

Public Health Accreditation

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Objectives

Provide an overview of:

- **The national public health department accreditation process**
- **The benefits and incentives of accreditation**
- **The first steps toward achieving accreditation**

What is Public Health 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.
- The continual development, revision, and distribution of public health standards.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

PHAB is a non-profit, voluntary accreditation organization founded in 2007 whose goal is to advance public health performance by providing a national framework of accreditation standards for Tribal, state, local, and territorial health departments.

PHAB is the national organization charged with administering the public health accreditation program.

PHAB is located in Alexandria, VA.

- The goal of a national public health department accreditation is to improve and protect the health of the public by...
 - *advancing the quality and performance*
-of Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

Why seek accreditation?

- **Responsive to Change**
- **Shared Decision-Making**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Services and Programs**
- **Performance Improvement**
- **Strong Partnerships**

Benefits of accreditation

- **Increased credibility**
- **Increased visibility and accountability**
- **Potential access to new funds**
- **Potential streamlined reporting**
- **Access to knowledgeable peers for review and comment on performance**
- **Opportunity to leave the health department better than you found it!**

PHAB accreditation

- Identifies successes and opportunities for improvement
- Platform for quality improvement
- Means for accountability
- Energizes the staff
- Increases the understanding of public health
- Improves communication with governance
- Initiates new partnerships

Incentives

- National recognition for public health practice
- Opportunity to engage the public health workforce
- Access to network of public health experts
- Focus on improving the health department
- Potential access to new funding streams
- Potential streamlining of grant reporting
- Participation in developing a strong data base for exploring best practices

Questions



PHAB's website

- <http://www.phaboard.org/>
- **PHAB's Online Orientation to Accreditation**
 - www.cecentral.com/phab



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What is PHAB?

The Public Health Accreditation Board, located in Alexandria, VA, serves as the national accrediting organization for Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

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Welcome to PHAB

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

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- 12.21.2012 December 2012 e-newsletter
- 12.13.2012 Call for New PHAB Site Visitors
- 12.03.2012 October/November 2012 e-

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PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH

PHAB's Resources

- **PHAB Standards and Measures, Version 1.0**
- **The Guide to National Public Health Department Accreditation, Version 1.0**
- **PHAB Accreditation Fee Schedule**
- **PHAB Education Services, 2011-2012**
- **National Public Health Department Readiness Checklists**
- **National Public Health Department Accreditation Documentation Guidance**

Framework of the Standards

12 Domains *(10 Essential PH services plus
administration & governance)*

Standards

Measures

Documentation

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

Twelve Domains

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

7 Steps in the Accreditation Process

1. Pre-application
2. Application
3. Document Selection and Submission
4. Site Visit
5. Accreditation Decision
6. Reports
7. Reaccreditation (5 years)

Accreditation Fees

- **What do the fees cover?**
 - An assigned accreditation specialist
 - The Site Visit
 - Applicant training
 - Access to the information system
 - Annual support
 - A network of accredited health departments

**2011/2012 PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION FEE
SCHEDULE**

Health Departments	Population	Year 1 Fee	Year 2 Fee	Year 3 Fee	Year 4 Fee	Year 5 Fee
Category 1	Less than 50,000	\$ 3,180	\$ 2,385	\$ 2,385	\$ 2,385	\$ 2,385
Category 2	50,001 to 100,000	\$ 5,168	\$ 3,876	\$ 3,876	\$ 3,876	\$ 3,876
Category 3	100,001 to 200,000	\$ 6,758	\$ 5,068	\$ 5,068	\$ 5,068	\$ 5,068
Category 4	200,001 to 999,999	\$ 7,950	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,963
Category 5	1 million + 2,999,999	\$ 11,925	\$ 8,944	\$ 8,944	\$ 8,944	\$ 8,944
Category 6	3 million- 4,999,999	\$ 15,900	\$ 11,925	\$ 11,925	\$ 11,925	\$ 11,925
Category 7	5,000,000 to 14,999,999	\$ 19,875	\$ 14,906	\$ 14,906	\$ 14,906	\$ 14,906
Category 8	15 million +	\$ 23,850	\$ 17,888	\$ 17,888	\$ 17,888	\$ 17,888

How should we prepare for accreditation?

- **Organize Your Health Department**
 - **Appoint an Accreditation Coordinator**
 - **Review Standards and Measures, Version 1.0**
 - **Review Guide to National Public Health Department Accreditation, Version 1.0**
 - **Educate governance to staff ; view the online orientation**

How should we prepare for accreditation?

- **Organize Your Health Department**
 - **Contact your national organizations for technical assistance**
 - **Attend sessions on the topic**
 - **Use the Readiness Checklists and other PHAB tools**
 - **Sign up for the PHAB e-newsletter**

Work on the Prerequisites

- **Community Health Assessment**
- **Community Health Improvement Plan**
- **Department Strategic Plan**

Start now to...

- ✓ **Locate**
- ✓ **Select**
- ✓ **Develop**
- ✓ **Identify**
- ✓ **Save**

**Your Best Documentation
for Each Measure!**

A few documentation tips...

- **Understand the importance of documentation**
- **Select documentation from a variety of programs**
- **Don't overlook documentation from partners**
- **Must be in effect and in use – no drafts**
- **Signed and dated**
- **Info might be in multiple documents**
- **Use the documentation guidance PHAB provides**



Questions



More on the Prerequisites

- **Community Health Assessment**
- **Community Health Improvement Plan**
- **Department Strategic Plan**

Where are they?

- Community Health Assessment
 - Standard 1.1
- Health Improvement Plan
 - Standard 5.2
- Department Strategic Plan
 - Standard 5.3

What should they look like?

- **No prescribed format, length or method**
- **Can be one or multiple documents**
- **Must be dated and signed**
- **Cannot be a draft, must be in effect and in use when submitted**
- **Must be electronic**

Community Health Assessment

Standard 1.1

- Collaborative process
- Mobilize the community
- Develop priorities
- Gather resources
- Plan to improve health

Community Health Assessment

- **The demographics of the population served**
- **A description of:**
 - health issues
 - population groups with particular health issues
 - contributing causes of health issues
 - existing resources

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/mapp/index.cfm>



Community Health Improvement Plan

Standard 5.2

- Long-term effort
- Address issues from the Community Health Assessment
- Broad participation
- Set community priorities

Community Health Improvement Plan

- **Health priorities, objectives & strategies**
- **Policy changes needed**
- **Responsibility for implementing strategies**
- **Indicators to monitor progress**
- **Alignment between the plan and tribal, local, state and national priorities**

Department Strategic Plan

Standard 5.3

- Internal to the health department
- Sets what the health department plans to achieve and how it will do that
- Guide to:
 - Making decisions
 - Allocating resources
 - Taking action

Department Strategic Plan

- **Mission, vision and guiding principles**
- **Strategic priorities**
- **Goals and objectives**
- **External trends**
- **Strengths and weaknesses**
- **A link to the health improvement and quality improvement plans**

PHAB Self Assessment

- Review standards and measures.
- Determine which ones you are meeting and which ones you are not meeting.
- Fix problems.
- Organize documentation.

Working with departments to help them prepare for accreditation

- **Provide:**
 - Resources and training to complete the prerequisites
 - A method to share lessons learned and resources with other departments
 - Access to experts in assessment and planning

National Resources

- **National Indian Health Board**
 - http://www.nihb.org/public_health/accreditation.php
- **National Association of County and City Health Officials**
 - <http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/accreditation/index.cfm>

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Thank you!