

## Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships & the National Public Health Performance Standards Program: What is the Relationship?



### What is Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships?

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-wide strategic planning process for improving community health and strengthening local public health systems.<sup>1</sup> Facilitated by public health leadership, MAPP provides a framework for helping communities prioritize public health issues; identify resources for addressing these issues; and develop, implement, and evaluate community health improvement plans. As a local public health system performance improvement process, MAPP provides the framework for constructing and implementing a strategic plan for the entire community.

### What is the National Public Health Performance Standards Program?

The National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP) is a national partnership that has developed public health performance standards for state and local public health systems and for public health governing bodies. The NPHPSP assessments are based on the 10 Essential Public Health Services and intended to help users answer questions like, "What are the activities and capacities of our public health system?" and "How well are we providing the Essential Public Health Services in our jurisdiction?" Assessments are completed with system partners using a consensus process. The dialogue that occurs in the answering of these questions helps identify

strengths and weaknesses and determine opportunities for improvement. Results from the NPHPSP assessments are used towards quality and performance improvement.<sup>2</sup>

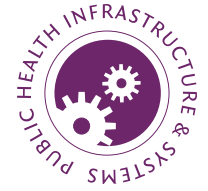
### What is the relationship between MAPP and the NPHPSP?

MAPP provides a framework for applying data towards action. At the core of the MAPP process are four complementary assessments that ultimately drive the creation of the community health improvement plan and associated action steps. One of the four MAPP assessments, the Local Public Health System Assessment, is completed using the NPHPSP local instrument. By measuring the capacity and performance of the local public health system, the results from the NPHPSP local instrument provide MAPP communities with a comprehensive picture of Essential Public Health Service provision in their localities. Within a MAPP process, the NPHPSP assessment fosters local public health system communication and cohesion, confirms or challenges the results of the other assessments, and provides a benchmark for public health practice improvements. Additionally, because MAPP is a flexible and iterative process, NPHPSP users can easily transition from the NPHPSP assessment into a MAPP process.

**Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership's Local Public Health System Assessment is completed using the National Public Health Performance Standards Program's Local Instrument.**

# [FACT SHEET]

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## Where can I find more information?

For more information about the NPHPSP, visit [www.cdc.gov/od/ocphp/nphpsp/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/ocphp/nphpsp/index.htm) or contact Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) NPHPSP staff at [nphpsp@cdc.gov](mailto:nphpsp@cdc.gov) or (800) 747-7649. To learn more about the NPHPSP local instrument or MAPP, visit [www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/](http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/) or contact NACCHO's Performance Standards and MAPP Program Manager, Heidi Deutsch at [hdeutsch@naccho.org](mailto:hdeutsch@naccho.org) or (202) 507-4214.

## Notes

1. The local public health system refers to all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.
2. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. NPHPSP Local Public Health System Performance Assessment Instrument. Atlanta: 2007. iv-v.

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