

National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)



Medical Reserve Corps Leadership Workshop



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National Association of Local Boards of Health Mission:

"Our mission is to strengthen local boards of health, enabling them to promote and protect

the health of their communities through

education, technical assistance and

advocacy."







About NALBOH

- ♦ Formed in 1992
- **◆ Current program areas:**
 - Board of Health Education & Training
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Environmental Health
 - Tobacco Use Prevention & Control
 - Workforce Development







Strength in numbers

- Approximately 20,000 local board of health members nationwide
- ♦ Over 3,200 local boards of health in the US
- **♦** The major functions of local boards of health include:
 - Advisory
 - Policy-making
 - Governing







Core Governance Responsibilities of Local Boards of Health

- 1. Assure authority: fully understand legal authority, obligations and responsibilities (personal & official)
- 2. Assure resources: assure the availability of adequate resources (including legal, financial, personnel, capital, equipment, and supplies) to perform essential public health services
- 3. Develop policies: develop policies to support public health activities and goals







Core Governance Responsibilities of Local Boards of Health

- 4. Assure collaboration: routinely evaluate, monitor and set goals for improving community health status
- 5. Assure continuous evaluation and improvement: assure collaboration of all relevant stakeholders participate in achieving public health objectives
- 6. Liaison between community and health department: trustees for the citizens







NALBOH Provides Members...

- A voice in emerging national public health policy formulation
- Education and training during NALBOH's Annual Conference: July **28-31 Denver**
- Access to programs and materials specifically designed for local board of health members







NALBOH Provides Members...

- Training and educational materials
- Information about public health issues, programs, and funding opportunities
- Networking and communication opportunities with their peers
- NALBOH-sponsored grants and discounts







State Associations of Local Boards of Health (SALBOH)

Currently, there are 11 active State Associations of Local Boards of Health

- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- Michigan

- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Utah
- Wisconsin







Partners & Collaborations

- ♦ NALBOH's national partners and collaborative efforts have included:
 - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
 - National Association of County City & Health Officials (NACCHO)
 - Association for State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO)
 - Association for Schools of Public Health (ASPH)
 - Public Health Foundation (PHF)
 - National Network of Public Health Institutes
 - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Turning Point Program
 - American Legacy Foundation
 - American for Non-Smoker's Rights







Video Materials

- Assurance, Policy Development, and Assessment: The Role of the Local Board of Health
- Local Responsibilities Related to National Environmental Health Priorities (Dr. Richard Jackson, 5th Annual Ned E. Baker Lecturer)
- Communicating Under Fire: Focus on Public Health Situations (Dr. Vincent Covello, 4th Annual Ned E. Baker Lecturer)
- The Changing Roles of Local Boards of Health: From Service Provision to Assurance (Dr. Susan Scrimshaw, 3rd Annual Ned E. Baker Lecturer)
- Multiple Partnerships: Endless Opportunities (Dr. William Keck, 1st Annual Ned E. Baker Lecturer)
- On-Site Waste Management Video (soon)
- Food Safety Inspection Video (soon)







Print & Online Materials

- Clean Indoor Air Action Plans
- Legal Authority for Tobacco Control in the U.S.
- Local Board of Health Environmental Health Primer
- National Public Health Performance Standards Governance Instrument
- Public Health Over Time
- Public Health on the Web www.nalboh.org/webhealth/index.htm







NALBOH's Annual Events

- Ned E. Baker Lecture Series (annually in April during Public Health Week)
- >Annual Conference (July Denver)
 - Showcasing a session during the 2004 Annual Conference on partnerships between the Medical Reserve Corps and Local Boards of Health







What is the role of Local Boards of Health in Emergency Preparedness?

- Awareness = ACTION
 - Assessment
 - Policy Making
 - Assurance
 - Essential PH Services
- Have a plan
- Surge capacity- Public Health and Medical Reserve Corps/Citizens Corps
- Test the system: table top, drill, functional, field
- Support the staff











Ten Essential Public Health Services: Need for MRC

• ASSESSMENT ELEMENTS

- 1. Monitoring community health status and needs to identify and solve community health problems
- 3. Informing, educating and empowering people about health issues







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POLICY DEVELOPMENT ELEMENTS

- 4. Mobilizing community partnership and advocacy and acting to solve health problems
- 5. Developing policies and plans that support individual and community efforts to address priority health needs







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• ASSURANCE ELEMENTS

- 7.a. Linking people to needed personal health services
- 7.b. Assuring the provision of health care when otherwise not available
- 8. Assuring a competent workforce public health and personal care
- 10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems







All Emergencies Are Local

"First Responders: may (will be) your next door neighbors"









citizen corps

 Citizens Emergency Response Team









Medical ReserveCorps











National Association of Local Boards of Health EDUCATION--TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE--ADVOCACY





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