

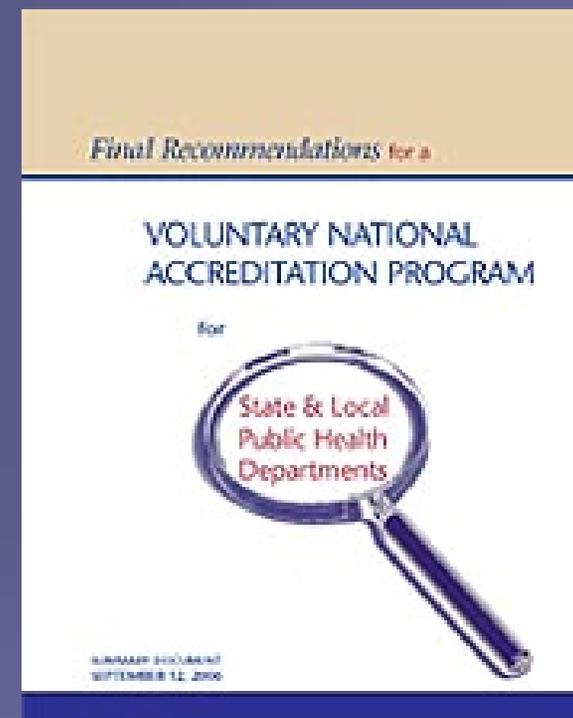
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A Voluntary National Accreditation Program
for State and Local Public Health Departments

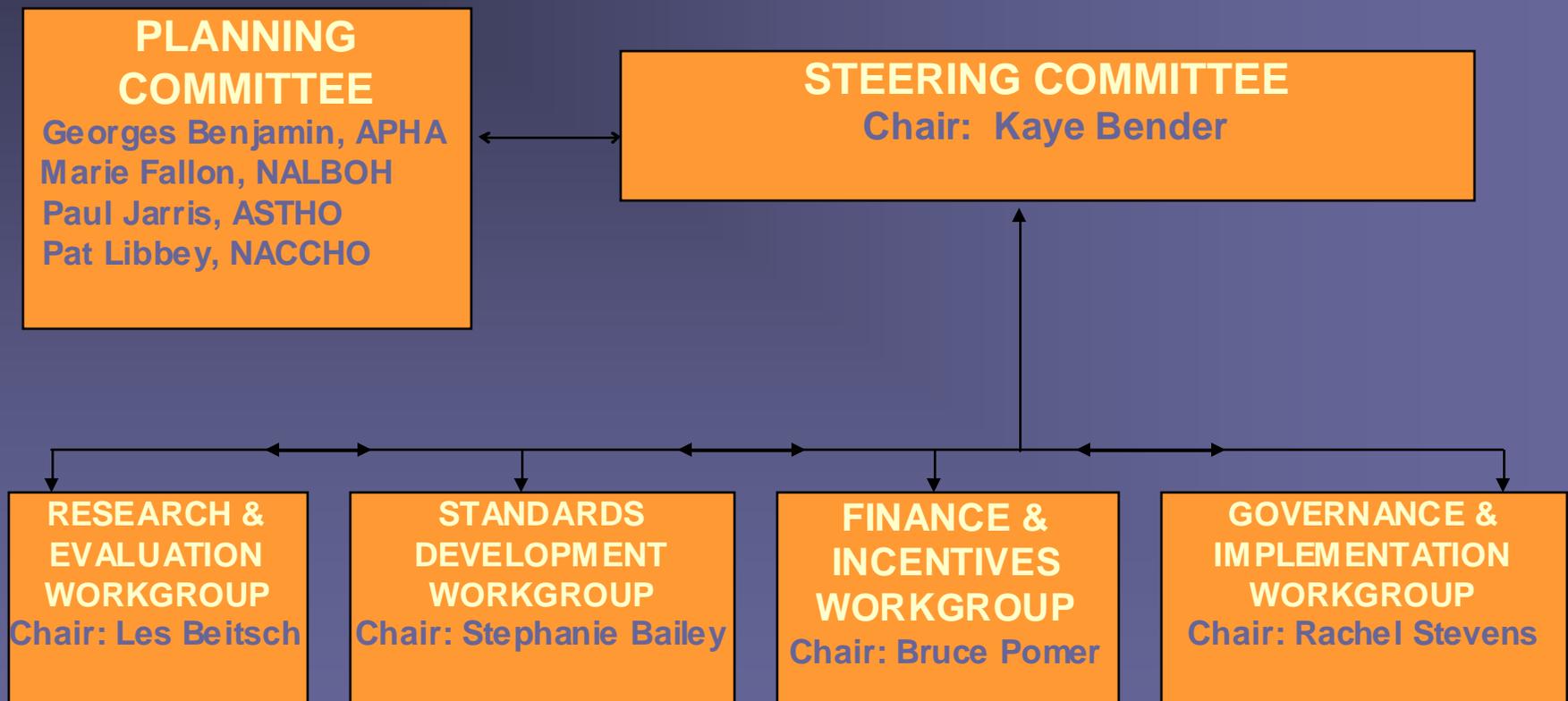
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Exploring Accreditation

