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Voluntary Accreditation Goal

The goal of a voluntary national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of state and local public health departments.

Exploring Accreditation Final Report, p. 4

Not a Particularly New Idea

1914

AMA Survey of
State Health
Departments

1925

APHA
Committee on
Administrative
Practice
“National
Honor Roll”

1945

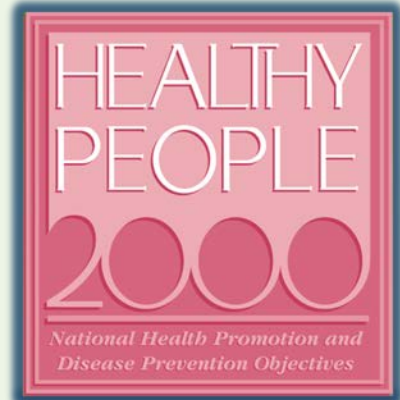
Emerson Report
to the
Administrative
Practices
Committee of
the APHA

1956

APHA
Committee on
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Practice’s
demise

Post IOM Report Activities

- Definition of Governmental Public Health Functions: **assessment, policy development and assurance**
- Refinement as the 10 essential public health services
- Healthy People 2000 calls for the US to have access to a health services



Post IOM Report Activities

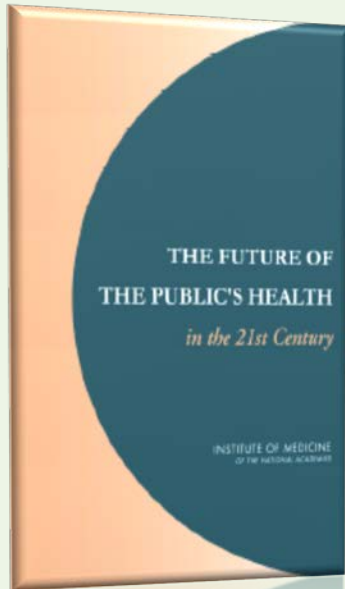
- Miller/Turnock 20
- National Public Health Performance Standards Program Develops
- Operational Definition of a Local Health Department
- Professional organizational surveys:



Antecedents to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

IOM

In 2003, *The Future of the Public's Health* called for a National Steering Committee for PHD Accreditation



CDC

Future's Initiative Identified Accreditation as a Key Strategy



Robert Wood Johnson
Foundation

RWJF

2004 Gathering of RWJF of PH Stakeholders
launch Exploring Accreditation Program

Exploring Accreditation

Milestones

- 2005 Est. by Major PH Practice Organizations
 - 25 Member Steering Committee, Four Workgroups
- 2006 Develop National Accreditation Model
- 2007 PHAB Incorporated

Exploring Accreditation



PHAB Board of Directors

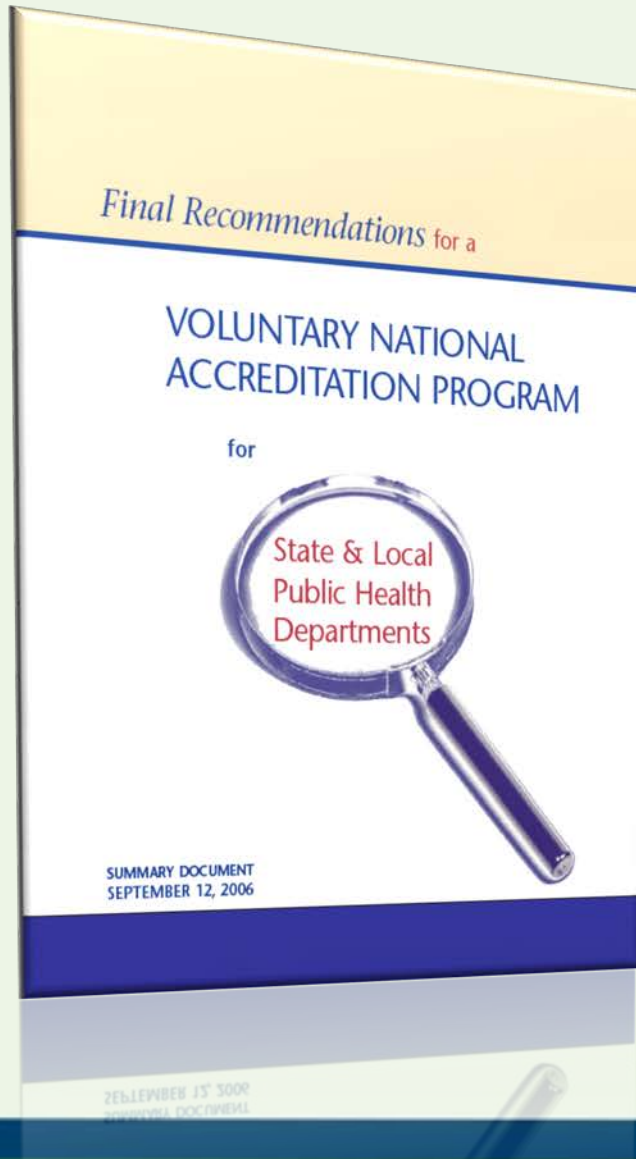
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Timeline

