
Oregon Legislative Process and Public Health Modernization

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Who we are and something interesting about us

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Welcome and stretch break

- Stand up if you have done any of the following:
 - Presented to a Board of County Commissioners
 - Been involved in the development of a local ordinance
 - Been involved in a local ordinance that passed
 - Met with a legislator
 - Been interviewed by the media

Legislative sessions

- Convene annually in February
- May not exceed 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years.
- In odd years, the Legislature convenes in January, to swear-in newly elected officials, elect legislative leaders, adopt rules, organize and appoint committees, and begin introducing bills

Role of the Legislature

Primary functions of the Legislature:

- Enact new laws and revise existing ones
- Responsible for the state's biennial budget
- Establishes priorities and sets public policy

Everything you ever wanted to know is on OLIS:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us>

How a bill begins

- Idea
- Drafting by Legislative Counsel
- Legislative Concept
- Introduced, aka “dropped”
- First reading
- Referred to Committee by Leadership
- Committee Action

Committees

- Shape legislation and public policy
- Consider testimony during public hearings
- Consider amendments
- Hold work sessions / vote
- Subsequent referral
- Policy Committee
 - Health
 - Human Services
- Ways and Means

How a bill moves

- Bill is introduced on House or Senate floor and read for the first time
- Assigned to a committee (House or Senate Health Care)
- Committee holds public hearings/work sessions (send to floor with recommendation to pass)
- Second/Third reading, debate
- Vote in chamber of origin
- Upon Passage, moves to the other chamber
- Repeat entire process in second chamber
- Governor can sign or veto

Governor's Recommended Budget

- State agencies submit recommendations
- Governor releases in December in even-numbered years
- Starting point of the conversation around how to fund our government

Legislature's role in the budget process

- Governor's Recommended Budget outlines the Governor's priorities, but is only a suggestion
- Ways and Means Committee begins to develop the budget in February or March
- Legislature ultimately writes and passes the state budget

State agency bills (legislative concepts)

- Agency concepts must be approved by the agency director, Department of Administrative Services, and the Governor's Office.
- The Governor introduces all agency legislative concepts.

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What will be different?

