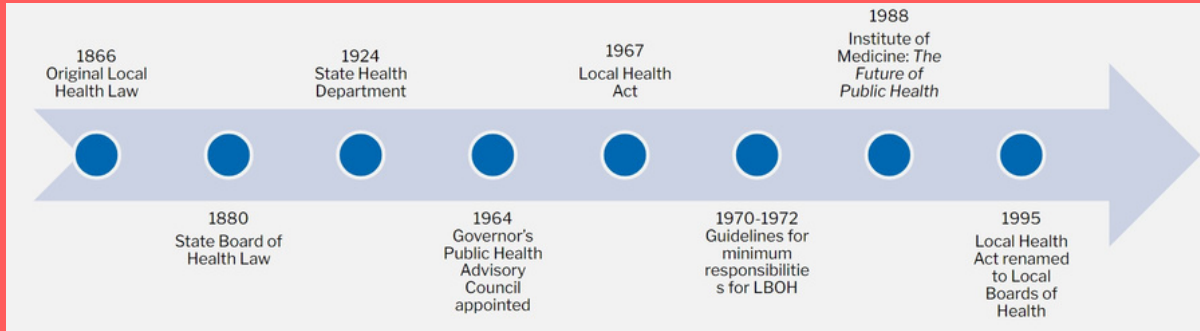




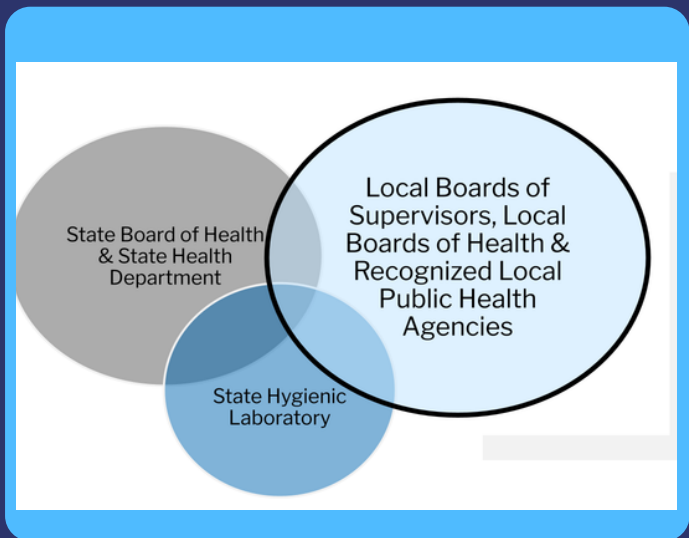
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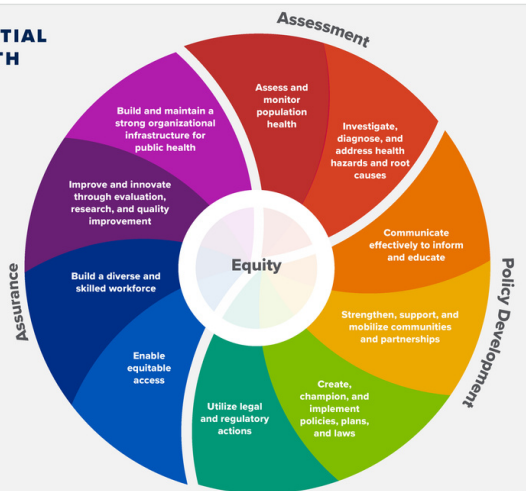
Public health systems are commonly defined as "all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction." This concept ensures that all entities' contributions to the health and well-being of the community or state are recognized in assessing the provision of public health services.



THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.



Board of Health Purpose

"Jurisdiction over public health matters within its designated geographic area"

- Iowa Code Chapter 137

To address core public health functions, local Boards of Health can:

- Employ persons as necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties
- Engage in joint operations by contracting with colleges and universities, the state department, other public, private, and nonprofit agencies and individuals to provide personal and population-based public health services; or
- Form a district health department to provide personal and population-based public health services.



County-based vs. Health- system based Public Health Agencies

County-based agencies

- governed by the Local Board of Health (LBOH).
 - LBOH are responsible for hiring and firing public health employees and for making other employment related decisions regarding these staff.

Health-system based agencies-

- governed by their Board of Directors or Board of Trustees.
- LBOH acts in an advisory capacity.

