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LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

Accreditation 101

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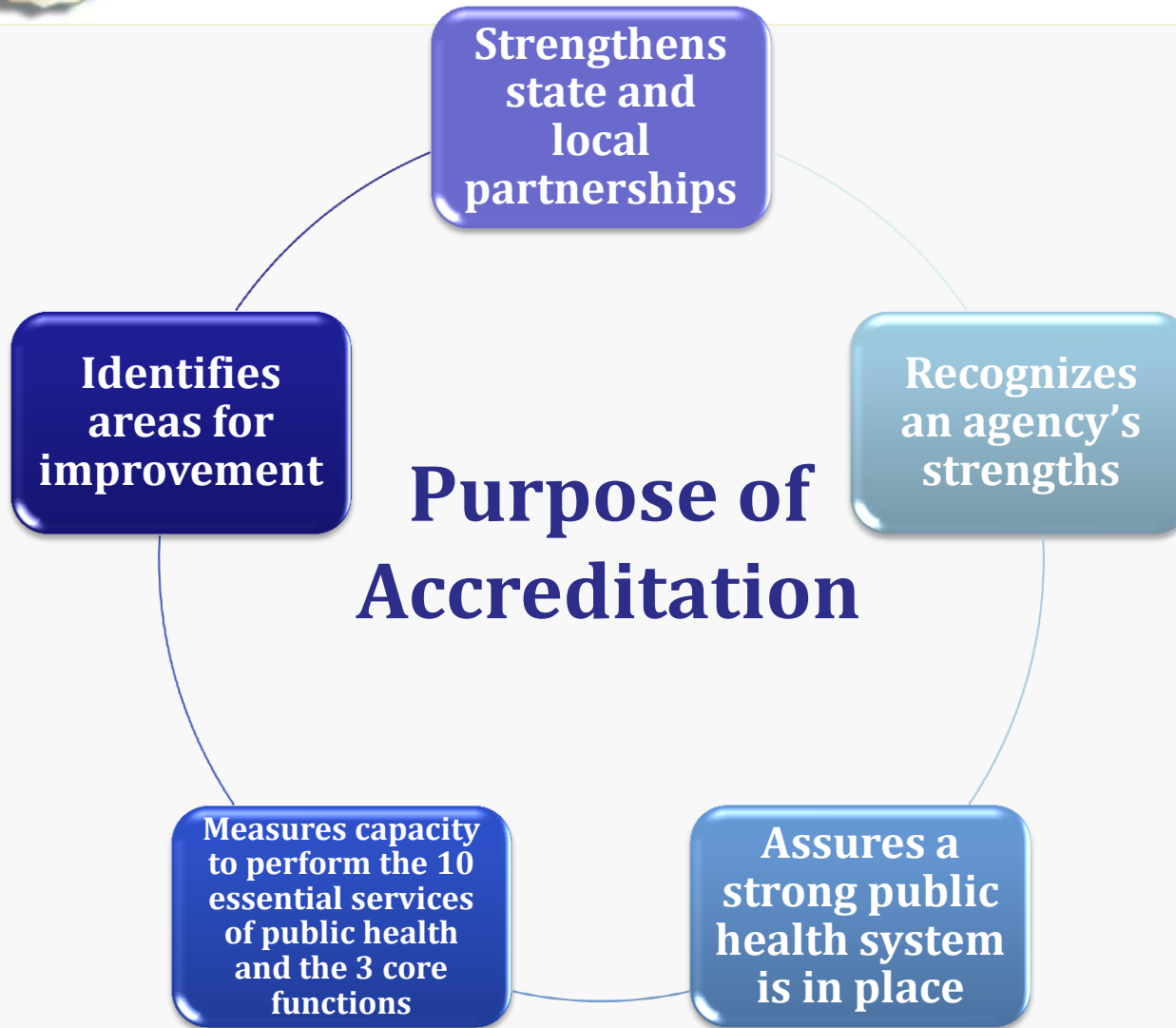
- **Purpose of Accreditation**
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Basic Components of the Accreditation Process

- Self-Assessment by the Agency
- Site Visit
- Board Adjudication





Where are we now?

- 2004 & 2005 pilot process
- Legislatively mandated as of 2006
- 61 Accredited Local Health Departments as of July 2011
 - 8 up for review 12/16/11 (5 re-accred, 3 initial)
- Interpretation Document continues to improve and evolve
- Re-Accreditation site visits well underway
- Rich Rosselli joined program staff in October 2011





Tips for Preparation





HDSA I Interpretation Document

- Available on Accreditation website
- Interpretation includes:
 - Intent of the Activity
 - Questions for site visitors to consider
 - Guidance for collecting documentation
- Use and Offer Feedback to Accreditation Staff





READ VERY CAREFULLY!

- Pay close attention to:
 - ‘AND’ & ‘OR’
 - ‘One of the following’
 - ‘Dated within the past 12 months’
 - Don’t just assume you have interpreted correctly
 - refer to the Interpretation Document





Documentation Timeframe Requirements for *INITIAL ACCREDITATION*:

Two Year Rule for Documentation:

- All documentation must be dated within 2 years of your official notification date unless the HDSAI states otherwise





Documentation Timeframe Requirements for *RE-ACCREDITATION*:

- Unless the activity or documentation requirement states otherwise, evidence can be used from any time since the department's previous site visit.
- Some Re-accred requirements replace the former documentation requirement
- Some Re-accred requirements state evidence should be provided annually since the previous site visit.
- Utilize tracking tool developed by accred program





After accreditation...It's not over!

- You should definitely celebrate!!
- Accreditation is a continuous process and should become a part of the department's culture
- Accreditation expires in 4 years
- HDSA I due 6 months prior to expiration
- Don't wait until last minute to get started on re-accreditation!





Resources for Local Health Departments

- Accreditation Staff
 - email or phone
- Assigned Nurse Consultants
- Accreditation Website
 - www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/accred





Where are we going?

- Continuing to improve process and standards
 - Standards Workgroup
 - Reviewing and revising standards
 - Proposed revisions to Scoring Requirements
- Determining what NC's relationship with the National accreditation program Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) will be
 - Dual Accreditation pilot?
 - Adopt PHAB standards as our own?





What's in it for you?

Benefits of Accreditation

- Communicates value of public health
- Provides a team building opportunity
- Promotes staff understanding
- Highlights strengths
- Identifies areas for improvement
- Facilitates goal setting
- Motivation to update policies, manuals, and records
- Improves relationship with BOH





Questions





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