

Governance (GV) - The Governance Standards address the obligations of the boards of health in Iowa to oversee public health matters. These standards apply directly to the respective boards of health. The local criteria are the responsibility of the local boards of health and state criteria are the responsibility of the State Board of Health.

The Iowa Code chapter 137 and Iowa Administrative Code 641, chapters 77 and 78 give local boards of health jurisdiction over public health matters within their local service areas. Local boards of health are responsible for taking an active role in setting public health goals and priorities, shaping delivery service systems, and ensuring efficient and effective use of resources. The local criteria require each local board of health to designate a local public health agency to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards for its jurisdiction. The local criteria require the board of health to assure that the designated local public health agency complies with the standards.

The Iowa Code chapter 136 gives the State Board of Health the authority to be the policy making body for the state public health department. The State Board of Health has the power to advise or make recommendations to the state public health department, governor, and legislature regarding health and sanitation matters. The state criteria require the State Board of Health to assure that the state public health department complies with the standards.

- Standard GV1** - Secure commitment from governmental oversight bodies to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- Standard GV2** - Comply with Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code.
- Standard GV3** - Assure administration of public health services and compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- Standard GV4** - Develop public policy to address public health issues.
- Standard GV5** - Assure state health laws and public health regulations and local ordinances are enforced.
- Standard GV6** - Practice fiscal oversight.

STANDARD GV1 - SECURE COMMITMENT FROM GOVERNMENTAL OVERSIGHT BODIES TO COMPLY WITH THE IOWA PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.

LOCAL CRITERIA

- GV1a-L** - At least every two years, provide written commitment from the local board of health to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV1b-L** - At least every two years, secure written commitment from the local board(s) of supervisors to support the local board of health's compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

STATE CRITERIA

- GV1a-S** - At least every two years, provide written commitment from the State Board of Health to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV1b-S** - At least every two years, secure written commitment from the governor to support the State Board of Health and the state public health department's compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

STANDARD GV2 - COMPLY WITH IOWA CODE AND IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

LOCAL CRITERIA

- GV2a-L** - Comply with Iowa Code chapter 137 and 641 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) chapter 77 and 641 IAC chapter 78.
- GV2b-L** - In addition to complying with Iowa Code and IAC, meet at least six times a year and prepare and distribute an annual report.
- GV2c-L** - Comply with other requirements of Iowa Code and IAC pertaining to local boards of health.
- GV2d-L** - Assure that legal counsel is available for the local board of health and designated local public health agency.

Assure legal counsel through methods such as organizational design (e.g., county attorney), employment, or contractual arrangement.

GV2a-S - Comply with Iowa Code chapter 136.

GV2b-S - Assure that legal counsel is available to the State Board of Health and the state public health department.

GV2c-S - Assure that the state public health department provides an annual orientation for state and local board of health members regarding their roles and responsibilities under Iowa Code and IAC.

GV2d-S - Support the provision of education on public health law to county attorneys, boards of supervisors, and boards of health by the state public health department's legal counsel in coordination with professional associations.

STANDARD GV3 - ASSURE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE IOWA PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.

GV3a-L - Designate a local public health agency (LPHA) for the jurisdiction to administer public health services and comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

GV3b-L - Comply with applicable requirements for either directly governing the designated LPHA or for contracting with an entity to serve as the designated LPHA.

- 1) If the local board of health is the governing body of the designated LPHA, the following requirements apply:
 - Assure that the person who directs the designated LPHA meets the qualifications of a Public Health Administrator as defined in Workforce Standard WK1b-L.
 - Designate a physician Medical Director through employment, or contractual arrangement, or a physician on the local board of health with clearly defined written roles and responsibilities. Assure that the Medical Director has appropriate qualifications as defined in Workforce Standard WK1b-L.
 - Assure that the person who coordinates or supervises public health services meets the qualifications of a Public Health Coordinator/Supervisor as defined in Workforce Standard WK1b-L.
 - Assure that the person who coordinates or supervises environmental health services meets the qualifications of an Environmental Health Coordinator/Supervisor as defined in Workforce Standard WK1b-L.
 - Require in-person and written reports on a regular basis to the local board of health.
- (2) If the local board of health contracts with an entity to serve as the designated LPHA for the purpose of complying with the Iowa Public Health Standards, the following requirements apply:
 - Retain documentation of executed agreements.
 - Executed agreements must meet audit requirements, be reviewed annually, and be updated as appropriate.
 - Executed agreements must contain the following:
 - a. A requirement to meet the Iowa Public Health Standards.
 - b. Designation of the LPHA as a duly authorized agent of the local board of health for the purpose of entering into agreements and contracts with other entities to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
 - c. A requirement that the local board of health must approve agreements and contracts between the designated LPHA and other entities to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
 - d. Requirements listed in definitions and clarifications GV3b-L(1).

LOCAL CRITERIA

- GV3c-L** - Approve agreements and contracts between the designated LPHA and other entities to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV3d-L** - Annually review the progress of the designated LPHA in complying with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV3e-L** - Advocate for adequate resources for state and local public health to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

STATE CRITERIA

- GV3a-S** - Advise the state public health department on issues that promote and protect the health of Iowans.
- GV3b-S** - Assure that the state public health department complies with the Iowa Code, Iowa Administrative Code, and Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV3c-S** - Provide guidance to the director of the state public health department in the discharge of the director's duties.
- GV3d-S** - Offer consultation to the governor in appointing the director of the state public health department.
- GV3e-S** - Annually review the progress of the state public health department in complying with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV3f-S** - Advocate for adequate resources for state and local public health to comply with the Iowa Public Health Standards.
- GV3g-S** - Assure that the state health department prepares and distributes an annual report.

STANDARD GV4 - DEVELOP PUBLIC POLICY TO ADDRESS PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES.

LOCAL CRITERIA

- GV4a-L** - Identify health priorities and develop policy using results of the community health assessment and reports from the designated local public health agency.
- GV4b-L** - Serve as the public health policy making body for the jurisdiction in accordance with Iowa Code.
- GV4c-L** - Adopt rules and regulations for the protection of the public's health.

STATE CRITERIA

- GV4a-S** - Identify health priorities and develop policy using results of the state-level community health assessment and reports from the state public health department.
- GV4b-S** - Serve as the policy making body for the state public health department in accordance with Iowa Code.
- GV4c-S** - Adopt administrative rules for the protection of the public's health.
- GV4d-S** - Advise or make recommendations to the governor and general assembly relative to public health matters.

STANDARD GV5 - ASSURE STATE HEALTH LAWS AND PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES ARE ENFORCED.

LOCAL CRITERIA

- GV5a-L** - Issue lawful orders as deemed appropriate based on investigations.
- GV5b-L** - Review local public health regulations and ordinances at least every five years and update as needed.

STATE CRITERIA

- GV5a-S** - Review state public health regulations at least every five years and revise as needed.
- GV5b-S** - Investigate the conduct of the work of the state public health department as deemed necessary.

STANDARD GV6 - PRACTICE FISCAL OVERSIGHT.**LOCAL CRITERIA**

GV6a-L - Develop an annual budget for complying with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

GV6b-L - At least twice a year at local board of health meetings, review and monitor the designated local public health agency's budget and fiscal management for complying with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

STATE CRITERIA

GV6a-S - Annually approve the state public health department's budget request for the subsequent fiscal year prior to submission. Include a review of how the request addresses compliance with the Iowa Public Health Standards.

GV6b-S - At least twice a year at State Board of Health meetings, review and monitor the state public health department's budget