# Accreditation Update to the PIHOA Board of Directors
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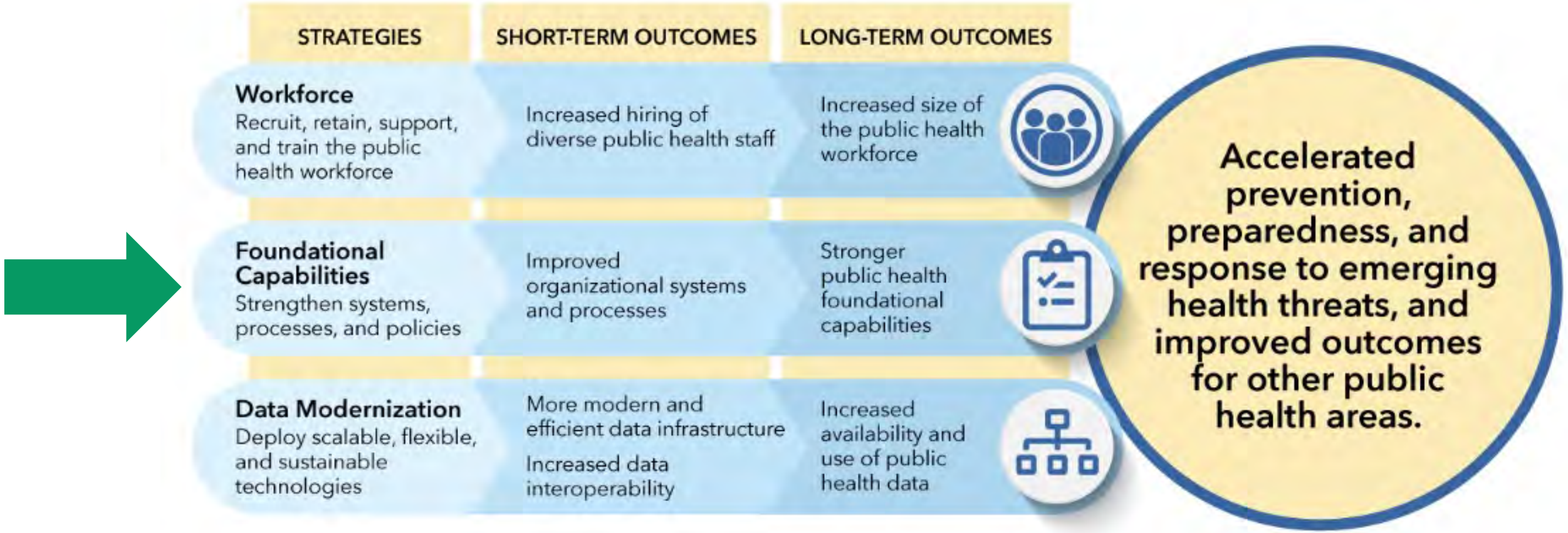
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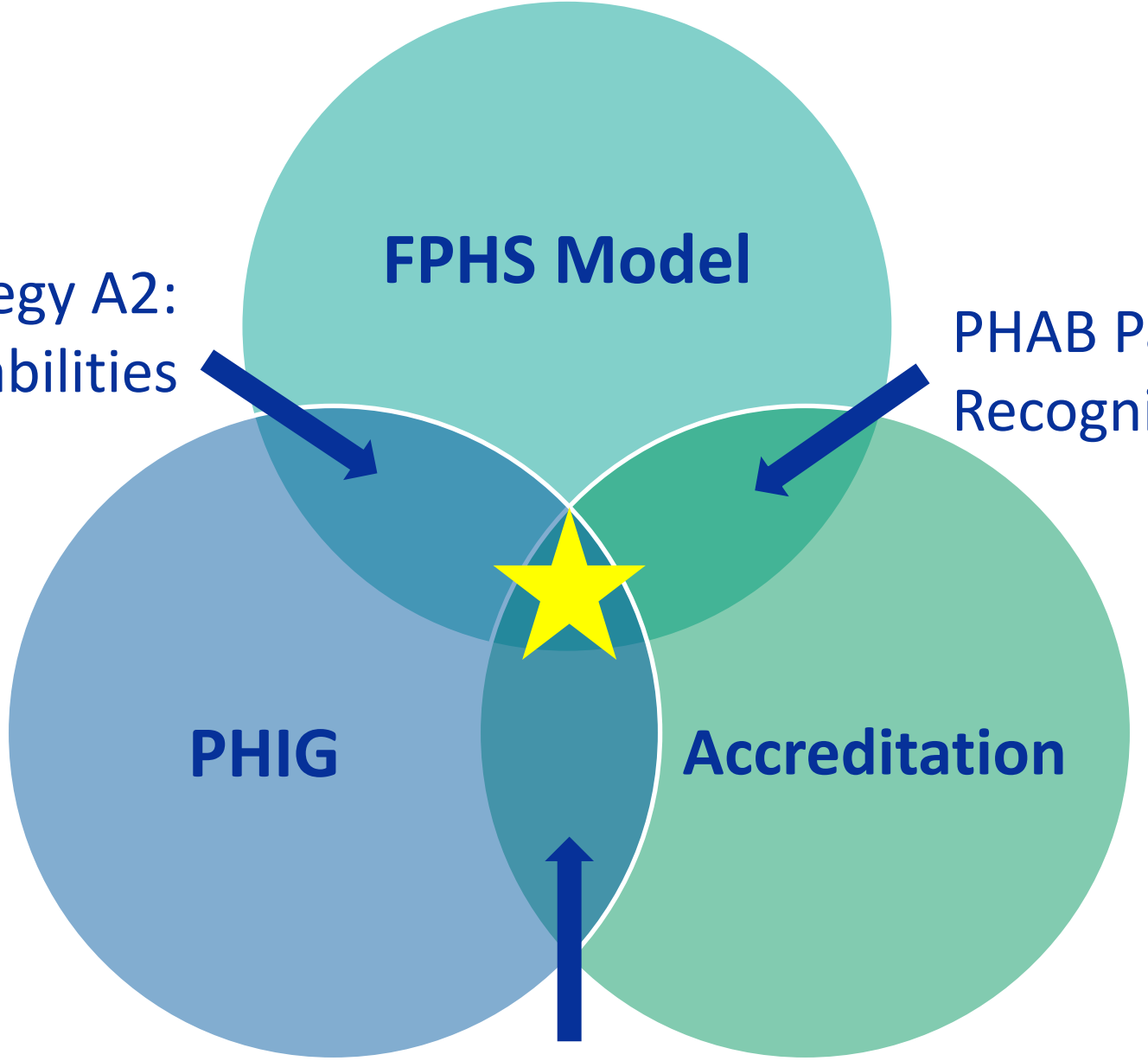
# Presentation Outline

