Pathways, Initial Accreditation, and Reaccreditation – Version 2022

This high level summary provides an overview of the Domains and Standards in Version 2022 and how the PHAB Domains and 10 Essential Public Health Services are linked. The grey bar on the left, shows the Domains and Standards that are included within each Pathways Recognition Track.

PATHWAYS RECOGNITION TRACK 1: SERVICES AND PARTNERSHIPS (DOMAINS 1-7)

ASSESS AND MONITOR POPULATION HEALTH

DOMAIN 1: Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

STANDARD 1.1: Participate in or lead a collaborative process resulting in a comprehensive community health assessment.

STANDARD 1.2: Collect and share data that provide information on conditions of public health importance and on the health status of the population.

STANDARD 1.3: Analyze public health data, share findings, and use results to improve population health

INVESTIGATE, DIAGNOSE, AND ADDRESS HEALTH HAZARDS AND ROOT CAUSES

DOMAIN 2: Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population.

STANDARD 2.1 Anticipate, prevent, and mitigate health threats through surveillance and investigation of health problems and environmental hazards.

STANDARD 2.2 Prepare for and respond to emergencies.

COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY TO INFORM AND EDUCATE

DOMAIN 3 Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.

STANDARD 3.1: Provide information on public health issues and public health functions through multiple methods to a variety of audiences.

STANDARD 3.2: Use health communication strategies to support prevention, health, and well-being.

STRENGTHEN, SUPPORT, AND MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

DOMAIN 4: Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.

STANDARD 4.1: Engage with the public health system and the community in promoting health through collaborative processes.

CREATE, CHAMPION, AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES, PLANS, AND LAWS

DOMAIN 5: Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.

STANDARD 5.1: Serve as a primary and expert resource for establishing and maintaining health policies and laws.

STANDARD 5.2: Develop and implement community health improvement strategies collaboratively.

UTILIZE LEGAL AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

DOMAIN 6: Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.

STANDARD 6.1: Promote compliance with public health laws.

ENABLE EQUITABLE ACCESS

DOMAIN 7: Contribute to an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.

STANDARD 7.1: Engage with partners in the health care system to assess and improve health service availability. *

STANDARD 7.2: Connect the population to services that support the whole person.

*Standard 7.1 is not required for Pathways Recognition.

PATHWAYS RECOGNITION TRACK 2: HEALTH DEPARTMENT SYSTEMS (DOMAINS 8-10)

BUILD A DIVERSE AND SKILLED WORKFORCE

DOMAIN 8:	Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.
STANDARD 8.1:	Encourage the development and recruitment of qualified public health workers.
STANDARD 8.2:	Build a competent public health workforce and leadership that practices cultural humility.

IMPROVE AND INNOVATE THROUGH EVALUATION, RESEARCH, AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

DOMAIN 9:	Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.
STANDARD 9.1:	Build and foster a culture of quality.
STANDARD 9.2:	Use and contribute to developing research, evidence, practice-based insights, and other forms of information for decision making.

BUILD AND MAINTAIN A STRONG ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

DOMAIN 10	Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.
STANDARD 10.1:	Employ strategic planning skills.
STANDARD 10.2:	Manage financial, information management, and human resources effectively.
STANDARD 10.3:	Foster accountability and transparency within the organizational infrastructure to support ethical practice, decision-making, and governance.

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PHAB

The **PHAB STANDARDS** apply to all health departments—Tribal, military state, local, and territorial. Standards are the required level of achievement that a health department is expected to meet. Domains are groups of standards that pertain to a broad group of public health services. The focus of the PHAB standards is "what" the health department provides in services and activities, irrespective of "how" they are provided or through what organizational structure. Please refer to the **PHAB Standards** Version 2022 documents, available at **www.phaboard.org**, for the full official standards, measures, required documentation, and guidance.

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