Board of Health Accreditation Orientation

North Central District
Health Department
Topics

• NACCHO CDC Accreditation Support Initiative
• Definition and Purpose of Accreditation
• Accreditation Process
• Domain 12: Board of Health Role in Accreditation
• Fees
• Next Steps
29 local health departments chosen out of 147 applications
Project period December 2013 – May 2014
Funding amount ≈ $19,000
Funding category 1: Progress Toward Preparing or Applying for Accreditation
Project deliverables:
- Staff and BOH accreditation orientation
- Written process for review and revision of department policies and procedures
- Written department accreditation readiness self-study
Definition and Purpose of Accreditation

• Accreditation is defined as:
  • Development of a set of standards
  • Process to measure performance against those standards
  • Recognition for meeting the standards

• Accreditation provides public notification that an institution, agency, or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency
Definition and Purpose of Accreditation

Accreditation

- Has been widely accepted by many fields
- Demonstrates accountability to community
- Documents the capacity of the health department
- Is not a “one-time event”, but rather an ongoing quality improvement commitment
- Aims to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders
Definition and Purpose of Accreditation

• In a nutshell...

1. What are we doing?
2. Why are we doing it?
3. How are we doing it?
4. How can we do it better?
Accreditation Process

- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
- Prerequisites
  - Community Health Assessment (CHA) - COMPLETE
  - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) - COMPLETE
  - Department Strategic Plan - Underway
- PHAB Domains, Standards, and Measures
Accreditation Process

• Seven Steps

1. Pre-Application
2. Application
3. Document Selection and Submission
4. Site Visit
5. Accreditation Decision
6. Reports
7. Reaccreditation
Domain 12: Maintain Capacity to Engage the Public Health Governing Entity

- Board of Health roles and responsibilities in the accreditation process
  - Sign letter of support
  - Place public health programs and services high on priority list
  - Support your LHD in efforts to become or remain accredited
  - Participate in your LHD’s on-site review visit
  - Read on-site review report describing results of accreditation process
  - Celebrate success of your LHD’s accomplishment when it receives accreditation
Fees

- Based on size of population served by health department
- Options include five-year payment schedule or payment in advance with discount
- Grant funding may be available to help cover accreditation fees
- Used to support
  - Assigned accreditation specialist
  - In-person training
  - Subscription to online documentation system
  - Site visit
- Published annually
  - Rates applicable for 5-year period
- Additional costs exist

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Five-Year Payment Schedule

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Fees: Return on Investment

- Leverage for funding
- Streamlining federal grant application process
- Accountability and credibility
- Awareness of agency strengths and weaknesses
- Visibility

Next Steps

• Implement accreditation preparation timeline
  • Hold accreditation team meetings
    • Weekly beginning June 16
    • Systematic review of Standards and Measures
  • Select documentation
    • 97 measures, each requiring 1 or more examples
  • Address gaps
  • Submit Statement of Intent
  • Apply for accreditation
Questions?