

**Public Health National Center for Innovations to Partner with the de Beaumont Foundation to Assess the Current State of the 10 Essential Public Health Services National Framework**

***17-Month-Long Project Aims to Bring the 25-Year-Old Framework in Line with Current and Future Public Health Practice***

The Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI), a division of the Public Health Accreditation Board, announced today that it will partner with the de Beaumont Foundation on a project aimed at bringing the 10 Essential Public Health Services national framework in line with current and future public health practice. The *10 Essential Public Health Services Futures Initiative* will engage the public health community in a 17-month-long series of activities aimed at building consensus for an updated 10 Essential Public Health Services national framework.

Developed in 1994 by a federal working group, the [10 Essential Public Health Services framework](#) serves as the agreed-upon 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 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.

Since its inception, the framework has provided a reliable road map 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 quarter of a decade, 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.

“Much has changed in governmental public health practice in the 25 years since the 10 Essential Public Health Services framework was developed,” said PHNCI Chief Innovations Officer Jessica Solomon Fisher, MCP. “We’ve seen the rise of bioterrorism, climate change, the anti-vaccine movement, and behavioral and mental health issues, to name just a few of the challenges. And more recently, there is a focus on addressing the root causes of health inequities and working across sectors to advance population health. With new and complex challenges arising and new partners providing population health services, the need to coalesce around a common understanding of public health and communicate about it effectively is stronger than ever.”

PHNCI and the de Beaumont Foundation share a common vision for creating equitable conditions for health in communities across the nation through the development of tools, partnerships, resources, and policies. Further strengthening their collaboration, PHNCI is a division of the Public Health Accreditation Board, whose national accrediting program was developed by the field more than 10 years ago utilizing the 10 Essential Public Health Services

framework as the basis for the standards and measures by which governmental public health departments' performance is evaluated.

Work on the project will commence immediately, with a finalized framework expected to be launched during the PHNCI Innovation Summit & Showcase in late spring 2020.

“The de Beaumont Foundation is very excited to be working with PHNCI on this important project,” said Katie Sellers, DrPH, CPH, Vice President for Impact at the de Beaumont Foundation. “As the public health field continues to transform over time, it is appropriate to revisit the framework to ensure its relevance for the next 25 years and beyond, to best meet the needs of communities. We look forward to partnering with PHNCI to extend the effectiveness and impact of the public health field across the country.”

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#### **About the Public Health National Center for Innovations**

The Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI), a division of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), with support and funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, was established in 2015 to help foster a multi-sector learning community that will help identify and test new and innovative practices to improve public health capacity. In this role, PHNCI serves as the hub for national public health innovations.

#### **About the de Beaumont Foundation**

The de Beaumont Foundation creates and invests in bold solutions to build healthier communities. The Foundation advances policy, builds partnerships, and strengthens public health to create communities where people can achieve their best possible health. For more information, visit [www.deBeaumont.org](http://www.deBeaumont.org).