

Why Seek PHAB Reaccreditation?



History of Public Health Accreditation



2004

- The CDC identified accreditation as a key strategy for strengthening public health infrastructure.

2006

- It was determined that a voluntary national accreditation program was the most desirable and feasible approach.

2007

- PHAB was incorporated as a non-profit entity to implement and oversee national public health department accreditation.

2016

- The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) was granted initial accreditation in May 2016 by PHAB.

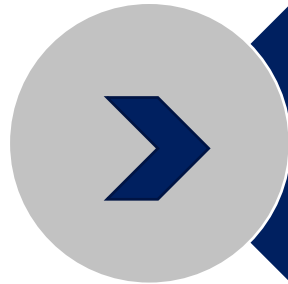
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- ADH began preparing for reaccreditation.

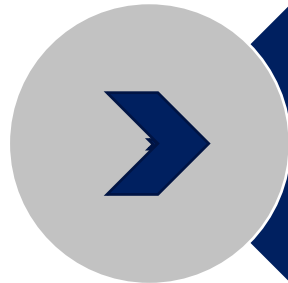
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- A work group was formed to begin preparing our self-study reaccreditation application.

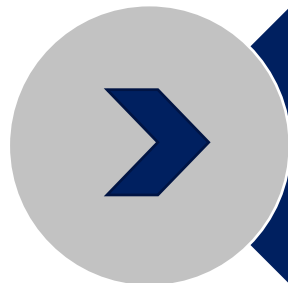
What is Public Health Accreditation?



The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused and evidenced-based standards.



The issuance of recognition of achievement of accreditation within a specified time frame by a nationally recognized entity.



The continual development, revision, and distribution of public health standards.

What is the Value of Accreditation?



- Stimulated quality and performance improvement
- Improved relationships with local community stakeholders
- Improved accountability to external stakeholders
- Improved identification of strengths and weaknesses
- Validation of staff work
- Better positioning to obtain additional funding

Basis for PHAB Accreditation



3 Core Public
Health
Functions

10 Essential
Public Health
Services

PHAB has developed a set of standards and processes for accredited health departments based on the three core public health functions and the ten essential public health services.

Health Functions & Public Health Services



Function: Assessment

Services:

1. Monitor health status to identify community Health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.

Health Functions & Public Health Services (Continued)



Function: Policy Development

Services:

1. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
2. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
3. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

Health Functions & Public Health Services (Continued)



Function: Assurance

Services:

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

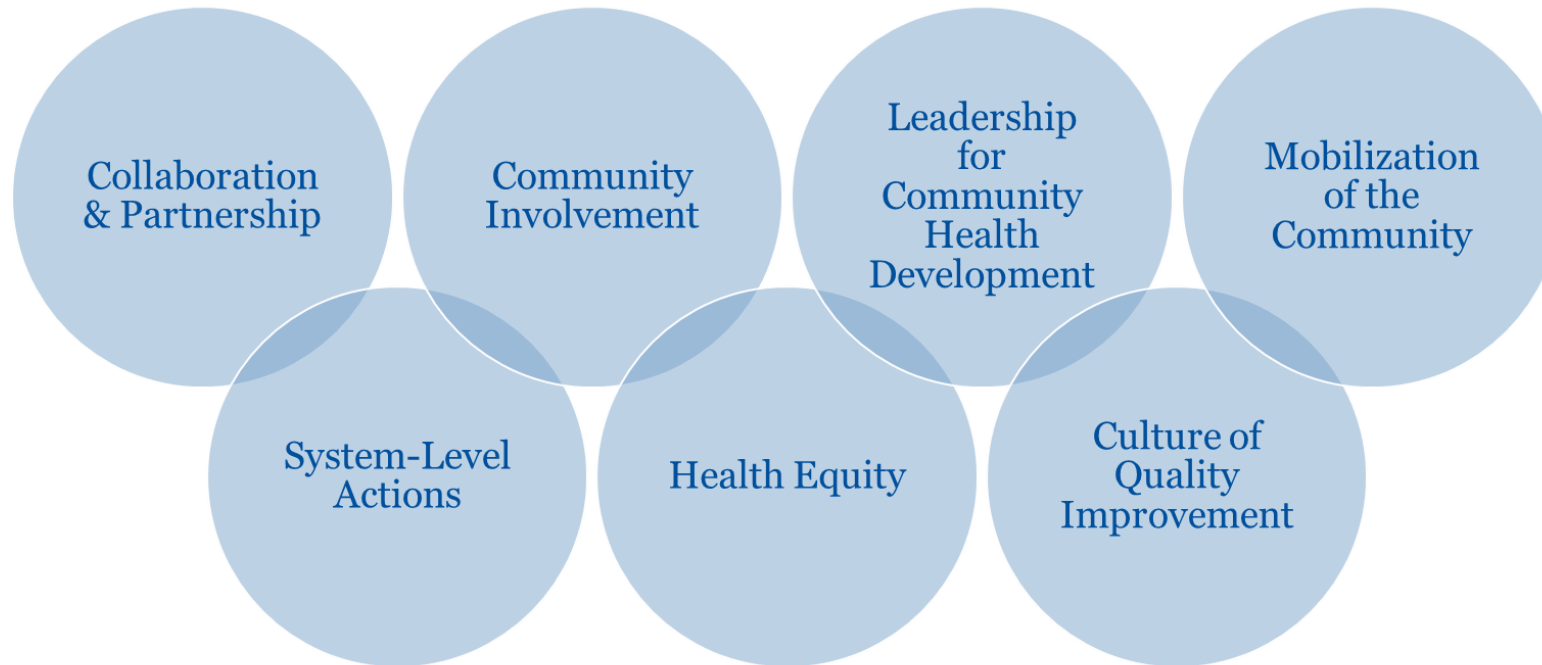
Reaccreditation = Continued Value



Reaccreditation measures and process are not a do-over of initial accreditation.

