Modernizing Public Health in Iowa

A quick overview
“Implement state and local public health standards that have been outlined as part of Iowa’s Redesigning Public Health Initiative.”

- Public Health and Health Care Task Force, Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission 2008
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- Coordination of the Work Group and Implementation Committees
  - 5 implementation committees
  - Public Health Modernization Act
- State Assessment
  - Site visit in January
- Multi-State Learning Collaborative
  - Accreditation
  - Quality Improvement
Accreditation

- Accreditation process
  - What does it mean to be accredited?

- Accrediting body-
  - What should the qualifications of this body be?

- Aligning with the national standards
Funding

- How much is being spent on public health right now?
  - Basic survey
  - Extended survey
- How much will it cost to implement the Iowa Public Health Standards?
- Is there a way to make the money we currently have go further?
Increase Knowledge

- Communication and Education plan
- Website
- Determine what people need and respond to those needs.
  - FAQ’s
  - Fact Sheets
  - Power points
Metrics

- What needs to get done so the standards can be implemented?
  - Products
  - Technical Assistance
- How will we measure the standards and criteria? What evidence is acceptable?
Change Iowa Code

- Identify key endorsements
  - List of approx. 60 stakeholders.
- Iowa Public Health Modernization Act
  - Public Health Advisory Council
  - Public Health Evaluation Committee
  - Voluntary Accreditation
- Other Iowa Code and Administrative Code changes
  - District board of health language
Public Health Modernization Act

- Will increase public health system capacity and provide equitable delivery of public health services
- A product of the code committee and approved by the work group.
- At this point in draft form, comments are still being accepted.
Modernization Act – 3 key notes

- Public Health Advisory Council
- Public Health Evaluation Committee
- Formation of a voluntary accreditation system
Public Health Advisory Council

- Charged with finding an organization to provide the voluntary accreditation program.
- Responsible for assuring that the Iowa Public Health Standards are updated as needed.
- Membership includes representatives from each of the 6 regions of Iowa and experts in an area of public health named in the Iowa Public Health Standards.
Public Health Evaluation Committee

- Responsible for the ongoing evaluation of Iowa’s public health system and the accreditation process.
- Members represent the 6 public health regions, the areas of the Iowa Public Health Standards, and include an economist and research analyst.
Voluntary Accreditation System

- Accrediting body to be identified by Public Health Council approved by State BOH.
- IDPH and at least one county will voluntarily pilot the accreditation process by July 1, 2011.
- The bill also provides for the accrediting organization to accept applications for the formal process beginning January 2, 2012.
For Local Public Health Administrators

- Check out the Redesign/Modernization website: idph.state.ia.gov/rphi
- Scripted/add your own information power point covers:
  1. History of Redesign/Overview of the Iowa Public Health Standards
  2. Public Health Modernization Act
- You can print the Iowa Public Health Standards out component area by component area.
- Watch the Quick Reads and Focus
Share information with your staff.

Educate your local board of health.

Pay attention to the Public Health Modernization Act. Subscribe to Legislative Updates.
Any Questions?

Thank you!