

No Time Like the Present:  
Preparing for (INSERT  
YOUR LHD's NAME) for  
National Accreditation

# Today's Objectives

- Define accreditation
- Understand the accreditation process
- Share resources for more information
- Learn how (INSERT LHD NAME) will prepare for accreditation
- Discuss next steps for (INSERT LHD NAME)

# Overview of Accreditation

Accreditation is a status that provides public notification that an institution, **agency**, or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency.

*American Psychological Association definition of accreditation*



# Public Health Accreditation

**Goal:** to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments (state, local, Tribal, territorial).



# Overview of Standards

## **Part A** Governance/Administration

## **Part B**

### **Domain 1**

Conduct Assessment Activities

### **Domain 2**

Investigate Health Problems

### **Domain 3**

Inform and Educate about Public Health

### **Domain 4**

Engage with the Public to Solve Public Health Problems

### **Domain 5**

Develop public health policies and plans

# Overview of Standards

## **Domain 6**

Enforce public health laws and regulations

## **Domain 7**

Promote strategies to improve access

## **Domain 8**

Maintain a competent workforce

## **Domain 9**

Evaluate and continuously improve

## **Domain 10**

Contribute to and apply the evidence base for public health

# Prerequisites

- Community health assessment
- Community health improvement plan
- Agency strategic plan

# What is the accreditation process?

1. Pre-application
2. Application
3. Self-assessment
4. Site Visit
5. Accreditation Decisions
6. Appeals
7. Reports and reaccreditation

