



National Public Health Performance Standards (NPHPS)

NPHPS Overview

Strengthening Systems, Improving the Public's Health

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BACKGROUND

Background

- ❑ NPHPS tools are used to
 - Identify partners and community members in the public health system
 - Engage those partners in health assessment and health improvement planning
 - Promote improvement in agencies, systems, and communities
- ❑ NPHPS provides a framework to assess capacity and performance of public health systems and public health governing bodies
- ❑ NPHPS framework can help identify areas for system improvement, strengthen state and local partnerships, and ensure that a strong system is in place for addressing public health issues

Assessment Instruments

- ❑ State Public Health System Assessment

www.astho.org/Programs/Accreditation-and-Performance/National-Public-Health-Performance-Standards/

- ❑ Local Public Health System Assessment

www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/mapp/framework/phase3lphsa.cfm

- ❑ Public Health Governing Entity Assessment

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NPHPS Partners

- ❑ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS)
- ❑ American Public Health Association (APHA)
- ❑ Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- ❑ National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- ❑ National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)
- ❑ Public Health Foundation (PHF)

History of NPHPS

□ Key dates

- 1998—2002: Development of Version 1 instruments
- 2002: Release of Version 1 instruments
- 2005—2007: Development of Version 2 instruments
- 2007: Release of Version 2 instruments
- 2010—2013: Development of Version 3 instruments
- 2013: Release of Version 3 instruments

Four Concepts Applied in NPHPS

1. Based on the 10 Essential Public Health Services
2. Focus on the overall public health system
3. Describe an optimal level of performance
4. Support a process of quality improvement

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THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AS A FRAMEWORK

The 10 Essential Public Health Services as a Framework

- ❑ Provide a foundation for any public health activity
- ❑ Describe public health at both the state and local levels
- ❑ Serve as a structure for the NPHPS Instruments which include sections addressing each essential service
- ❑ Provide a foundation for accreditation standards and measures



The Essential Public Health Services

1. **Monitor health status** to identify and solve community health problems
2. **Diagnose and investigate** health problems and health hazards in the community
3. **Inform, educate, and empower** people about health issues
4. **Mobilize** community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
5. **Develop policies and plans** that support individual and community health efforts

The Essential Public Health Services

6. **Enforce laws and regulations** that protect health and ensure safety
7. **Link people to needed personal health services** and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
8. **Assure a competent** public and personal health care workforce
9. **Evaluate** effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
10. **Research** for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

Essential Public Health Services



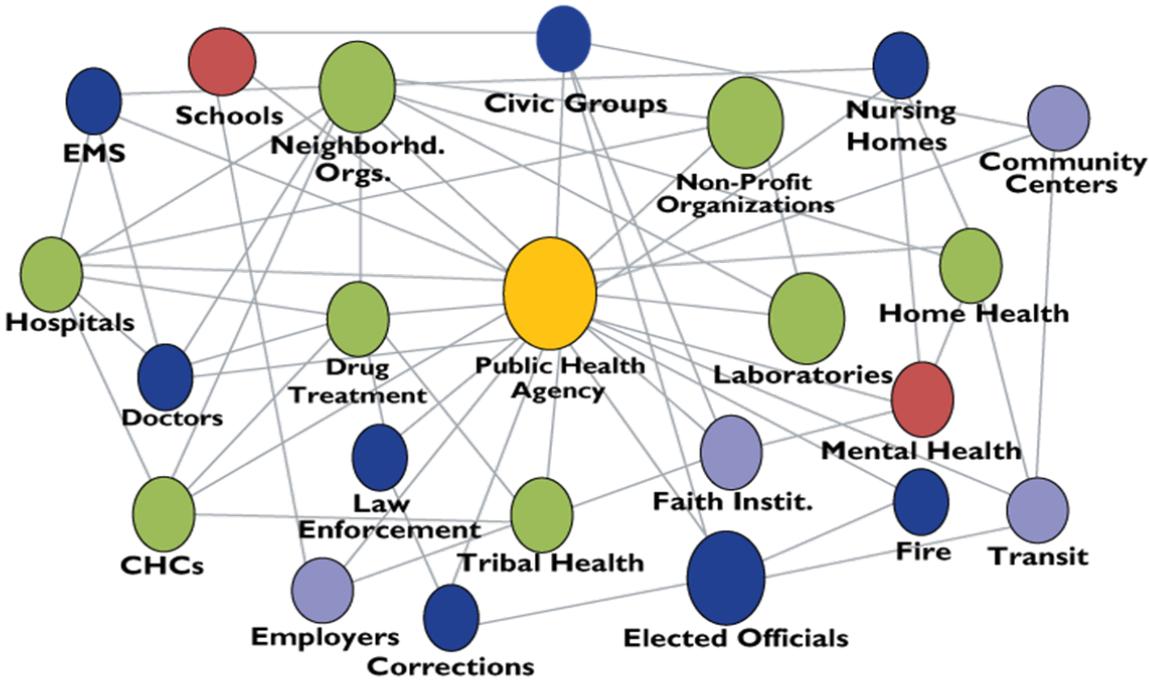
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FOCUS ON THE “SYSTEM”

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

The Public Health System



A System of Partnerships That Includes, But Is Not Limited to . . .

