

# The Futures Initiative: The 10 Essential Public Health Services

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## Overview

The Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) is partnering with the de Beaumont Foundation to review and revise the 10 Essential Public Health Services (EPHS). **The Futures Initiative** is aimed at bringing the Essential Services national framework in line with current and future public health practice. This effort will engage the public health community in activities to collect information and build consensus for an updated 10 EPHS framework that reflects current and emerging public health practice needs.

## Background

The 10 EPHS framework was developed in 1994 by a federal working group. It serves as the description of the activities that local public health systems should undertake in all communities. Organized around the three core functions of public health – assessment, policy development, and assurance – the colorful, circular framework is a familiar graphic in the public health field. Health departments and community partners around the nation organize their work around the Essential Public Health Services framework, schools and programs of public health teach it, and the framework informs descriptions and definitions of practice. The framework is also used as the basis of the Public Health Accreditation Board Domains.

The framework has provided a roadmap of goals for carrying out the mission of public health in communities around the nation. However, the public health landscape has shifted dramatically over the past 25 years, and many public health leaders agree it is time to revisit whether and how the framework can better reflect current and future practice and how it can be used to create communities where people can achieve their best possible health.

## About the Initiative

Through the Futures Initiative, PHNCI and the de Beaumont Foundation have engaged the public health field through a variety of opportunities. Recently, the Task Force advising the Futures Initiative met in January 2020 to guide the work going forward, review feedback collected during the data collection phase, and prepare for public vetting of a refreshed framework that will occur in March 2020. Based on the timeline below, a finalized framework is expected to be launched during the Public Health Innovation Summit & Showcase in June 2020. After its launch, the framework will be disseminated broadly in the hopes that it will be adopted widely in the field.

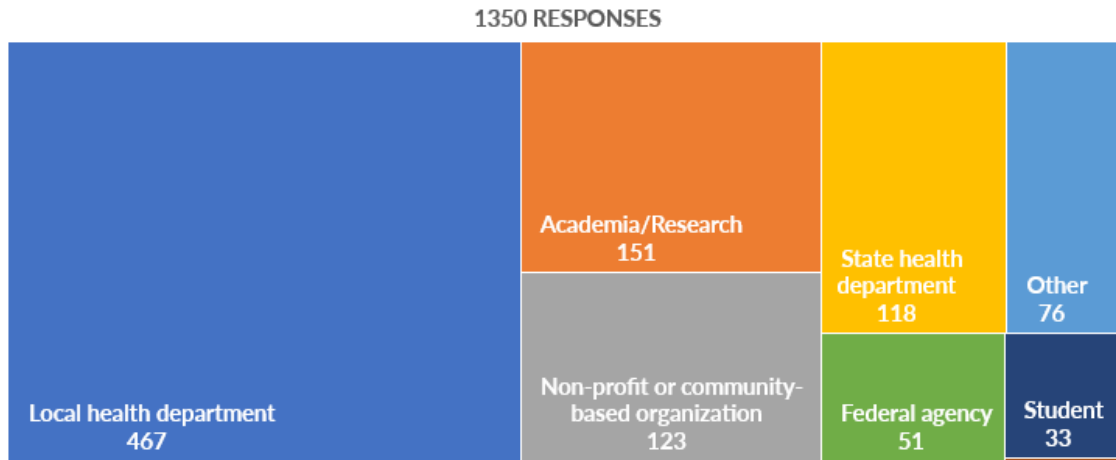
## Timeline

Activity	Dates
Public vetting open	March 2-April 2, 2020
Data analysis and framework development	April 3-June 16, 2020
Alignment and communication strategy	May 1-June 15, 2020
Framework launch	June 23, 2020

## Highlighted Input from the Field

The Futures Initiative collected input through live crowdsourcing events, in-person and virtual townhalls, think tank discussions, and by utilizing national partners and constituent organizations. Additionally, an open questionnaire on both the PHNCI and de Beaumont Foundation's websites collected direct feedback on the Essential Services and how they might be revised.

### Who Provided Their Feedback?



NOTE: Responses from Territorial health departments (n=1) are not viewable on the above graphic and 330 responses were collected with no affiliation indicated.

### How Were Participants Engaged?



5 virtual or in-person town hall events (455 responses)



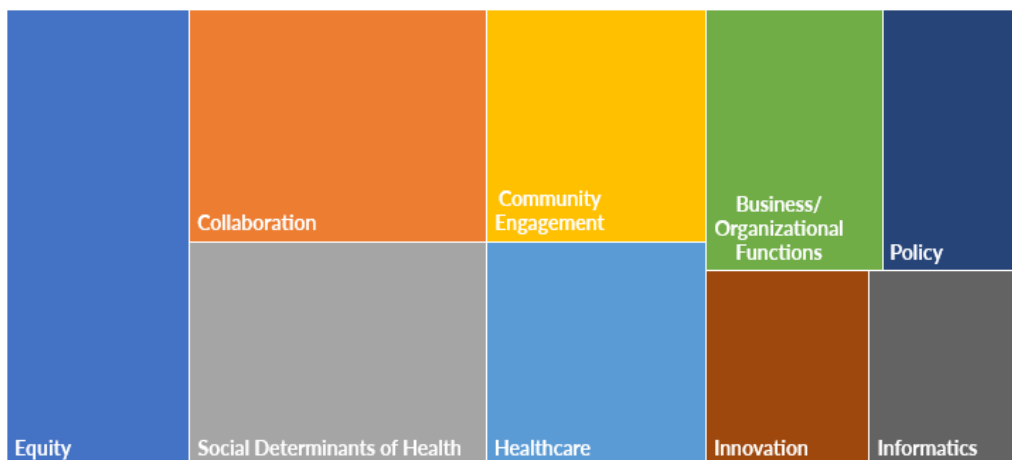
15 meetings or conference calls (293 responses)



Online questionnaire (602 responses)

### What Themes Emerged?

When asked what needed to change or be added, participants noted the following:



### Where Can I Find More Information?

The PHNCI website contains everything you need to know about the Futures Initiative, including background information, the Task Force members, meeting summaries, and reports: [www.phnci.org/national-frameworks/10-eps](http://www.phnci.org/national-frameworks/10-eps).