PUBLIC HEALTH = POPULATION BASED HEALTH SCIENCES

“Activities that society undertakes to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. This includes organized community efforts to prevent, identify, and counter threats to the public.”

Institute of Medicine, 1988
WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION?

- Partnership
- What every Iowan should expect
- Iowa Public Health Standards
- Public Health Modernization Act
- Voluntary Accreditation
- Aligning code and administrative code with Modernization
A BRIEF HISTORY

- 2003 - Regional visits
- 2004 - Redesign Work Group formed
- 2005-2006 - Local standards written
- 2006-2007 - State standards written
- 2008-2009 - Implementation committees
- May 2009 - Public Health Modernization Act
- September 2009 - Public Health Advisory Council and Evaluation Committee begin
- March 2010 - Revisions to Iowa Code Chapter 137
WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?
(WHAT SHOULD ALL IOWANS EXPECT?)
IOWA PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

- Governance
- Administration
- Workforce
- Communication & Information Technology
- Community Assessment & Planning
- Evaluation

- Prevent Epidemics & the Spread of Disease
- Protect Against Environmental Hazards
- Prevent Injuries
- Promote Healthy Behaviors
- Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies
PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION ACT

- Developed by a committee of local and state public health practitioners
- 3 components:
  1. Public Health Advisory Council
  2. Public Health Evaluation Committee
  3. Voluntary Accreditation System
The Public Health Advisory Council strives to ensure that everyone in Iowa has access to the same level of quality public health services.

- Accreditation
- Communications
- Metrics
- Chart of Accounts

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Evaluate Iowa’s governmental public health system and voluntary accreditation program to assess the impact on population health outcomes.

- Public health data
- Evaluation of the public health system
- Baseline data Iowa Public Health Standards

Health economist and research analyst
VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION

- Accreditation - The development of a set of standards, a process to measure health department performance against those standards, and some form of reward or recognition for those agencies meeting the standards.
- There are a lot of details to be sorted out yet.
- Pilot of accreditation system to be completed by July 1, 2011.
CURRENT ACTIVITY

- Dallas
- Hancock
- Johnson
- Lee
- Scott
- Tama
CHAPTER 137 - LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH

- No major revision since 1967
- New city boards of health may not be established after July 1, 2010.
- Language about Modernization and the Public Health Standards was included
- Expanded section on district boards of health
- Local board of health may impose both civil and criminal penalties
Modernization Resources

- Your local public health administrator
- Modernization web site
  - [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/mphi/](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/mphi/)
- Public Health Modernization Act
  - [http://www.legis.state.ia.us/index.html](http://www.legis.state.ia.us/index.html)
  - HF 811 - Div. XI Section 114
- Chapter 137 Local boards of Health
  - [http://www.legis.state.ia.us/index.html](http://www.legis.state.ia.us/index.html)
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