Final Recommendations for a VOLUNTARY NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM for State and Local Public Health Departments



Organization of the EA Project



Voluntary Accreditation Goal

- *The goal of a voluntary national accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of state and local public health departments.*

Exploring Accreditation Final Report, p. 4

Public Comment



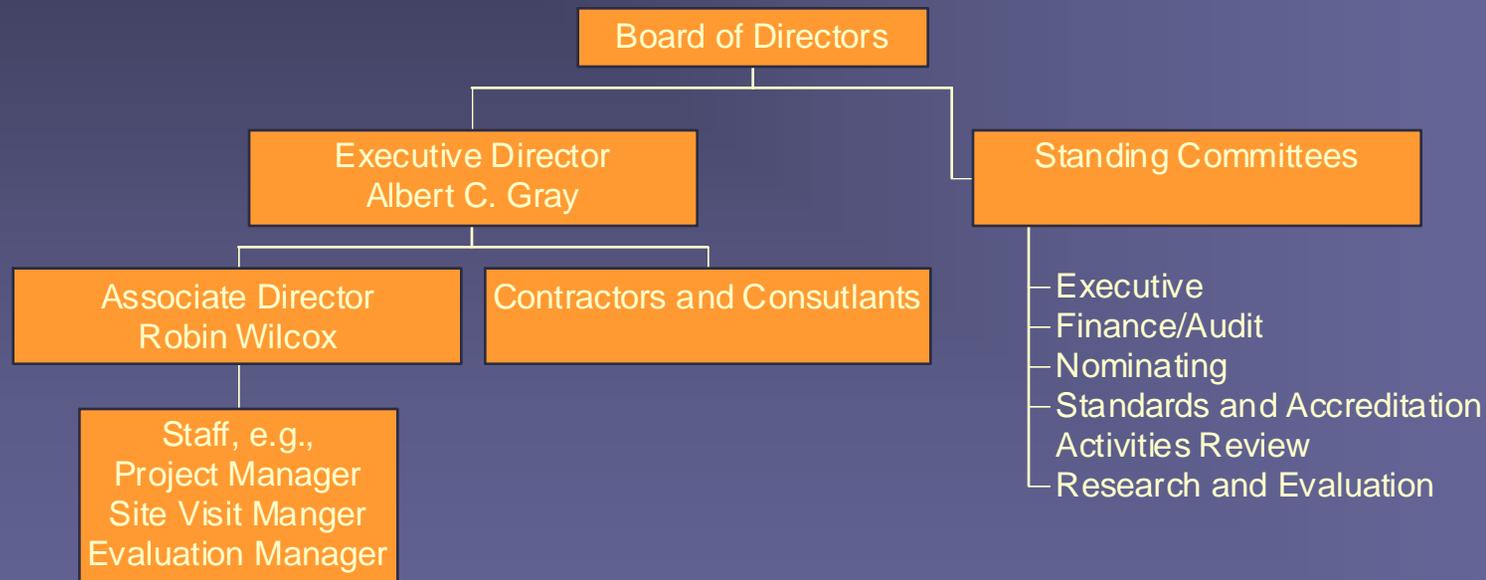
- Three-month public comment period
- Valuable feedback on accreditation benefits and problems
- Revised the model based on feedback



NACCHO, ASTHO, APHA, and NALBOH moved to:

- Endorse the recommendations of the Exploring Accreditation Steering Committee for a voluntary national accreditation program.
- Lead, in cooperation with appropriate partners, in the development and implementation of such a national voluntary accreditation program that will drive continuous quality improvement.

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Applicants

- State and territorial health departments
- Local health departments
- Tribal health departments

