



## Public Health Accreditation

# Accreditation Update

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# What exactly is Public Health Accreditation?

The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized standards that focus on:



- Accountability,
- efficiency,
- effectiveness,
- performance,
- and outcomes, which lead to improvements in the overall health of the community.



# Why Seek Accreditation?



National recognition for Public Health Practice



Builds credibility and improves relationships



Enhances accountability & transparency



Identifies strengths and areas for improvement



Increases access to resources



Prioritize and address long-standing concerns



Incorporates continuous quality improvement and performance management into our daily practice



Breaks down program barriers



Improves management processes



Documents health department's capacity to deliver the three Core Functions and 10 Essential Services of Public Health

# Who is involved in the Accreditation Process?



**EVERYONE**  
**WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK**

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is the non-profit agency that oversees the national accreditation process.

- **Goal:** to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments (state, local, Tribal, territorial).



- The main component of the accreditation process is an agency **self-assessment**, based on a set of national standards.
- These standards demonstrate the capacity of the public health department to deliver the three core functions and the 10 essential services of public health.



# Standards are Grouped into 12 Domains

- 1 – Conduct Assessment Activities
- 2 – Investigate Health Problems
- 3 – Inform and Educate about Public Health
- 4 – Engage the Community to address Health Problems
- 5 – Develop Public Health Policies and Plans
- 6 – Enforce Public Health Laws



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7 – Promote Strategies to Improve Access to Care

8 – Maintain a competent work force

9 – Quality Improvement/Evaluation

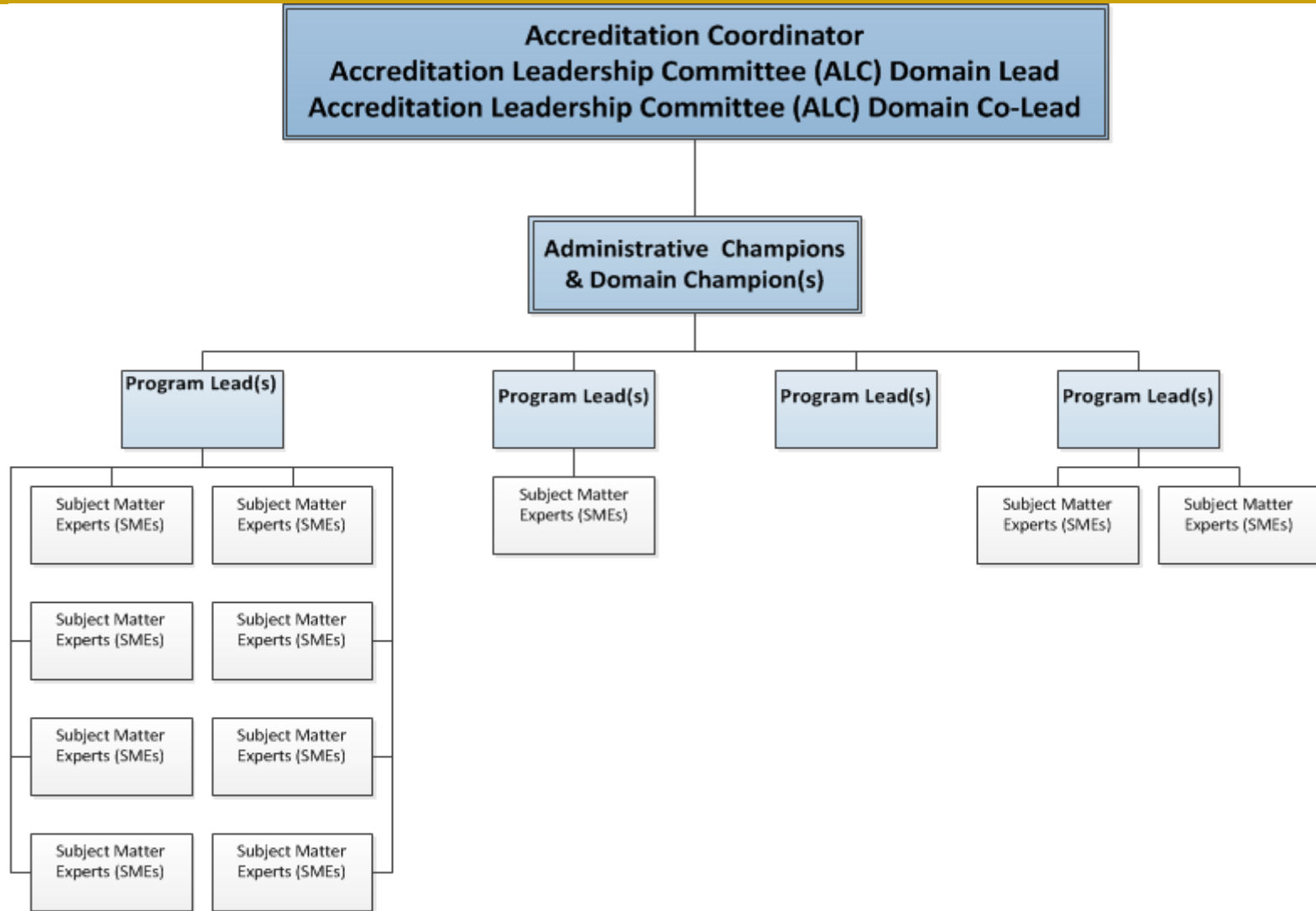
10 – Promote Understanding/Use of Evidence-Based Practices