2008							2009					
June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	
Draft Standards		Vet standards & measures			Revise and finalize draft standards			Board Adopt				Beta Test 18 month
Draft Equivalency Recognition policies							Vet		Revise	Board Adopt		
Assessment Process designed							Vet					
Develop accreditation IT applications												
						Identify site visitors			Identify & train site visitors			
Hire Site Visit Manager			Site visitor training developed									
						Form Incentives Workgroup			Consider Incentives and Fees			
Coordinate with providers of technical assistance												
R&E Committee : Research agenda, evaluation plan, data principles												
Hire evaluation								Data management consultant				
Communications and Marketing Consultant												
RWJ Communications Training												
Hire Project Manager												

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Conclusions

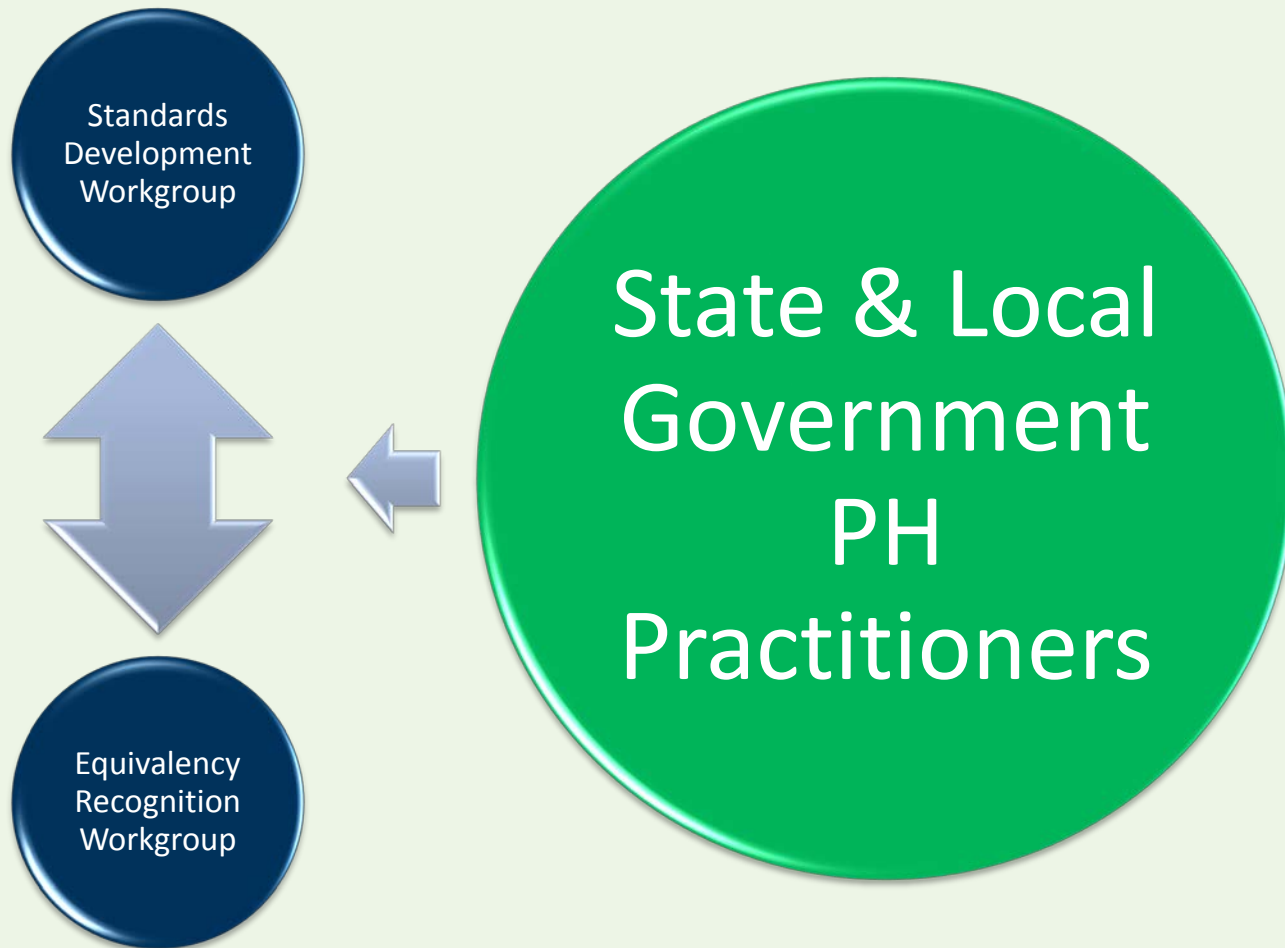


- The Public Health Accreditation Board is establishing a **voluntary** national accreditation program.
