Board of Health Accreditation Orientation

North Central District

Health Department

Topics

- NACCHO CDC Accreditation Support Initiative
- Definition and Purpose of Accreditation
- Accreditation Process
- Domain 12: Board of Health Role in Accreditation
- Fees
- Next Steps

NACCHO CDC Accreditation Support Initiative

- 29 local health departments chosen out of 147 applications
- Project period December 2013 – May 2014
- Funding amount ≈ $19,000
- Funding category 1: Progress Toward Preparing or Applying for Accreditation
- Project deliverables:
  - Staff and BOH accreditation orientation
  - Written process for review and revision of department policies and procedures
  - Written department accreditation readiness self-study

Definition and Purpose of Accreditation

- Accreditation is defined as:
    - Development of a set of standards
    - Process to measure performance against those standards
    - Recognition for meeting the standards

- Accreditation provides public notification that an institution, agency, or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency

Definition and Purpose of Accreditation

- Accreditation
  - Has been widely accepted by many fields
  - Demonstrates accountability to community
  - Documents the capacity of the health department
  - Is not a "one-time event", but rather an ongoing quality improvement commitment
  - Aims to improve service, value, and accountability to stakeholders

Definition and Purpose of Accreditation

- In a nutshell...

1. What are we doing?
2. Why are we doing it?
3. How are we doing it?
4. How can we do it better?

Accreditation Process

- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
- Prerequisites
    - Community Health Assessment (CHA) - COMPLETE
    - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) - COMPLETE
    - Department Strategic Plan - Underway
- PHAB Domains, Standards, and Measures

Accreditation Process

- Seven Steps
  1. Pre-Application
  2. Application
  3. Document Selection and Submission
  4. Site Visit
  5. Accreditation Decision
  6. Reports
  7. Reaccreditation

Domain 12: Maintain Capacity to Engage the Public Health Governing Entity

- Board of Health roles and responsibilities in the accreditation process
  - Sign letter of support
  - Place public health programs and services high on priority list
  - Support your LHD in efforts to become or remain accredited
  - Participate in your LHD's on-site review visit
  - Read on-site review report describing results of accreditation process
  - Celebrate success of your LHD's accomplishment when it receives accreditation

Fees

- Based on size of population served by health department
- Options include five-year payment schedule or payment in advance with discount
- Grant funding may be available to help cover accreditation fees
- Used to support
  - Assigned accreditation specialist
  - In-person training
  - Subscription to online documentation system
  - Site visit
- Published annually
  - Rates applicable for 5-year period
- Additional costs exist

Population Size of the Jurisdiction Served	2014 - 2015 Total Fee
Less than 50,000	$ 12,720
50,000 to 100,000	$ 20,670
>100,000 to 200,000	$ 27,030
>200,000 to 1 million	$ 31,800
>1 million to 3 million	$ 47,700
>3 million to 5 million	$ 63,600
>5 million to 15 million	$ 79,500
Greater than 15 million	$ 95,400

Five-Year Payment Schedule				
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
$5,088	$1,908	$1,908	$1,908	$1,908

Fees: Return on Investment

- Leverage for funding
- Streamlining federal grant application process
- Accountability and credibility
- Awareness of agency strengths and weaknesses
- Visibility

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Next Steps

- Implement accreditation preparation timeline
  - Hold accreditation team meetings
    - Weekly beginning June 16
    - Systematic review of Standards and Measures
  - Select documentation
    - 97 measures, each requiring 1 or more examples
  - Address gaps
  - Submit Statement of Intent
  - Apply for accreditation

Questions?