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## Modernization of Oregon's Public Health System and the Public Health Advisory Board

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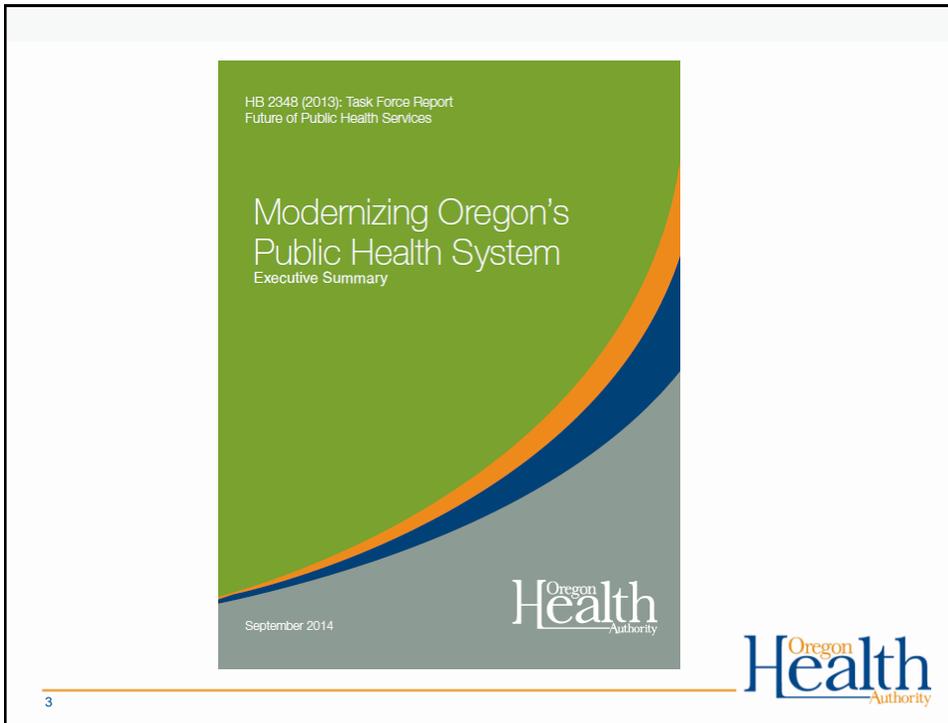
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### Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services

- HB 2348 (2013) called for the creation of a task force to study and develop recommendations for a public health system for the future.
- Between January and September 2014, the Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services met to develop a framework for modernizing Oregon's public health system.
- In September 2014, the *Modernizing Oregon's Public Health System* report was submitted to the legislature.

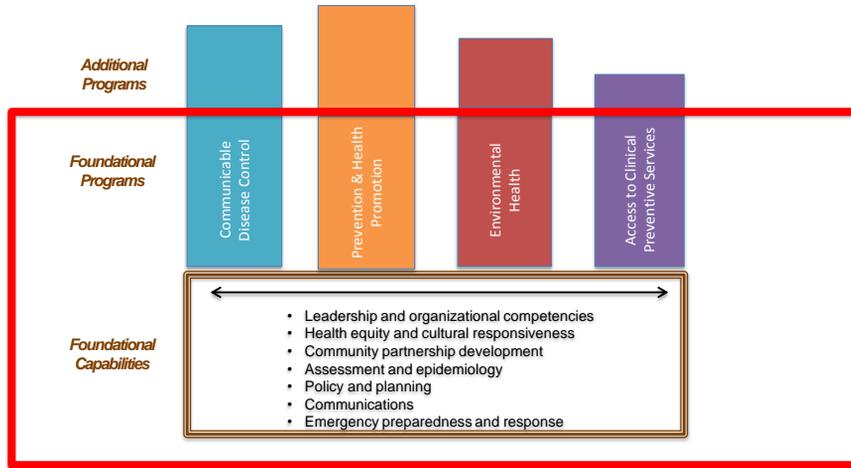




## Task Force recommendations

- The foundational capabilities and programs for governmental public health services should be adopted in order for Oregon's public health system to function efficiently and effectively.
- Significant and sustained state funding should be identified and allocated for operationalization of the foundational capabilities and programs.
- Statewide implementation of the foundational capabilities and programs should occur in waves over a timeline to be determined.
- Local public health should have the flexibility to operationalize the foundational capabilities and programs through a single county structure; a single county with shared services; or a multi-county jurisdiction.
- Improvements and changes in governmental public health should be structured around metrics established and evaluated by the Public Health Advisory Board, which shall report to the Oregon Health Policy Board.