- The process for developing standards and the equivalency recognition policies and processes are in accordance the recommendations of the **Exploring Accreditation Report**.

Source: www.phaboard.org

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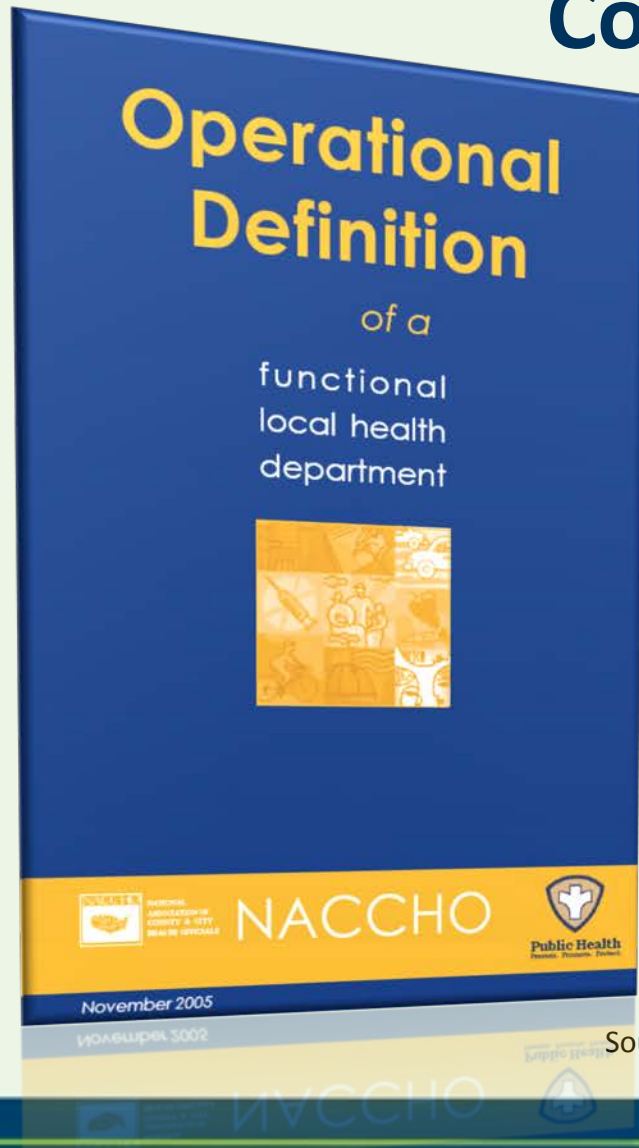
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Conclusions



- Monitor Health
- Diagnose & Investigate
- Inform, Educate, Empower
- Mobilize Community Partnerships
- Develop Policies
- Enforce Laws
- Link to/Provide Care
- Assure Competent Workforce
- Evaluate
- **Management**
- **Governance**

Source: www.phaboard.org

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Conclusions



- NACCHO's Operational Definition is serving as the foundation for the development of standards (and associated measures) for local health departments.



- ASTHO's review of state public health services is informing the process to ensure applicability for state health departments.



- Existing state-based performance standards for state & local health departments and the NPHPSP state & local model standards and measures are also being considered in the development of national standards.

