



Austin/Travis County HHSD and Public Health Accreditation

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Health & Human Services Committee
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Presentation Overview

- What is Accreditation? / Why is Accreditation important?
- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Site Visit at A/TCHHSD on October 20-21, 2015
- How will we as a city and county improve?
- Advancement, Best Practices, and Benefits
- Request for 2 HHS Committee Representatives at meeting with the 4 PHAB Site Visitors

* Please refer to provided A/TCHHSD Accreditation One-Pager and PHAB Materials.



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

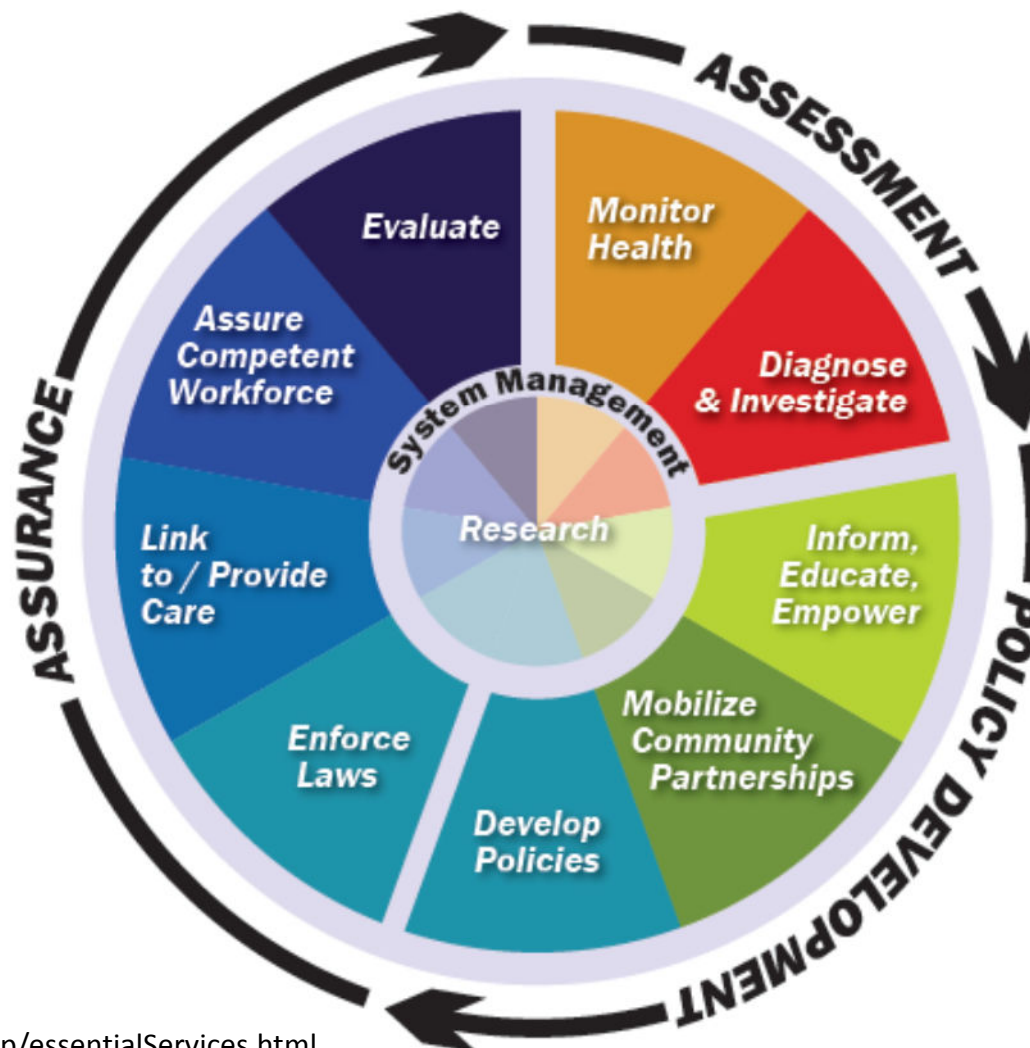
Focus on improving the health department

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



<http://www.cdc.gov/nphpsp/essentialServices.html>

Structure and Focus

- ❑ 12 Domains, 32 Standards, 250+ measure, 2 examples per measure
- ❑ Emphasis on Comprehensive Community Health Assessment, Improvement Planning, and Agency Strategic Planning
- ❑ Ten Essential Public Health Services (first 10 Domains)
- ❑ HHSD Administrative and Management Capacity (Domain 11)
- ❑ Engaging City Council and HHS Committee (Domain 12)

When A/TCHHSD is Accredited . . .

- ❑ Advancement in Delivery of Public Health Services
 - ❑ Meeting or Exceeding National Standards / Access to Best Practices and Experts Nation-wide
 - ❑ Leverages funding opportunities
- ❑ Improved Communication with City Council and Commissioner's Court
 - ❑ Written communication on progress
- ❑ Strengthened Community Engagement and Partner Collaboration
 - ❑ Improvement Planning, Health promotion and education
- ❑ Access and Education on key areas of A/TCHHSD focus including:
 - ❑ Planning (including Health Equity, CHA/CHIP, Emergency Preparedness)
 - ❑ Internal and External Communication
 - ❑ Performance Management & Quality Improvement
 - ❑ HHSD Workforce Development

Accreditation Timeline

Item	Timeline*	A/TCHHSD continues to improve services, meet gaps, and engage Austin/Travis County in progress through meetings, plans, papers, presentations, and community/partner engagements.
Accreditation Coordinator (AC) and Leads review submissions for the 12 Domains	July 2014 – Oct 2014	
Executives review and approve submissions	Nov 2014 – Jan 2015	
AC finalizes and uploads submissions	Feb-March 2015	
Director “Hits Submit Button”	April 2015	
Site Visit team forms and reviews submissions	May – Sept 2015	
Site Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews with Executives, AC, and Leads • Meeting with Elected Officials or Representatives • Review of additional information and sites 	Oct 20-21, 2015	
Accreditation Decision, Report, and Recommendations	Dec 2015 – Feb 2016	
Annual A/TCHHSD Progress Reports	2016-2019	

Request for HHS Committee

- Please select 2 HHS Committee members to meet with PHAB Site Visitors.
- 1-hour meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015
- Potential Discussion Items
 - How does City Council govern A/TCHHSD?
 - What is HHS Committee's role? Council's role?
 - What are the communication channels and frequency?
 - How are issues prioritized for discussion and how are recommendations made?