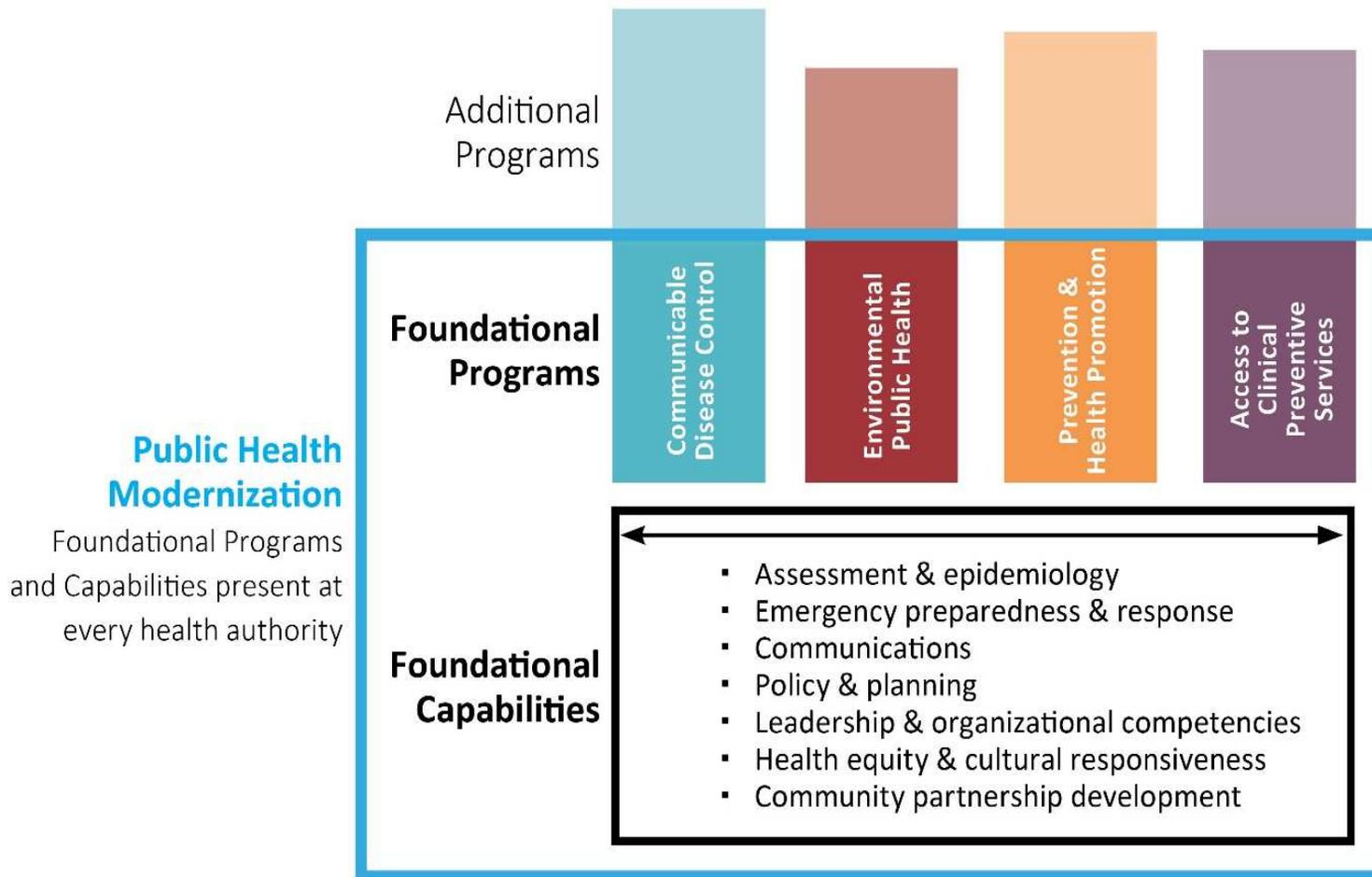
Before modernization

- Significant gaps in public health capacity provided based on where you live
- Programs hindered by limited and inflexible funding
- Public health system designed to provide individual level services

After modernization

- Foundational level of service provided for everyone
- Programs supported by diverse funding sources that allow local needs to be met
- Public health is accountable for the health of the community

Public Health Modernization Framework



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Timeline

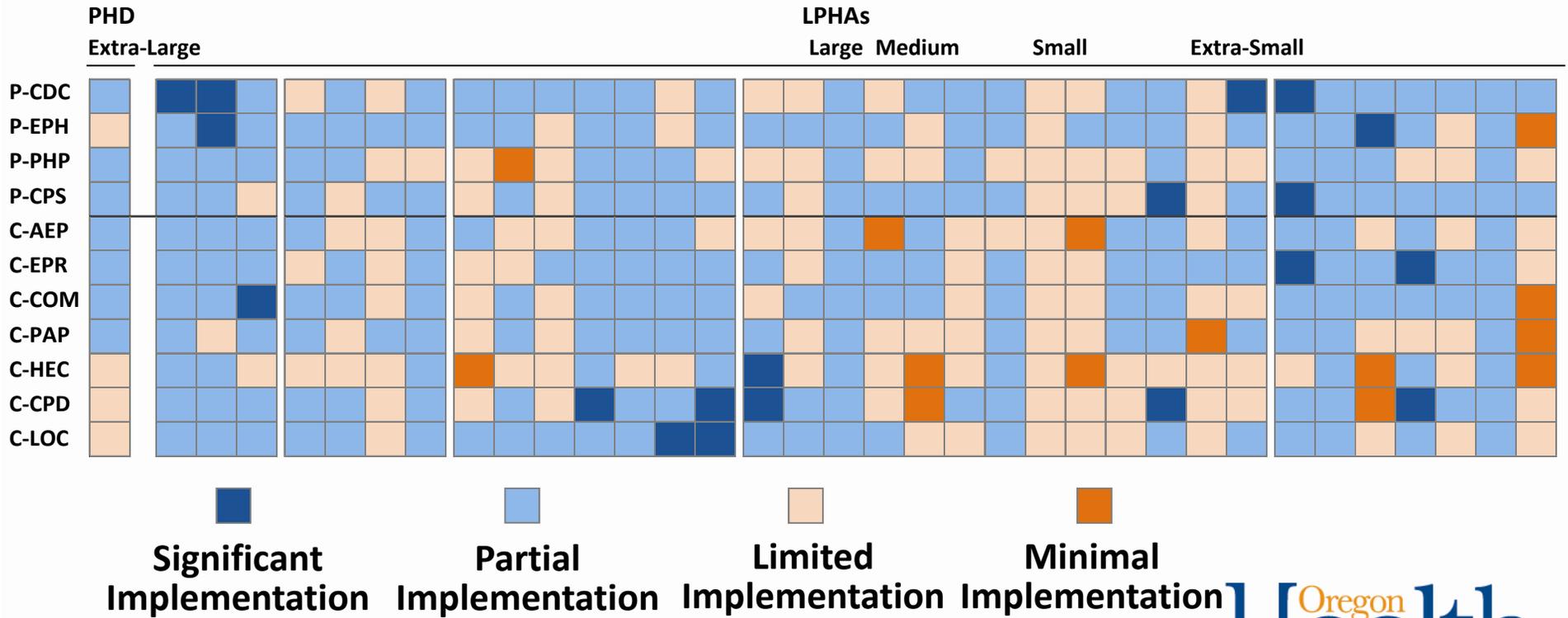


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Programmatic gaps in current governmental public health system

- These results show that implementation is uneven across the public health system.



Recommended priorities for 2017-19

- Communicable diseases
- Environmental health
- Emergency preparedness
- Health equity
- Population health data
- Public health modernization planning

Communications resources

www.healthoregon.org/modernization

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