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Conclusions (Continued)

Intent

Develop Standards That Will:

Promote
Credibility &
Value

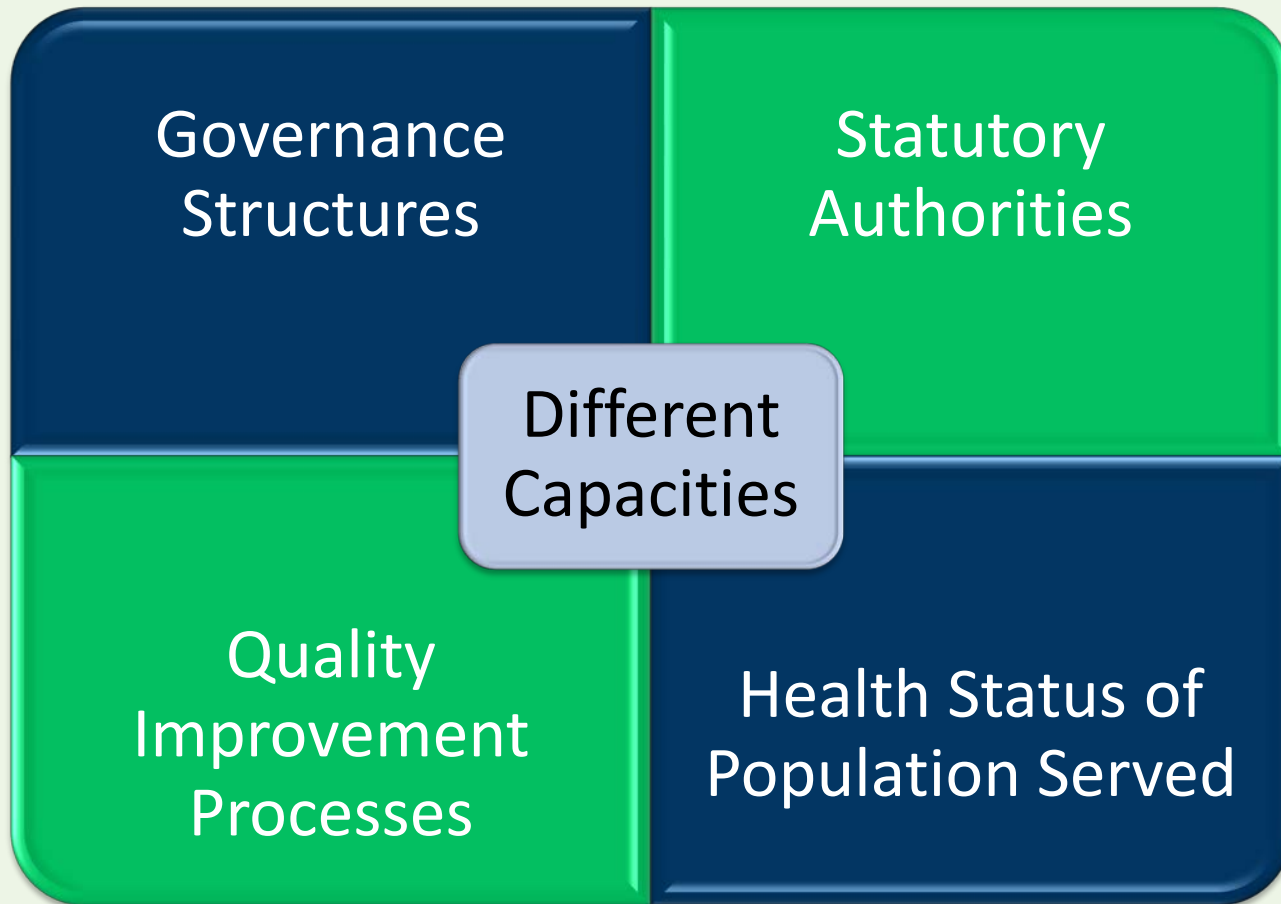
Facilitate a
Simple,
Streamlined
Process