The Value of Accreditation Public Benefit

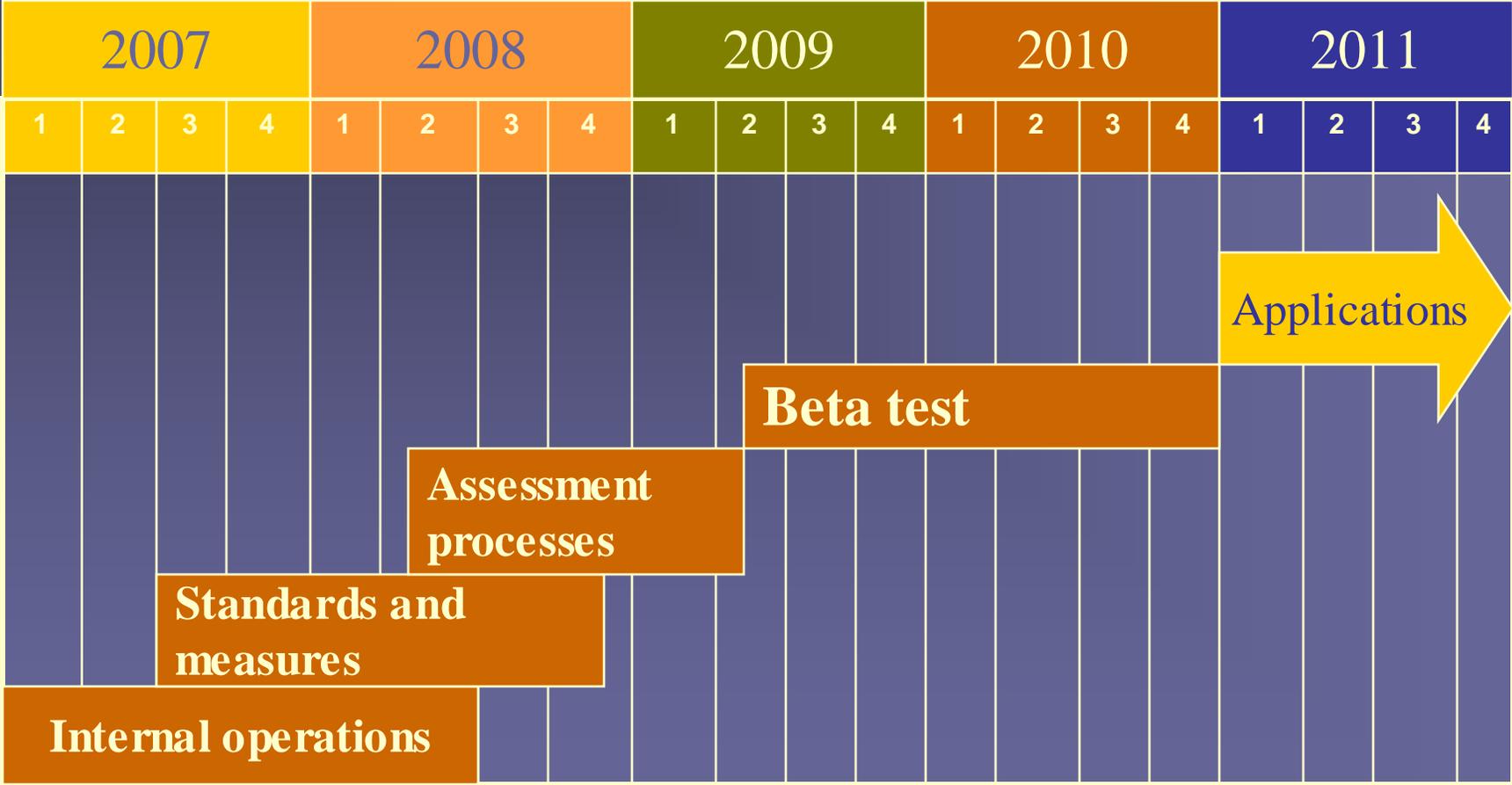
Improved Public Health Outcomes

The Value of Accreditation

Agency Benefits & Public Benefits

- Quality and Performance Improvement
 - Accountability
 - Credibility
 - Recognition of Excellence
 - Clarification of Expectations
 - Increased Visibility
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Timeline



ANSI Principles for Standards Development

- Consensus on a proposed standard by a group or “consensus body” that includes subject matter experts
- Broad-based public review and comment on draft standards.
- Consideration of and response to comments submitted.
- Incorporation of approved changes into a draft standard.

PHAB Standards Development

- Inclusive developmental process
 - Operational Definition is the foundation for LHD standards
 - Upcoming ASTHO survey on structure and function of state public health will inform process on state agency standards
 - Complementary and mutually reinforcing at the state and local levels
 - Standards Development Workgroup
 - Professional Facilitator
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Program Financing

- Consortium of funders
- Applicant fees
- Cost controls

Incentives

- Recognition of high performance and quality improvement
 - Accountability to the public and governing bodies
 - Improved access to resources for performance improvement
 - Participation in a learning community dedicated to excellent health outcomes
 - Improvement of public health in the US
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Research and Evaluation

- Research questions
 - Does accreditation result in improved agency performance?
 - Does agency performance influence health outcomes?
- Evaluation
 - Analysis of Data and Evidence.

Opportunities to Participate in Program Development

- Standards and Accreditation Activities Review Committee
 - Standards Work Group
 - Assessment Process Work Group
 - Equivalency Recognition Work Group
- Research and Evaluation Committee
- Fees and Incentives Work Group
- Public Outreach Committee
- QI Programs in Your Health Department

Your next steps

- Review Exploring Accreditation Final Recommendations
 - www.phaboard.org
- Convene key “thought leaders” to discuss accreditation next steps in your agency

Resources

www.PHABOARD.org

■ Publications

- Full Report: Final Recommendations for a Voluntary National Accreditation Program for State and Local Health Departments
- NACHO Operational Definition of a Functional Local Health Department
- Journal of the PH Management & Practice - July/August 2007

■ Links

- NNPHI Multi State Learning Collaborative
- CDC National Public Health Performance Standards
- North Carolina Accreditation Road Map
- ASTHO Evidence-Based Public Health Practice materials
- National Public Health Performance Standards
- Turning Point Initiative: Performance Management
- Public Health Foundation: QI & Performance Assessment Resources

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