

Preparing for National Public Health Accreditation

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Today's Objectives

- Define accreditation
- Understand the accreditation process
- Share resources for more information
- Learn how your will prepare for accreditation
- Discuss next steps for your department

Overview of Accreditation

Accreditation is a status that provides public notification that an institution, **agency**, or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency.

American Psychological Association definition of accreditation



Public Health Accreditation

Goal: to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments (state, local, Tribal, territorial).



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.

Overview of Standards

Domain 1

Conduct Assessment Activities

Domain 2

Investigate Health Problems

Domain 3

Inform and Educate about Public Health

Domain 4

Engage with the Public to Solve Public Health Problems

Domain 5

Develop public health policies and plans

Domain 6

Enforce public health laws and regulations

Overview of Standards

Domain 7

Promote strategies to improve access

Domain 8

Maintain a competent workforce

Domain 9

Evaluate and continuously improve

Domain 10

Contribute to and apply the evidence base for public health

Domain 11

Maintain administrative and management capacity

Domain 12

Maintain capacity to engage the public health governing entity

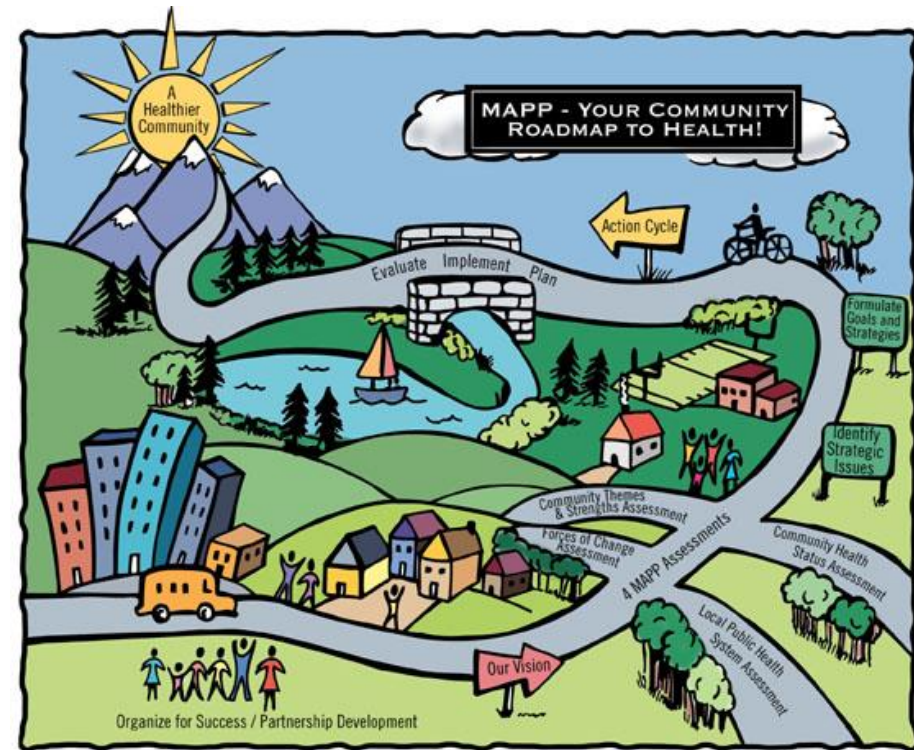
Prerequisites

- Community health assessment
- Community health improvement plan
- Agency strategic plan

MAPP: An Accreditation Preparation Tool

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP):

- Community focused approach to health improvement efforts
- Assessment and prioritization of strategic issues
- Results in:
 - Community health assessment
 - Community health improvement plan



What is the accreditation process?