Media

Churches

Schools

Philanthropy

Business

Justice & Law
Enforcement

Healthcare
Providers

Community
Coalitions

US Department of
Health and Human Services
State Health Departments
Local Health Departments
Tribal Health Departments

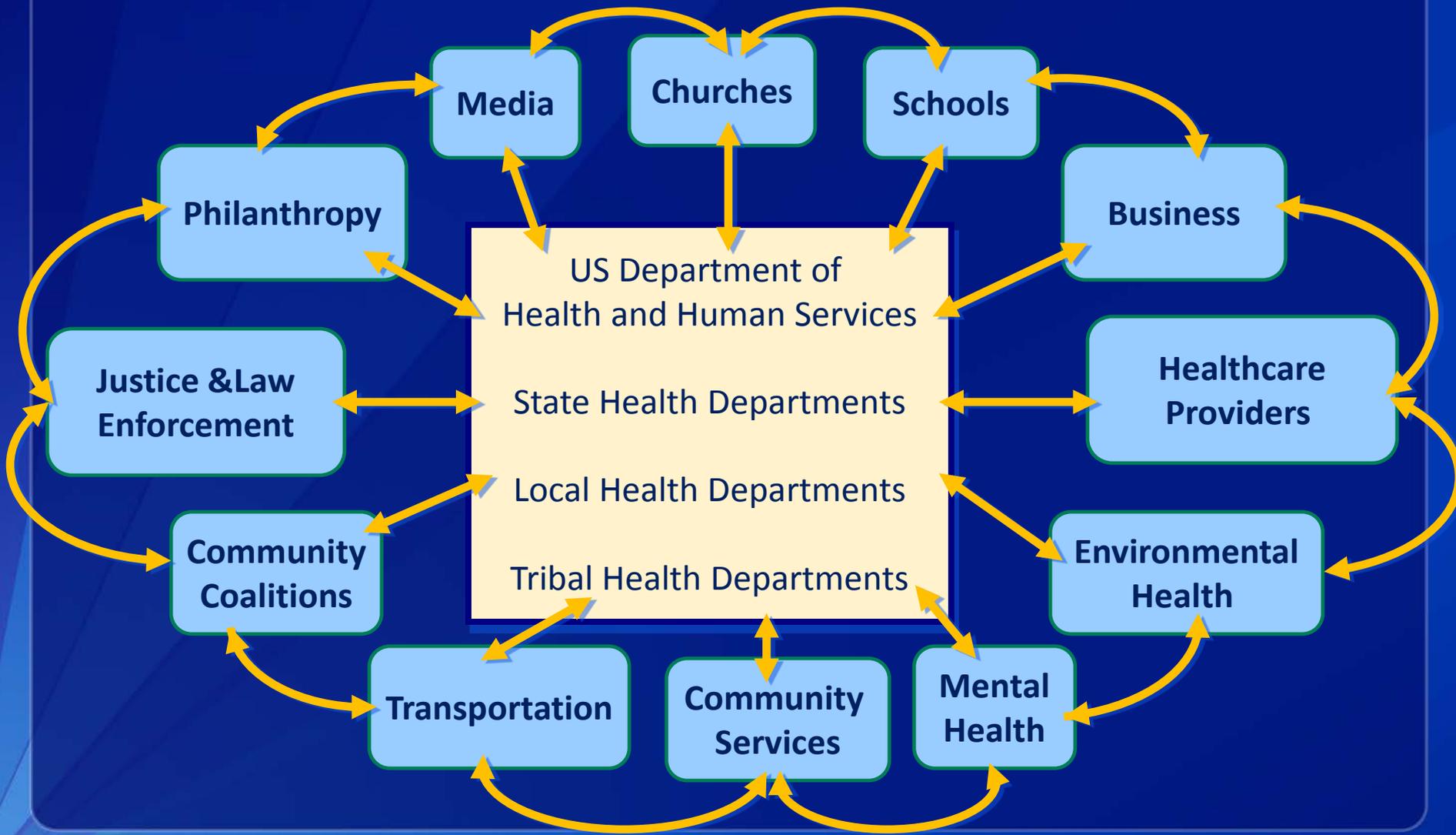
Environmental
Health

Transportation

Community
Services

Mental
Health

Our Goal Is an Integrated System of Partnerships



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BENEFITS AND USE OF NPHPS

Benefits

□ Using NPHPS can

- Improve organizational and community communication and collaboration
- Educate participants about public health and the interconnectedness of activities
- Strengthen the diverse network of partners within state and local public health systems
- Identify strengths and weaknesses to address in quality improvement efforts
- Provide a benchmark for public health practice improvements

How You Can Use Results for Performance Improvement

- ❑ The NPHPS performance assessments can help participants understand gaps between their current performance and the optimal level of performance as described by the Standards.
- ❑ Results of the assessments should be incorporated into a broader planning process, such as a community health improvement process like Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP), a state health improvement process, or a local board of health strategic planning process.

