



A/TCHHSD Comprehensive Public Health Planning

Presentation to City of Austin
Public Health & Human Services Subcommittee
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Presentation Overview

Comprehensive Public Health Planning

- What is Accreditation?
- Why is Accreditation important?
- How will we as a city and county improve?
 - Ten Essential Public Health Services
 - Twelve Public Health Accreditation Domains
- Advancement, Best Practices, and Benefits for Travis County
 - Comprehensive Public Health Planning Work Statement in Interlocal



Accreditation Goal: Improve and Protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments

Accreditation requires an on-going health departmental commitment to improvement and adherence to national standards.

Source: Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

What Does Accreditation Do?

Identifies successes and opportunities for improvement

Means for accountability

Strengthens engagement of community and partnerships

Develops Public Health Workforce

Improves communication with governance

Builds platform for Quality Improvement

Increases the understanding of public health

Energizes the staff

Incentives for Accreditation

National recognition for public health practice

Engage the public health workforce

Access to network of public health experts

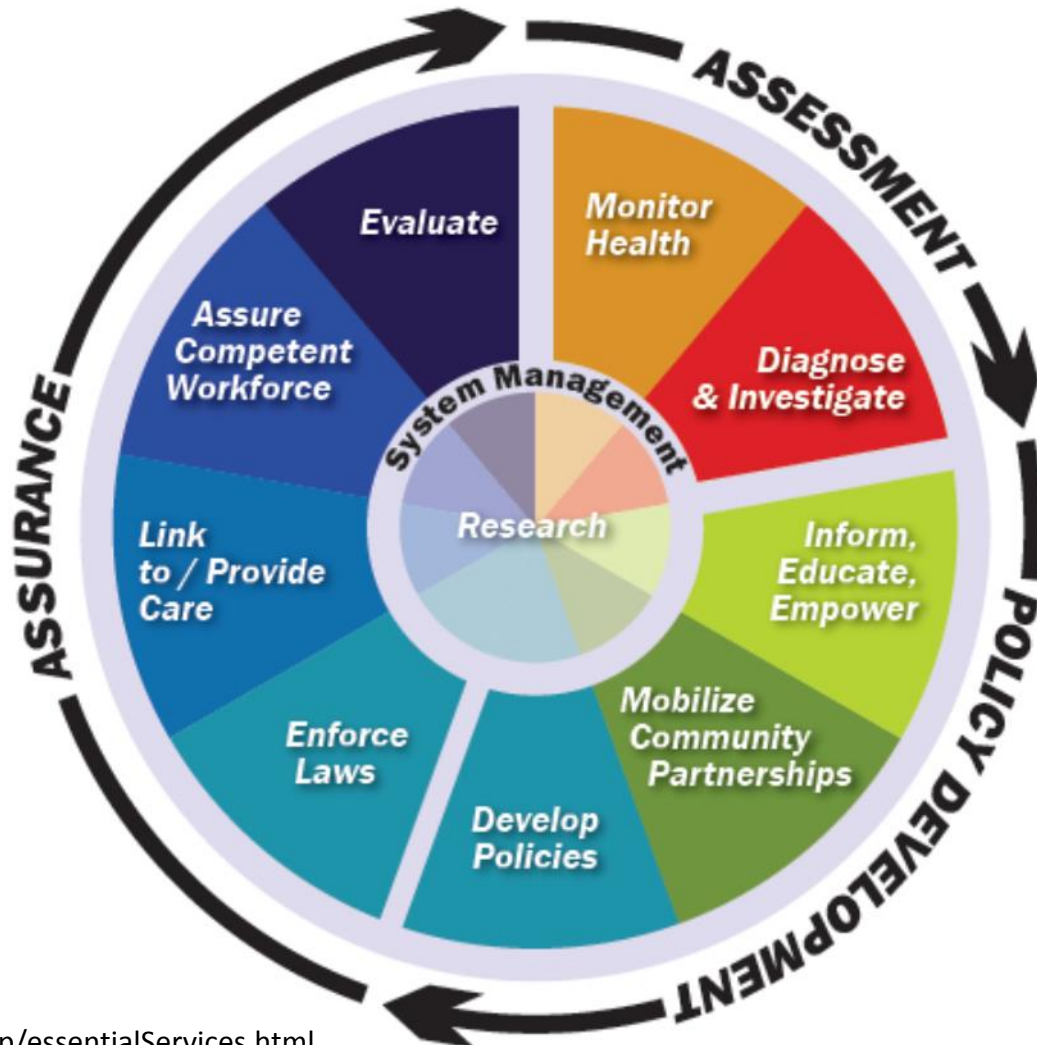
Focus on improving the health department

