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A partnership effort to improve the quality of public health practice and performance of public health systems.
NPHPSP

Assessment Instruments

- State public health system
- Local public health system
- Local governance
Partners

- CDC – Overall lead for coordination
- ASTHO – Develop and support state instrument
- NACCHO – Develop and support local instrument; MAPP
- NALBOH – Develop and support governance instrument
- APHA – Marketing and communications
- PHF - Performance improvement; data collection and reporting system
- NNPHI – Support through institutes
History of the NPHPSP

- Began in 1998
- Practice-driven development by CDC and ASTHO, NACCHO and NALBOH Work Groups
- Comprehensive field testing
- Released in July 2002
- Revised 2005
Program Vision and Goals

To improve the quality of public health practice and performance of public health systems by:

1. Providing performance standards for public health systems;

2. Building partnerships for public health preparedness;

3. Promoting continuous quality improvement of public health systems; and

4. Strengthening the science base for public health practice improvement.
Benefits of the NPHPSP

- Improves organizational and community communication
- Promotes cohesion and collaboration among system members
- Provides a systems view of public health activities
- Provides a benchmark for public health practice improvements
- Provides information for policy development, program evaluation and grant-writing
Four Concepts Applied in NPHPSP

1. Ten Essential Public Health Services
2. Public Health System
3. Optimal level of performance
4. Stimulate quality improvement
1. The Essential Services as a Framework

- Provides a foundation for any public health activity
- Describes public health at both the state and local levels
- Instruments include sections addressing each ES
2. Focus on the “System”

- More than just the public health agency

- “Public health system”
  - All public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to public health in a given area.
  - A network of entities with differing roles, relationships, and interactions.
  - All entities contribute to the health and well-being of the community.
Our goal is an integrated system of partnerships.

Federal DHHS
State Health Department
Local Health Departments
Tribal Health

Media
Churches
Schools
Business
Healthcare Providers
Environ. Health
Mental Health
Community Services
Transportation
Community Coalitions
Justice & Law Enforcement
Philanthropy
3. Optimal Level of Performance

- Each performance standard represents the “gold standard”
- Provide benchmarks to which state and local systems can strive to achieve
- Stimulate higher achievement
4. Stimulate Quality Improvement

- Standards should result in identification of areas for improvement
- Link results to an improvement process
- NPHPSP Local Instrument - used within the MAPP planning process
Strategic Linkages

- **Policy support**
  - Healthy People 2010 Objective 23-11
  - Institute of Medicine reports
  - State legislation that provide for or mention use of NPHPSP (e.g., IL, OH, NJ)

- **Related initiatives**
  - Turning Point Performance Management Collaborative
  - MAPP
  - Operational Definition of a Local Health Department
  - Accreditation
What’s Next?

- Could lead to some kind of Accreditation Process for both State and Local Public Health Agencies