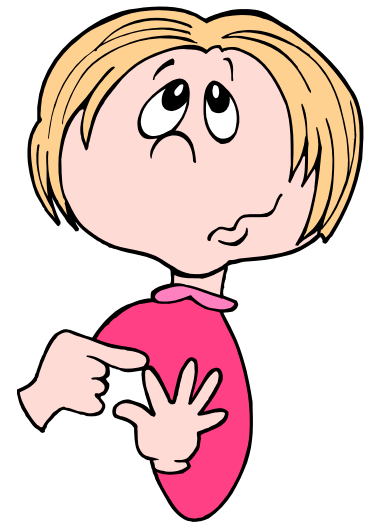
- CDC led collaborative effort -1998



- Version 1 released June 2002
- Version 2 released October 2007

FOUR CONCEPTS APPLIED IN NPHPSP

1. Based on the Ten Essential Public Health Services
2. Focus on the overall public health system
3. Describe an optimal level of performance
4. Support a process of quality improvement



THREE INSTRUMENTS

- **Governance Instrument**

- NALBOH represents governing bodies within the partnership

- **State Instrument**

- ASTHO represents state health departments

- **Local Instrument**

- NACCHO represents local health partners

DETERMINING RESPONSES

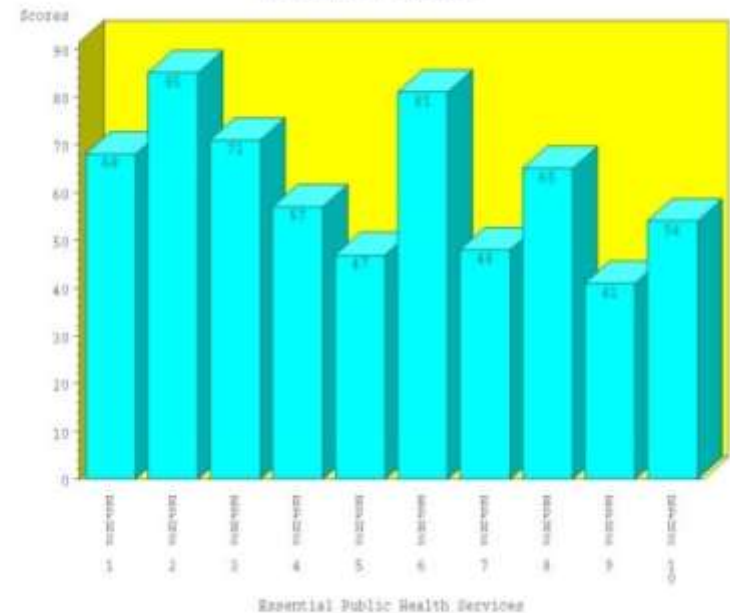
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New
Response
Options for
Version 2!

NPHPSPS DATA REPORTS

- Narrative
- Chart of Summary Scores
- Bar Charts by Essential Service
- Table of Indicators
- Pie Charts

NPHPSP Local Public Health System Performance Assessment Instrument
Summary Scores at the Essential Service Level
2004 - 2011 County
Data Submitted: 2/10/2002



Division for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Zoonotic Control Office
Division of Public Health Systems Development and Research
National Public Health Performance Standards Program

USER BENEFITS

- Improves community **communication** and **awareness** of potential partners
- Promotes cohesion and **collaboration** between public health agency and board of health or governing entity
- Supports **education** and **awareness** of activities related to improving the public's health
- Promotes awareness of a board's range of responsibility
- Provides a **benchmark** to which boards of health and governing entities can aspire
- Provides information for **policy development, program evaluation, and grant-writing**

RESOURCES TO GET STARTED NPHPSP

- **National Association of Local Boards of Health**
www.nalboh.org
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
www.cdc.gov/od/ocphp/nphpsp
- **Public Health Foundation**
www.phf.org/performance.htm

PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD

What is PHAB?

PHAB is a non-profit, **voluntary** accreditation organization whose goal is to advance public health performance by providing a national framework of standards for **local, state, territorial,** and **tribal** health departments.

PHAB PARTNERS

- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)
- National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)
- Public Health Foundation (PHF)

BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION

- Credibility
- Recognition of high performing health departments
- Framework for effective planning
- Culture of quality and performance improvement
- Access to resources for improvement
- Public health services aimed at improving health outcomes

**To view the beta test tools
and learn more about public
health accreditation. . .**

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NALBOH'S ROLE

Mission is to strengthen and improve public health governance through:

- Education and training
- Advocacy
- Technical assistance
- State Association of Local Boards of Health Support (SALBOH)
- National opportunities for board of health members

WHO CAN HELP?

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