11 – Maintain Administrative/Management Capacity

12 – Engage the Public Health Governing Entity



# Conducting a Self-Assessment

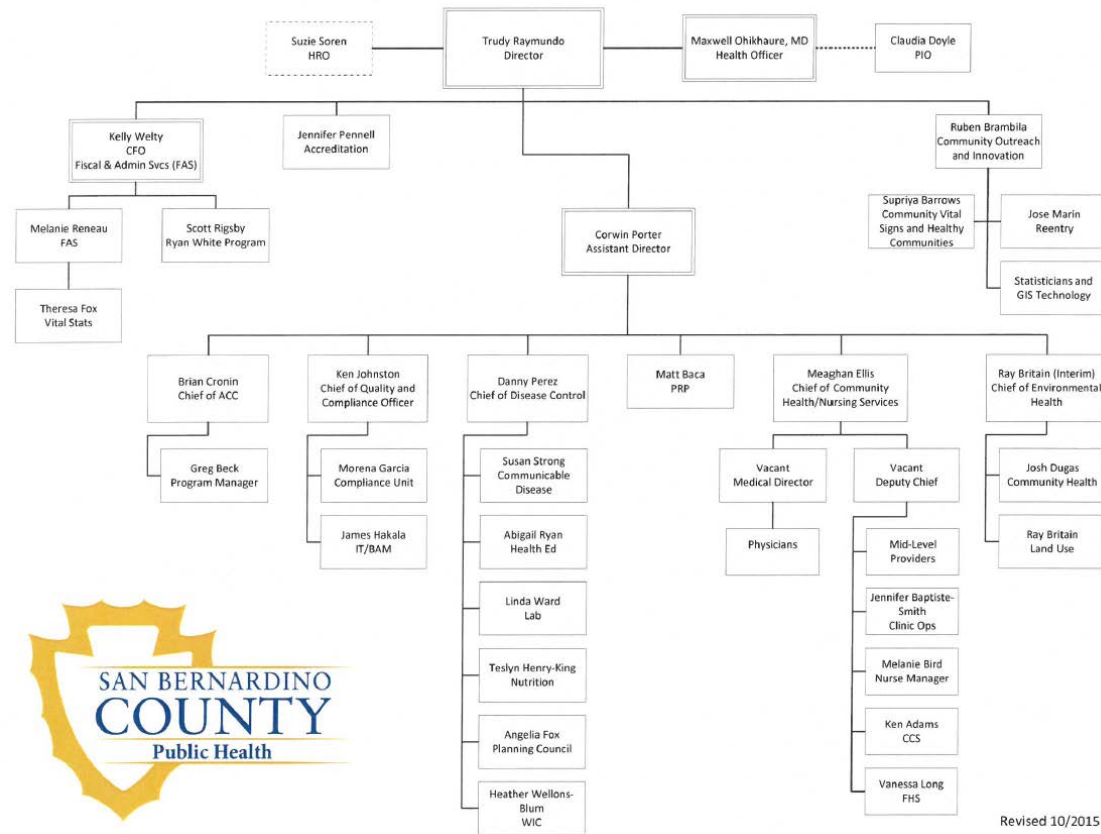


# What will take place?

This is an agency-wide effort in which a variety of documentation from each program in the Department will be used to assess and demonstrate conformity with the standards



- Policies and Processes
  - procedures, manuals, flowcharts, organizational charts
- Reporting Activities, Data, & Decisions
  - Meeting agendas/minutes, work plans, audit results
- Materials to show distribution and other activities
  - Emails, logos, brochures/flyers/newsletters



- Programs are modifying/re-submitting documents
- Document Ranking
- Approved documents are ready to submit to PHAB
- SOI – submitted in January 2016
- Expect to submit application in December 2016
- 1 year from date of PHAB approval of application/fee – all documents must be uploaded to PHAB
- Expect a positive accreditation decision in early 2018
- Your Cooperation/Support is appreciated!



# Thank you/Questions?

To learn more about the Accreditation process, please visit the  
Public Health Accreditation website at:

<http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dph-accreditation/Home.aspx>

Accreditation Domain Badges/Calendars

