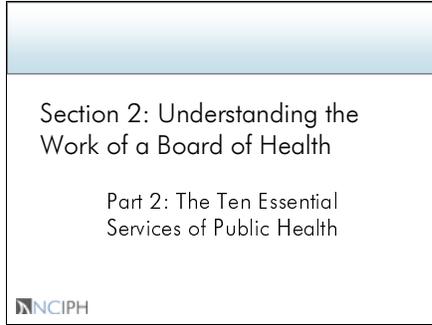


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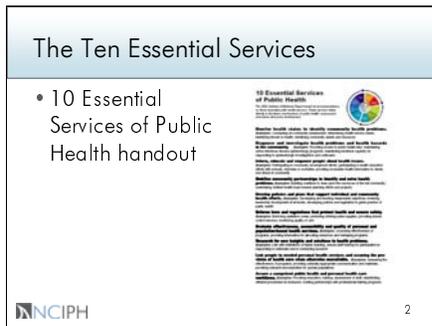
Section 2: Understanding the Work of a Board of Health, Part 2: The Ten Essential Services of Public Health

There are two parts in Section 2, Understanding the Work of a Board of Health.

Part 1 focused on understanding the work of a board of health by examining its relationship to the core functions of public health.

Part 2 also focuses on understanding the work of a board of health but does so by describing the ten essential services of public health and how they relate to the core functions.

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Another aspect of understanding the work of a board of health is to consider it in terms of its connection to the “Ten Essential Services” of public health. As a board member, it is important for you to be familiar with these ten essential services because they provide a working definition for the practice of public health. In addition, the standards for accreditation of local health departments have been developed based on the ten essential services.

While going through this presentation, you will want to have handy the “10 Essential Services of Public Health” handout, included in both the handouts for this section and the packet of materials for this module.

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2002 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report

- Core functions
- Essential public health services



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Though widely accepted in public health practice, public health policy and academic communities, the core functions of public health: assessment, policy development and assurance, put forth in the 1988 Institute of Medicine Report, provided a limited definition of public health.

The public health leadership at the federal and state levels developed a consensus list of “the essential services of public health”, based on a list of 10 basic public health practices that was developed in 1992, at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The new Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report on the State of Public Health, published in 2002, based its recommendations on the structure of these essential services of public health.

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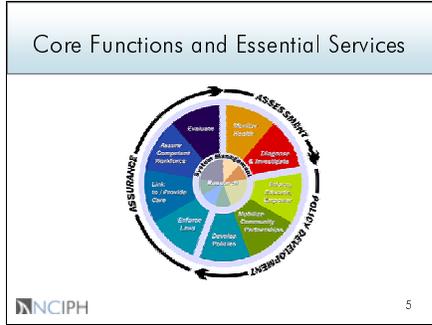
The Ten Essential Services

- Broad definition for the practice of public health
- The framework within which all public health activities occur

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Public health serves both communities and individuals by providing an array of essential services. The 10 essential services provide both a working definition for the practice of public health and a framework within which all public health activities occur.

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The ten essential services all fall within the broader scope of the core functions of public health. This graphic shows the relationship between the core functions and the ten essential services. The core functions are represented by the arrows forming the outside of the circle. The ten essential services are listed on the blocks of color within the arrows.

For example, the two essential services—Monitor Health and Diagnose and Investigate are services that relate to the core function of Assessment. The services Inform, Educate and Empower; Mobilize Community Partnerships and Develop Policies fall under the core function of Policy Development.

Additional examples of the ten essential services are listed on the “10 Essential Services” handout provided with the packet of materials for this module.

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Summary
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The ten essential services describe the public health activities that should be undertaken in all communities.

These services, along with core functions of public health, provide both a working definition for the practice of public health and a framework within which all public health activities occur.