Prioritization for future funding and potential access to new funding streams

Streamlines grant reporting

Participation in developing a strong data base for best practices

Core Public Health Functions and Ten Essential Health Services



Public Health Accreditation Domains

#	Domain Name	Examples
1	Assess	Community Health Assessment, Critical Health Indicators
2	Investigate	Contain/mitigate problems and issues * Maintain access to laboratories Maintain plan & policies for urgent and non-urgent communications
3	Inform & Educate	HHSD and partner press releases, health fairs, presentations, mobile health screenings
4	Community Engagement	Coalition building for collective impact * Convene community groups
5	Policies and Plans	HHSD Strategic Planning Community Health Improvement Planning
6	Public Health Laws	Review laws with governance Educate community Enforce laws and coordinate with reporting agencies on violations

Accreditation Domains, continued

#	Domain Name	Examples
7	Access to Care	Link people to healthcare Assure provision of care when not otherwise available
8	Workforce	Promote development of future public health workers Assess staff competencies and address gaps through training
9	Quality Improvement	Use performance management to monitor organizational objectives Implement QI processes at program and administrative levels
10	Evidence-Based Practices	Contribute to and apply evidence base of public health Educate others on research, best practices ,and evaluations
11	Administration and Management	Maintain infrastructure to support functions Ensure effective financial management system
12	Governance	Maintain capacity to engage City Council and County Commissioners

Benefits for City of Austin

- ❑ Advancement in Delivery of Public Health Services for city of Austin and county of Travis
 - ❑ Access to Best Practices and Experts Nation-wide
 - ❑ Meeting or Exceeding National Standards
 - ❑ Access to Prioritization of Funding and Access to New Funding
- ❑ Improved Communication with City Council and Commissioner's Court
 - ❑ Written communication on progress
 - ❑ Presentations and discussions for collaboration
- ❑ Participation and strong presence at engagements with partners
- ❑ Partner in Accreditation process and official Site Visit

Benefits for City of Austin

- ❑ Community Engagement and Feedback from city of Austin and county of Travis residents
 - ❑ Health promotion and education
 - ❑ Public health improvement planning and action
 - ❑ Ongoing presentations and outreach
- ❑ Access and Education on key areas of A/TCHHSD focus:
 - ❑ CHA/CHIP and Planning
 - ❑ Health Equity
 - ❑ Cultural and Linguistic Appropriate Services Assessment and Action Plan
 - ❑ Internal and External Communication
 - ❑ Quality Improvement
 - ❑ Performance Management
 - ❑ HHSD Workforce Development

Step 1 – Pre-Application

Step 2 – Application

Step 3 – Documentation

Step 4 – Site Visit

Step 5 – Accreditation

Step 6 – Annual Reports

Step 7 – Reaccreditation

**The Seven
Steps
Of
Accreditation**



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Accreditation Timeline

Item	Timeline*	
Accreditation Coordinator (AC) and Leads review submissions for the 12 Domains	July 2014 – Oct 2014	A/TCHHSD continues to improve services, meet gaps, and engage Austin/Travis County in progress through meetings, plans, papers, presentations, and community/partner engagements.
Executives review and approve submissions	Nov 2014 – Jan 2015	
AC finalizes and uploads submissions	Feb 2015	
Director “Hits Submit Button”	March 2015	
PHAB and AC clarify questions on submissions	April – May 2015	
Site Visit team forms and reviews submissions	June – Sept 2015	
Potential/estimated times for Site Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews with Executives, AC, and Leads • Partner Lunch and discussion • Review of additional information and sites 	Oct – Nov 2015	
Accreditation Decision, Report, and Recommendations	Dec 2015 – Feb 2016	
Annual A/TCHHSD Progress Reports	2016-2019	

Where can I learn more?

- www.phaboard.org
 - Accreditation materials
 - Online training (5 CEUs)
- Email: HHSDAccreditation@austintexas.gov
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