Increase
Visibility of &
Support for
Accredited PHDs

Source: www.phaboard.org

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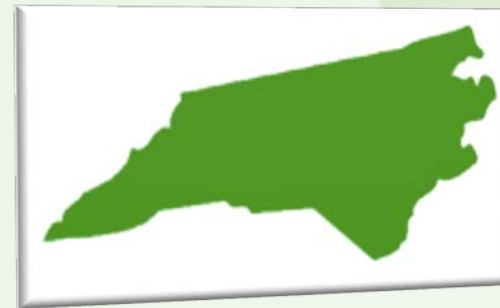
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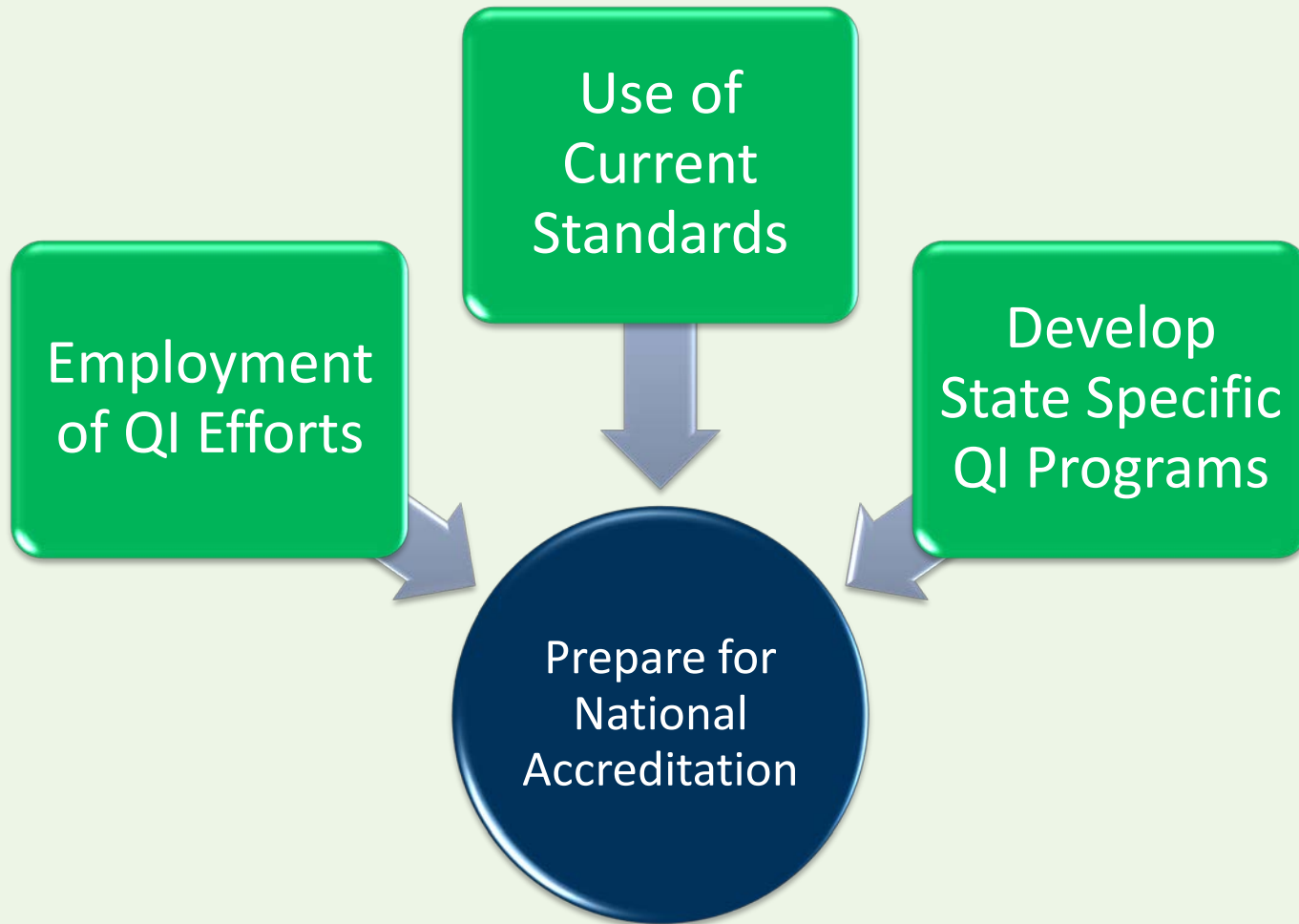
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Equivalency

- There currently exist three state-based public health accreditation programs: **Michigan, Missouri, and North Carolina**
- It is PHAB's intent not to specifically respond to whether a state should or should not undertake a state accreditation program, that prerogative remains with the state



Equivalency



Equivalency

Review & Comment

Domains of
Public Health

Standards &
Measures

Proposed
Accreditation
Process

Incentives

Recognition of high performance and quality improvement

Accountability to the public and governing bodies

Enhanced access to resources for performance improvement

Participation in a learning community dedicated to excellent health outcomes

Improvement of public health in the US

Next Steps

- Review Exploring Accreditation Final Recommendations
- Follow PHAB progress on www.phaboard.org
- Convene key “thought leaders” to discuss accreditation next steps in your agency
- Work with your association: ASTHO, NACCHO, NALBOH
- Employ the National Public Health Performance Standards
- Review the Operational Definition for Local Health Departments

Questions?



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