

Focus on Governance

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is developing the next version the Standards & Measures for the accreditation of governmental public health departments at the state, Tribal, local, and Territorial level. One of the explicit [goals](#) of Version 2022 is to “promote accountability.” Consistent with that goal, PHAB sought [recommendations](#) from representatives of local boards of health and other governing entities about how best to incorporate governance concepts in the revised requirements. PHAB is currently conducting a comprehensive and inclusive vetting process on the proposed requirements. We encourage health departments and their governing entities to [share thoughts on Version 2022](#). Deadline for feedback is November 5.

The table below highlights measures that reference the governing entity as part of the requirements. Feel free to use it as a guide when reviewing and providing feedback on the Standards & Measures.

Topic	Initial Accreditation Measure	Reaccreditation Measure
Data Analysis and Public Health Findings	1.3.2	1.3.1
Policy Setting	5.1.1 5.1.2	5.1.1
Strategic Planning	10.1.1 10.1.3	10.1.2
Finances	10.2.8	10.2.5
Communications between Health Department and Governing Entity	3.1.3 10.3.2 10.3.3	10.3.2

In addition to these measures, the guidance within the accreditation Standards & Measures encourages health departments to engage with their governing entities in their work related to health equity, performance management & quality improvement, ethics, enforcement & compliance, and communications to the public. The legal authority of the governing entity will be required as part of a health department’s application to apply for accreditation.

**Preliminary Version 2022 requirements pertaining to governing entities are subject to change during the vetting process.*