National Public Health Department Accreditation

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Healthy People. Healthy Community. Healthy Future.
Objectives

- Overview of National Public Health Department Accreditation
- Accreditation Themes
- PHAB Standards and Accreditation Process
- Benefits of Accreditation
- Accreditation and Quality Improvement
- CCHD Accreditation Timeline

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Public Health Department Accreditation

• The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused, and evidenced-based standards

• The issuance of recognition of achievement of accreditation within a specified time frame by a nationally recognized entity

• A platform for continuous quality improvement

• The continual development, refinement, and distribution of standards and measures
Goal of Accreditation:

- Improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of all health departments in the country.
Accreditation Themes

• Quality Improvement
• Planning
• Partnerships
• Community Engagement
• Leadership and Governance
• Customer / Community Focus
PHAB Standards and Measures:
Ten Essential Public Health Services + Administration and Governance

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Twelve Domains

1. Conduct **assessments** focused on population health status and health issues facing the community
2. **Investigate** health problems and environmental public health hazards to protect the community
3. **Inform and educate** about public health issues and functions
4. **Engage with the community** to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health **policies and plans**
6. **Enforce** public health laws and regulations

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7. Promote strategies to improve access to healthcare services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and continuously improve processes, programs, and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health
11. Maintain administrative and management capacity
12. Build a strong and effective relationship with governing entity
Seven Steps of Accreditation

1. Pre-application
   Applicant prepares and assesses readiness, informs PHAB of its intent to apply (SOI)

2. Application
   Applicant submits application and pre-requisites and receives training

3. Documentation
   Selection and Submission
   Applicant gathers and submits documentation

4. Site Visit
   Documentation review, site visit and site visit report

5. Accreditation Decisions
   PHAB Accreditation Committee determines accreditation status:
   Accredited (5 years) or Not Accredited

6. Reports
   Annual progress reports

7. Reaccreditation
Accreditation and Quality Improvement

- Quality improvement is one of the main themes of Accreditation
- Accreditation process helps us to identify department strengths and weaknesses
- Development of a Quality Improvement Plan
- Continuous quality improvement activities
Benefits of Accreditation

- Identifies successes and opportunities for improvement
- Platform for quality improvement
- Coordinated approach to public health
- Initiates new partnerships
- Increases the understanding of public health
- Means for accountability
- Improves communication with governance
- Positioning for future funding opportunities
CCHD Accreditation Timeline

- CCHD issued its Statement of Intent to apply for accreditation on March 7, 2014
- Completion of 3 prerequisite documents (CHA, CHIP, and Strategic Plan)
- Plan to submit application in August, 2014
- Documentation complete by August, 2015
- Site visit and accreditation decision to follow