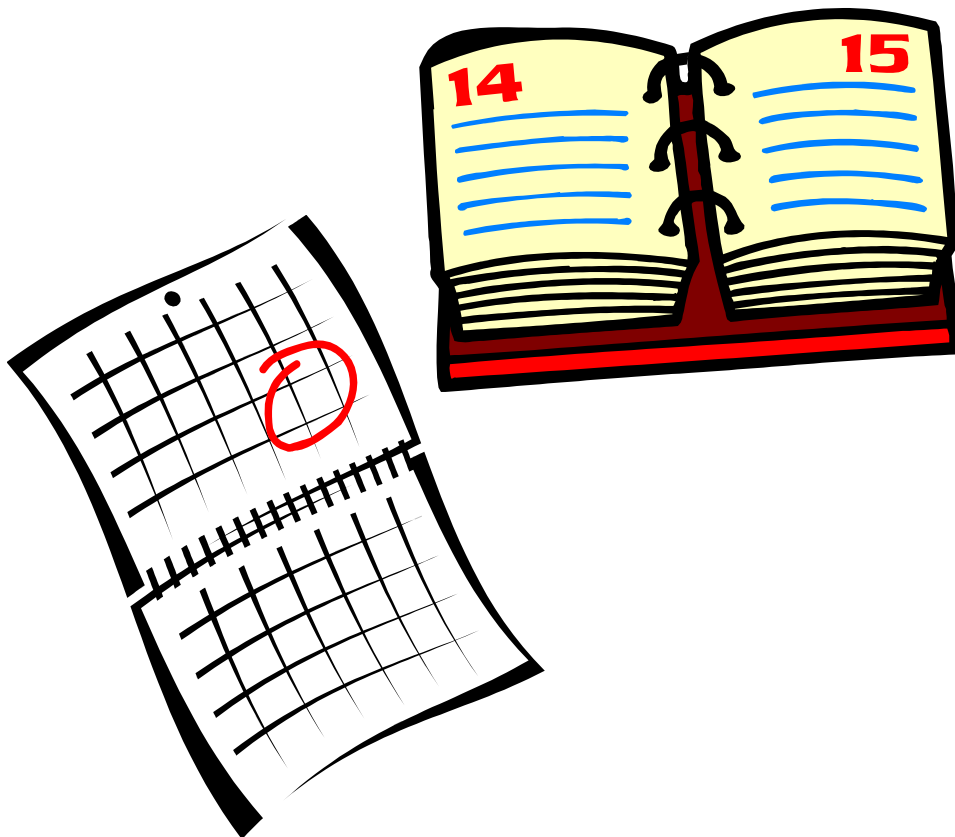


# Step 1: Pre-application

- Assess readiness
- Inform PHAB
- Receive training

# Step 2: Application

- Online application
- 12 months



# Step 3: Self-assessment

- Score standards/measures
- Collect documentation



# Step 4: Site Visit

- 2-3 day site visit, by practitioners
- Site visitors report developed



# Step 5: Accreditation Decisions

- Accreditation
- Non accreditation
- Conditional accreditation



## 6. Appeals

- Eligibility
- Accreditation status
- Deficiencies



## 7. Reports and reaccreditation

- Department reports progress and reapplies
- Accreditation lasts 5 years, with progress reports submitted at the half-way mark

# Reasons to Apply



- Accountability and credibility
- Potential increased access to resources
- Strengthening LHDs, from within
- Opportunities to improve
- And more!





# We are not alone!

Population Category	Would Seek Accreditation	Would Seek Accreditation in First Two Years
<25,000	358	269
25,000 – 49,999	240	179
50,000 – 99,999	182	123
100,000 – 249,999	186	98
250,000 – 499,999	98	71
500,000 – 999,999	52	45
1 million +	33	25
<b>All LHDs</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>809</b>

Agreed or strongly agreed with statement

Assumes that NO LHDs unfamiliar with accreditation would agree or strongly agree

# Learn More!

## Public Health Accreditation Board

- Guide to accreditation
- Glossary
- Readiness checklist
- Self-assessment tool
- Guide to interpretation

[www.phaboard.org](http://www.phaboard.org)

## National Association of County and City Health Officials

- How To guides
- Tips on self-assessing
- Examples from LHDs
- Toolkit of resources

[www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org)



# Moving Forward

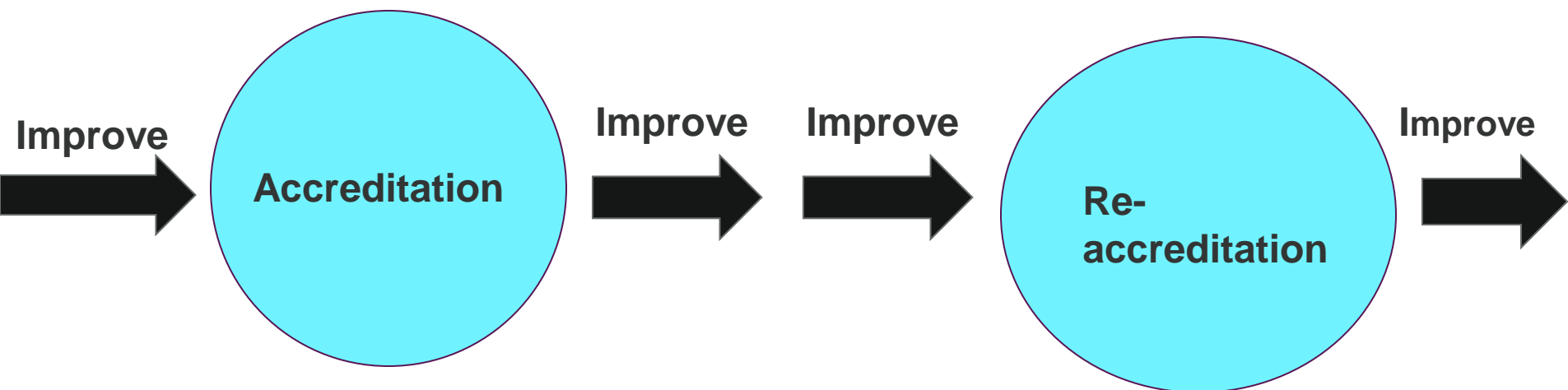
- We will apply!
- Getting ready

# Accreditation in (INSERT LHD NAME)

- All hands on deck
- New responsibilities
- Recognition
- Celebrate success



# Accreditation is the beginning



Improving the public's health through continuous quality improvement