## Conceptual Framework for Governmental Public Health Services



- Leadership and organizational competencies
- Health equity and cultural responsiveness
- Community partnership development
- Assessment and epidemiology
- Policy and planning
- Communications
- Emergency preparedness and response

■ Present in every state and local public health authority



## House Bill 3100 (2015)

- Legislators used the recommendations from the *Modernizing Oregon's Public Health System* report to introduce House Bill 3100, which operationalizes many of these recommendations over the period of 2015-2017.
  - Adopts the foundational capabilities and programs for governmental public health.
  - Changes the composition and role of the Public Health Advisory Board beginning on January 1, 2016.
  - Requires the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division and local public health authorities to assess their current ability to implement the foundational capabilities and programs; and requires the Public Health Division to submit a report on these findings to the legislature by June 2016.
  - States that local public health authorities shall submit plans for implementing the foundational capabilities and programs no later than December 2023.

## Role of the Public Health Advisory Board

- Make recommendations to the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) on:
  - The development of statewide public health policies and goals
  - How other statewide priorities, such as health system and early learning transformation, affect and are affected by statewide public health goals
- Monitor the progress of the governmental public health system toward statewide public health goals (e.g., Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan and other identified priorities)

## Role of the Public Health Advisory Board related to Public Health Modernization

- Make recommendations to the OHPB on the:
  - Foundational capabilities and programs for governmental public health
  - Adoption of a statewide public health modernization assessment and plan
  - Total cost of implementing the foundational capabilities and programs
  - Use of incentives to encourage effective and equitable provision of public health services
- Develop plans for the distribution of funds to local public health authorities
- Provide support to public health authorities and monitor the implementation of public health modernization plans

## Why modernize Oregon's public health system?

- Public health has traditionally provided a safety net for individuals without health insurance, and due to the Affordable Care Act, Oregon's uninsured rate has plummeted.
- Without needing to provide health care for a substantial number of uninsured individuals, public health can focus on developing policies and programs that can sustain lifelong health for everyone.
- A focus on policies and programs that can help everyone be healthy will yield cost and time savings for the health care delivery system.
- Investments in public health vary from county to county, leading to disparities in services.
- Oregon's public health system relies heavily on federal categorical grants, which do not always meet the unique needs of our state.

## Next steps

- In order for everyone in Oregon to have access to these foundational public health protections, between July 2015 and June 2016:
  - The Public Health Advisory Board, will provide leadership for Oregon’s public health system;
  - Clear, measurable definitions for the Foundational Capabilities and Programs for public health will be developed;
  - State and local health departments will assess the extent to which they currently provide the foundational capabilities and programs and will determine costs to fully implement them;
  - Local health departments will determine the most appropriate governance structure for the jurisdiction they serve;
  - With communities and partners, state and local health departments will develop plans to implement the foundational capabilities and programs.



## Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Draft measurable definitions of each foundational capability and program	July-September 2015
New Public Health Advisory Board is appointed by the Governor	January 2016
Public Health Division and local public health authorities assess ability to implement foundational capabilities and programs	January-March 2016
Assessment findings and implementation costs are reported to the Oregon legislature	June 2016
Public Health Division and local public health authorities plan for implementation of the foundational capabilities and programs	Beginning July 2016



## Public Health Modernization Manual

- The Public Health Modernization Manual defines the state and local roles, deliverables and tools needed to implement the foundational capabilities and programs.
- Drafting of the manual was a collaborative process that took approximately six months, including:
  - Collection of feedback by local public health authority staff and administrators through GovSpace and bimonthly webinars with Joint Leadership Team
  - Public review and comment process
- Anticipate a final version following the Public Health Modernization assessment, which will be adopted by administrative rule.

## Public Health Modernization assessment

- The Public Health Division has contracted with Berk Consulting to:
  - Assess the degree to which state and local health departments are *currently* implementing the foundational capabilities and programs;
  - Document current budget spend on the foundational capabilities and programs, and identify the additional resources needed to fully implement the foundational capabilities and programs;
  - Develop a final report with both the programmatic and financial findings, which will be the basis of the final report due to the legislature in June 2016.

## Economic analysis

- The Public Health Division is working with Program Design and Evaluation Services to:
  - Estimate the return on investment for the foundational capabilities and programs, including diseases and health care costs avoided.

## Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant (March 2016)

- The Coalition of Local Health Officials has applied for a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant aimed at supporting implementation of the foundational capabilities and programs in Oregon, Ohio and Washington
- PHAB will provide oversight for grant activities which include:
  - The development of tools and resources to assist local jurisdictions in identifying the most appropriate public health delivery system based on their needs
  - Facilitation of regional meetings to engage local public health authorities and their stakeholders in discussion about public health infrastructure

## For more information

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