Early Preparation for Local Health Department Accreditation
Clark, Delaware & Henry Counties
Technical Assistance Session 2

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INTRODUCTION

Accreditation Support Initiative

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• Grants to LHDs & organizations to support LHDs to prepare for accreditation.

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TODAY’S DISCUSSION

I  Working with Local Partners
  • Who are Essential Partners in Community Health Assessment?
  • Ensuring Community & Resident Involvement

II  The Board of Health in Accreditation
  • References in Accreditation to “governing body”
  • Meaningful involvement for the board of health
Working with Local Partners
Systematic collection & analysis of data

- Provide the LHD & community with a sound basis for decision-making.
- Conduct in partnership with other community organizations
- Include collecting data on:
  - health status
  - health needs
  - community assets
  - resources
- Other determinants of health status
Measure 1.1.3 A

Ensure that the community health assessment is accessible to agencies, organizations, and the general public

- Required Documentation
  - Documentation that the community health assessment has been distributed to partner organizations
  - Documentation that the community health assessment and/or its findings have been made available to the population of the jurisdiction served by the health department
Essential Role for Partners in CHAs

PHAB Guidance:
The collaboration could include...
• hospitals and healthcare providers
• academic institutions
• local schools
• other departments of government
• community non-profits
• the state health department.
Important Reasons for Partners in CHA

Partners:

• Ensure legitimacy & credibility
  • Help decide the questions, where to shine the light
  • Contribute knowledge & data
• “Own” the process & outcomes
• Help educate community & policy makers
Who are your Partners?

Some ways to think about it.

• Who are the “usual suspects”
• Who has the data you’re looking for?
• Who wants the data you’ll find?
• Who will be essential to implementation (Who will you want present during CHIP?)
• What special populations & who represents them?
Special Focus: Identifying “residents” & populations

How to identify “residents” & special populations?

• County census data
• Any special groups that do not show up in census data?
• Information from your own experience & that of community partners
Meaningful “Representation” of Community

Who “speaks for” residents?

• Neighborhood associations?
• Clergy?
• Civic groups?
• Social service agencies?
• Advocacy groups?
How to engage partners

Partners can

• help define the questions
• review & help understand results
• carry the message; support findings
How to Engage Community residents?

PHAB Guidance:

• publication of findings in local press with feedback forms,
• publication on the LHDs web page
• community forums,
• listening sessions,
• newsletters,
• presentations at other organizations’ meetings, etc.
ROLE OF BOARDS OF HEALTH IN ACCREDITATION
PHAB definition of a governing entity:

1. An official part of Tribal, state, regional, or local government.
2. Has primary responsibility for policy-making and/or governing a Tribal, state, or local, health department.
3. Advises, advocates, or consults with the health department on matters related to resources, policy making, legal authority, collaboration, and/or improvement activities.
4. Is the point of accountability for the health department.
From PHAB Guidance:

The governing entity should be knowledgeable about the health department’s overall assessment and quality improvement initiatives. The governing entity will be in a better position to guide, advocate for, and engage with the health department if they are aware of improvements being undertaken.
Meaningful participation for boards in accreditation

• Informed support
• Include in budget & support before Commission, etc.
• Participation in CHA, CHIP, Agency Plan
DISCUSSION
Next Steps
On-site Sessions 1

• Select CHA tool
• Become familiar with its process & requirements
• Begin to identify locale specific required data & sources

February 20, 27 & March 6
On-site Sessions 2

- Identify county-specific partners for CHA; strategy for resident involvement
- Define & plan for role of board of health

March 13, 20 & 27
On-site Sessions 3

- Develop county-specific work plan & timeline to complete application

April 10, 17 & 24