

Public Health Accreditation

Steering Committee Meeting

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What is Public Health Accreditation?

- The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused and evidence-based standards
- National public health accreditation has been developed because of the desire to improve services, value, and accountability to stakeholders and the public



What is the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)?

- Non-profit entity which oversees national public health accreditation
- 13 member Board of Directors, 4 executive committee members, and 4 ex-officio members
- Accreditation by PHAB signifies that a health department is meeting national standards for ensuring essential public health services are provided in the community

A collage of images representing public health. On the left, a person in a white shirt and dark shorts is running on a blue track. In the center, a man in a light blue shirt is selecting produce at a market stall. On the right, a water bottle is visible. The text 'Public Health Accreditation Board' is overlaid at the bottom in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Public Health Accreditation Board

History of PHAB

- History and timeline of PHAB
 - **2003:** Institute of Medicine report calling for national public health accreditation
 - **2005:** *Exploring Accreditation* project launched
 - **2007:** Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) incorporated
 - **2011:** National public health accreditation launched in September
- As of September 2015
 - 79 jurisdictions accredited
 - California: California Department of Public Health and Ventura County



Why Accreditation?

- Demonstrates accountability and improved quality via a peer reviewed process
- Highlights areas for quality improvement via performance feedback
- Provides credibility and visibility
- Improves staff morale



What Does Accreditation Focus On?

- Leadership
- Planning
- Community Engagement
- Customer Focus
- Workforce Development
- Evaluation
- Quality Improvement
- Service



Why is the Health Services Agency, Public Health Division Seeking Accreditation?

- To improve our infrastructure to ensure that the delivery of programs and services are optimal in maintaining and improving the health of Santa Cruz County residents and visitors
- We value our partnerships and envision the accreditation process as a method for strengthening these linkages and coordinating them to operate the most efficient and effective public health system possible



PHAB's Seven Step Process

- Pre-application
- Application
- Document Selection and Submission
- Site Visit
- Accreditation Decision
- Reports
- Reaccreditation (5 years later)



Core Components of Accreditation

12 Domains

1

Conduct and Disseminate Assessments

2

Investigate Health & Environmental Hazards

3

Educate on Public Health Issues

4

Engage with the Community to Identify and Address Health Issues

5

Develop Public Health Policies and Plans

6

Enforce Public Health Laws

7

Promote Strategies to Improve Access to Health Care Services

8

Maintain a Competent Public Health Workforce

9

Evaluate and Continuously Improve Department Processes , Programs

10

Contribute to and Apply the Evidence Base of Public Health

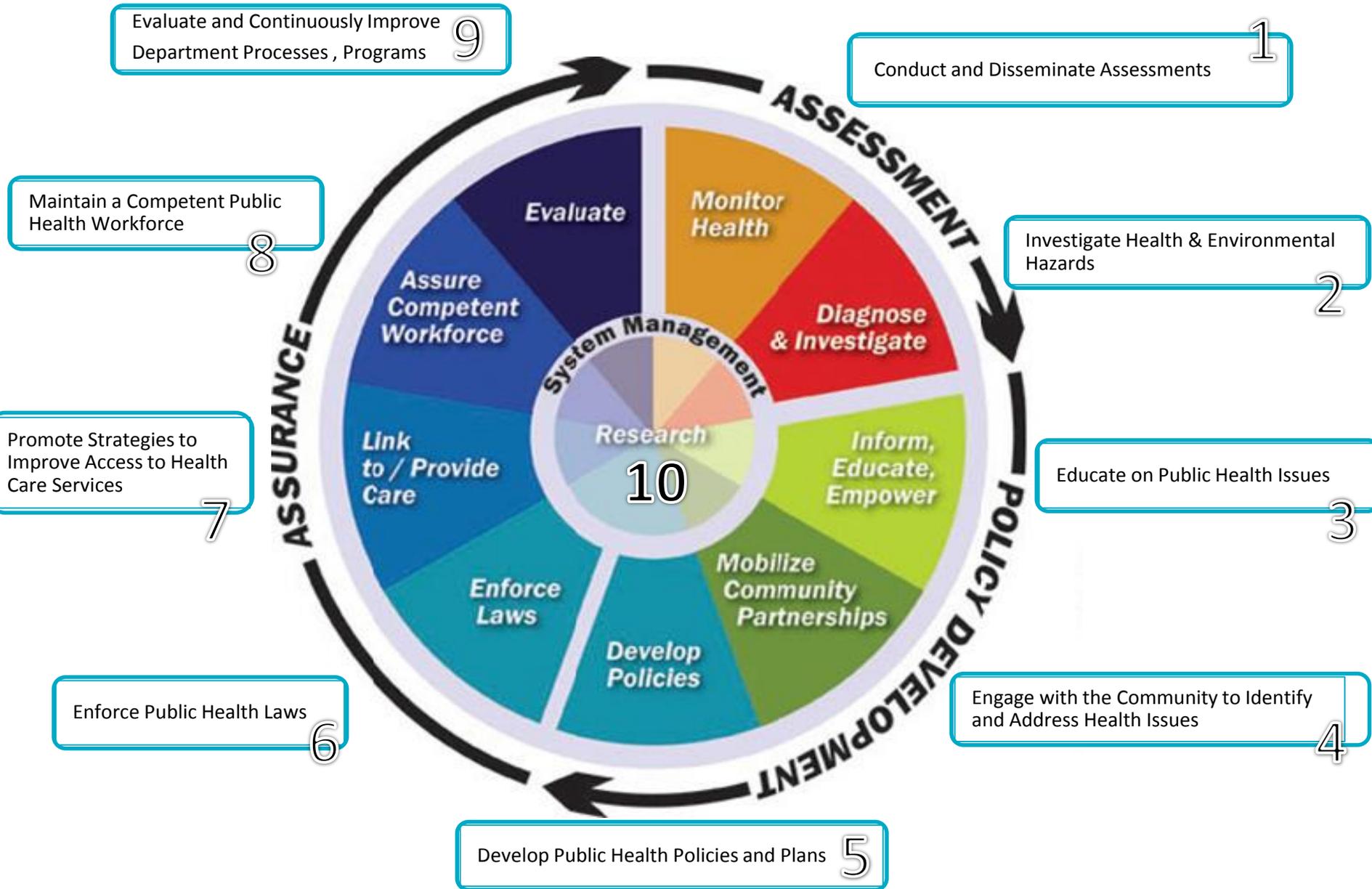
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Maintain Administrative and Management Capacity

12

Maintain Capacity to Engage the Public Health Governing Entity

10 Essential Services of Public Health



Our Accreditation Timeline

In Process

Next Step

Upcoming

1

Pre-Application
July 2015

2

Application
Fall 2017

3

Document Selection & Submission
Spring 2018

4

Site Visit
Fall 2018

5

Accreditation Decision

6

Reports

7

Reaccreditation
Every 5 years

Questions?



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Santa Cruz County