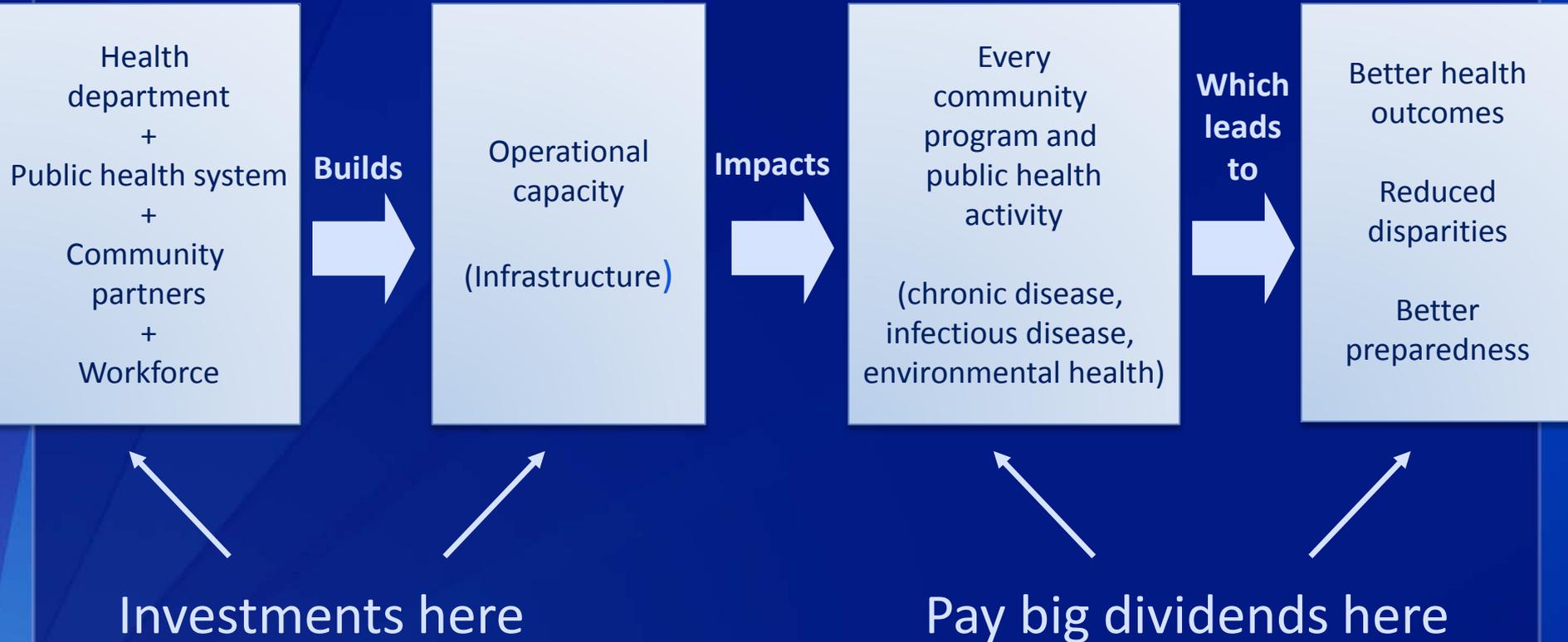
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NPHPS USE IN THE FIELD

Strategic Linkages and Drivers

- ❑ Healthy People 2020
- ❑ State legislation that provide or mention use of NPHPS
- ❑ Inclusion within the Public Health Accreditation Board standards for health department accreditation
- ❑ Inclusion within state or community health improvement processes such as MAPP
- ❑ Performance management and quality improvement efforts

Why Invest in NPHPS?



For More Information

Have a question about NPHPS assessments or processes? Use the list below to find the best organization to contact.

- ❑ State Public Health System Performance Assessment
[Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#)
- ❑ Local Public Health System Performance Assessment
[National Association of County and City Health Officials](#)
- ❑ Public Health Governing Entity Performance Assessment
[National Public Health Performance Standards Program](#)
- ❑ General Questions
[National Public Health Performance Standards Program](#)

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