Reaccreditation ensures that accredited health departments continue to evolve, improve, and advance, thereby becoming increasingly effective at improving the health of the population they serve.

Themes for Reaccreditation



Reaccreditation Work Group



Re-PHAB, the reaccreditation work group, is divided into teams organized around the 12 domains of the PHAB standards and measures.

- Domains 1-10 address the 10 essential public health services.
- Domain 11 addresses management and administration functions.
- Domain 12 addresses governance.

Each domain team will prepare the reaccreditation requirements for their assigned domain.

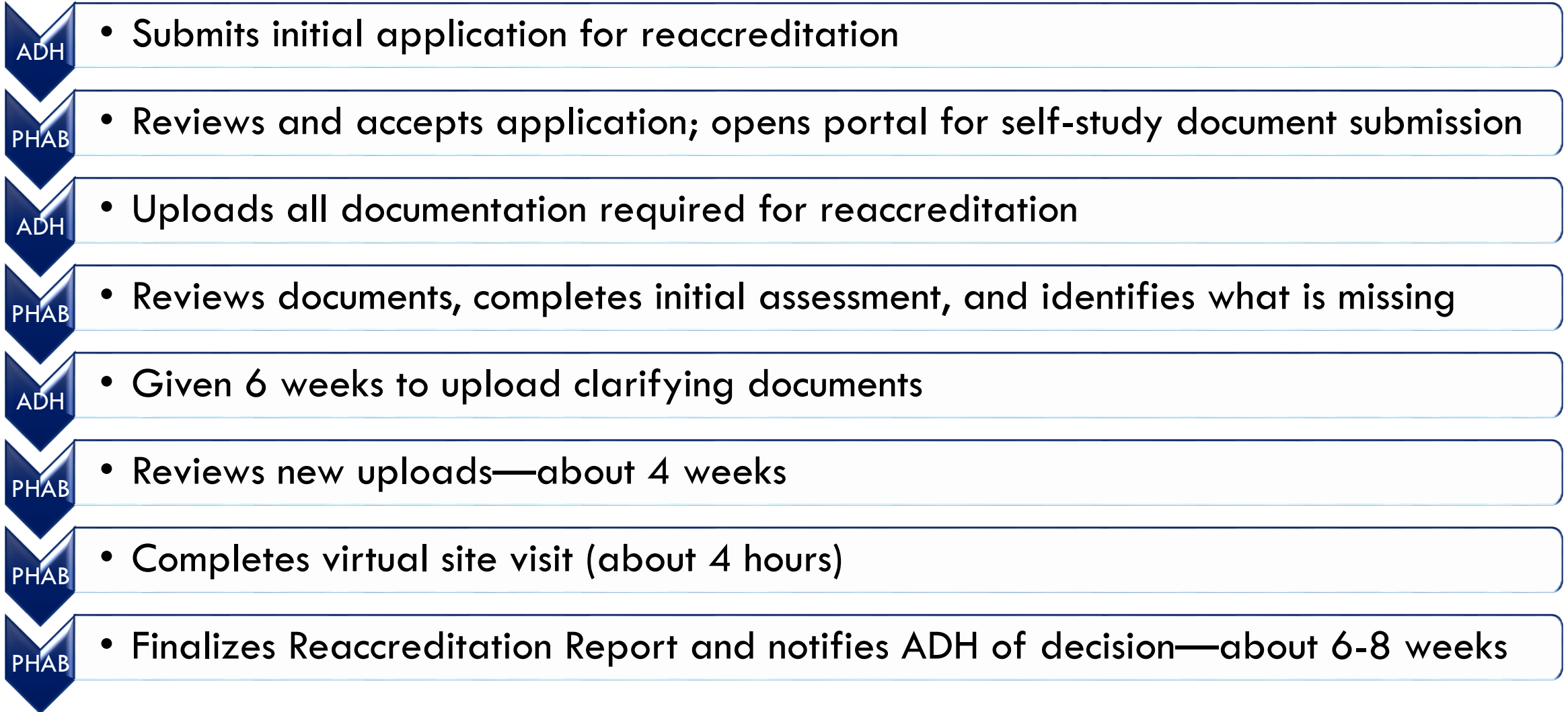
Reaccreditation Requirements



Over 100 requirements will be prepared by the Re-PHAB work group for submission to PHAB as the reaccreditation self-study. These requirements include:

- Narratives: more than 75 narrative descriptions of processes, procedures, and activities or narrative descriptions of examples.
- Examples: about 20 examples of communications with others, examples of data collected, examples of an after-action report, or other specific activities.
- Documents: about 20 documents will be uploaded including items like plans, protocols, reports, or templates that are currently in use at ADH.

Timeline for Reaccreditation



For More Information



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