1. Pre-application

5. Accreditation
Decisions

2. Application

6. Reports

3. Documentation
selection and
submission

7. Reaccreditation (5
years later)

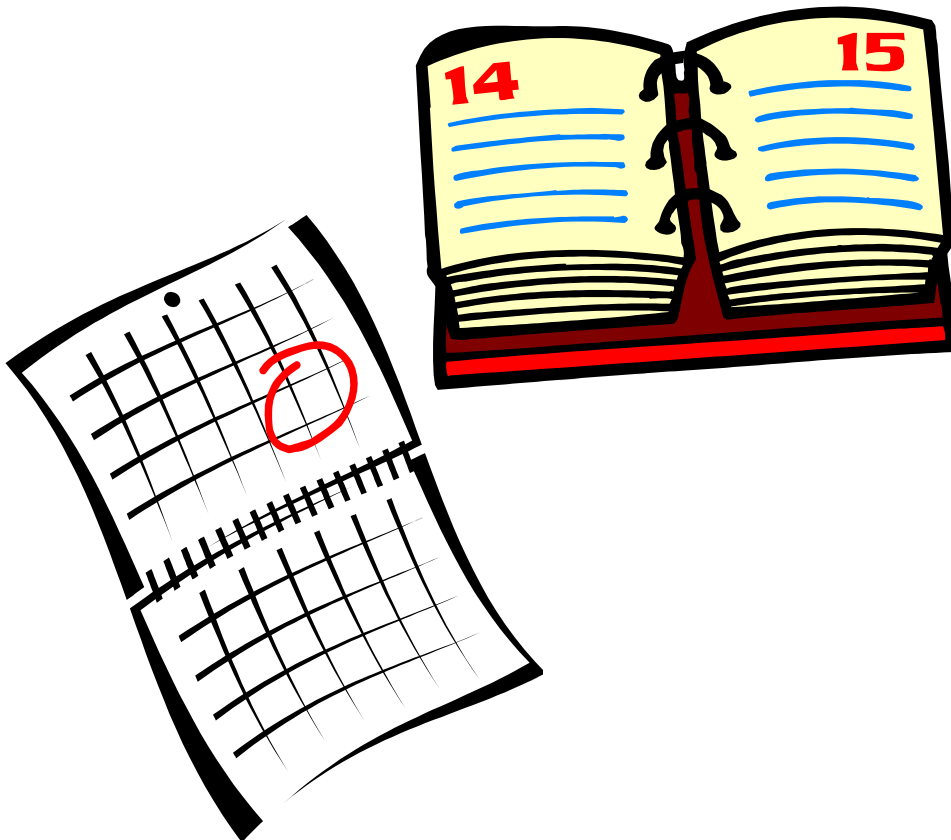
4. Site Visit

Step 1: Pre-application

- Assess readiness
- Receive training
- Inform PHAB

Step 2: Application

- Online application
- 12 months



Step 3: Document Selection & Submission

- Collect documentation
- Score standards/measures



Step 4: Site Visit

- 2-3 day site visit, by practitioners
- Site visitors report developed



Step 5: Accreditation Decisions

- Accredited
- Non accredited
 - Action Plan



6. Appeals

- Eligibility
- Accreditation status



7. Reports and reaccreditation

- Department reports progress and reapplies
- Accreditation lasts 5 years, with progress reports submitted annually

Reasons to Apply



- Accountability and credibility
- Potential increased access to resources
- Strengthening LHDs, from within
- Opportunities to improve
- And more!



Learn More!

Public Health Accreditation Board

- Guide to accreditation
- Glossary
- Readiness checklist
- Standards and Measures Version 1.0
- Guide to interpretation

www.phaboard.org



National Association of County and City Health Officials

- How To guides
- Examples of documentation
- Examples from LHDs
- Toolkit of resources

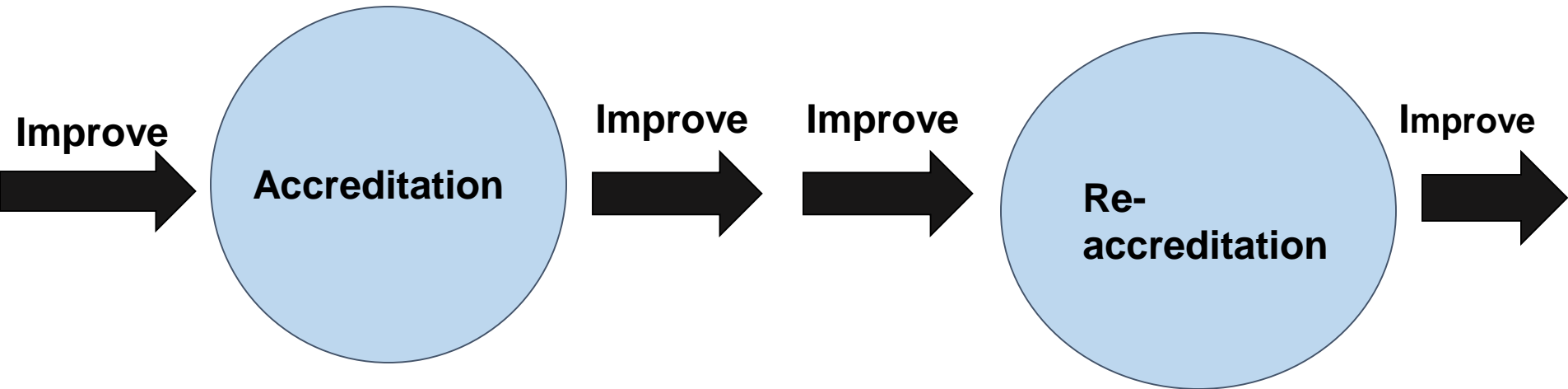
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Next Steps for Accreditation

- All hands on deck
- New responsibilities
- Recognition
- Celebrate success



Accreditation is the beginning



Improving the public's health through continuous quality improvement



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- Columns for the number of required examples and date requirements were added.
- Standards and measures were reworded to improve clarity.
- The word "should" was removed and replaced with "must" or the requirement was deleted.
- PHAB's definition of "core public health programs" was clarified.