- Overview
- Value and Impact of Accreditation
- Proposed Accreditation Support Resources through PHAB/PIHOA Collaboration

# Public Health Infrastructure Grant



PHIG Strategy A2:
Foundational Capabilities

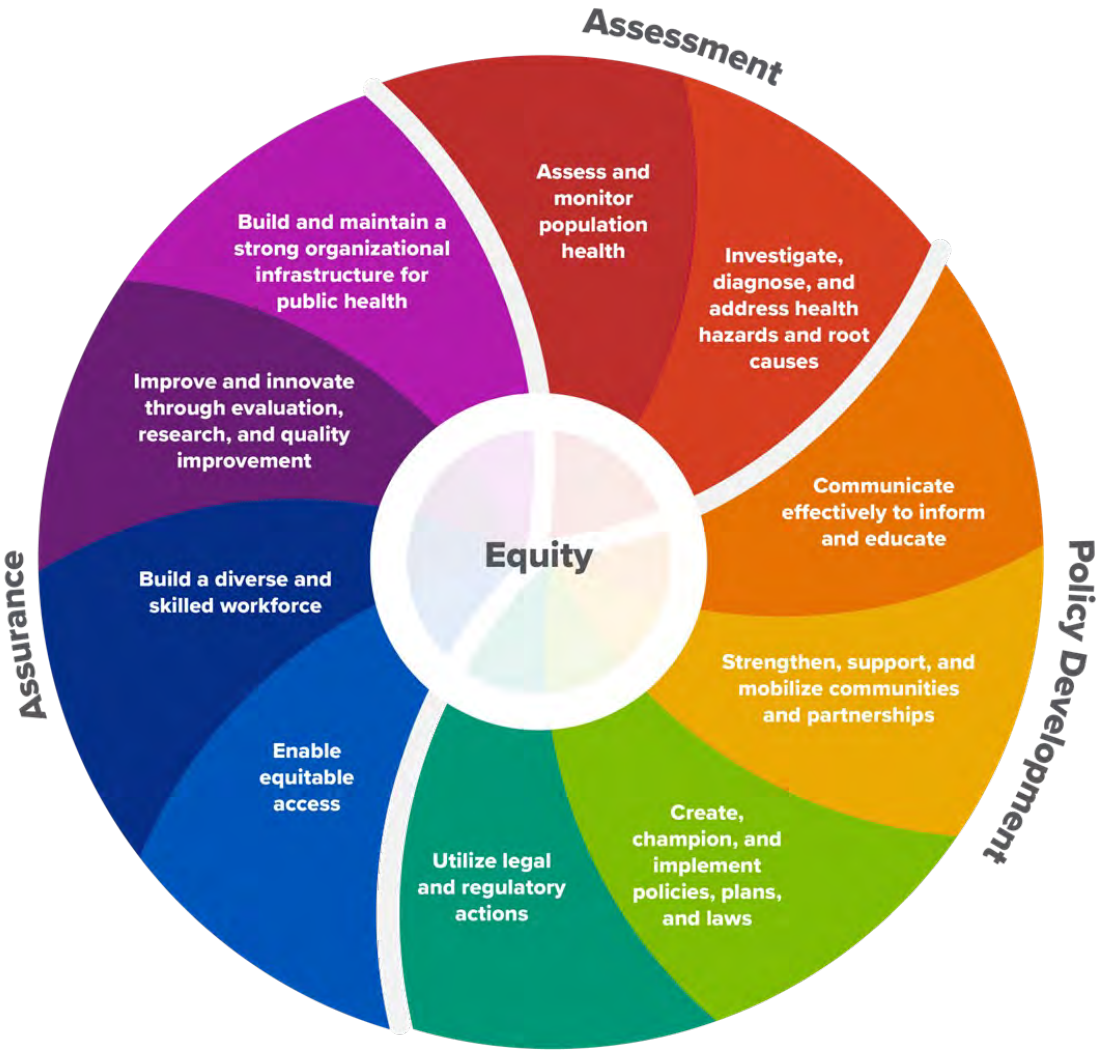



PHAB Pathways
Recognition Program

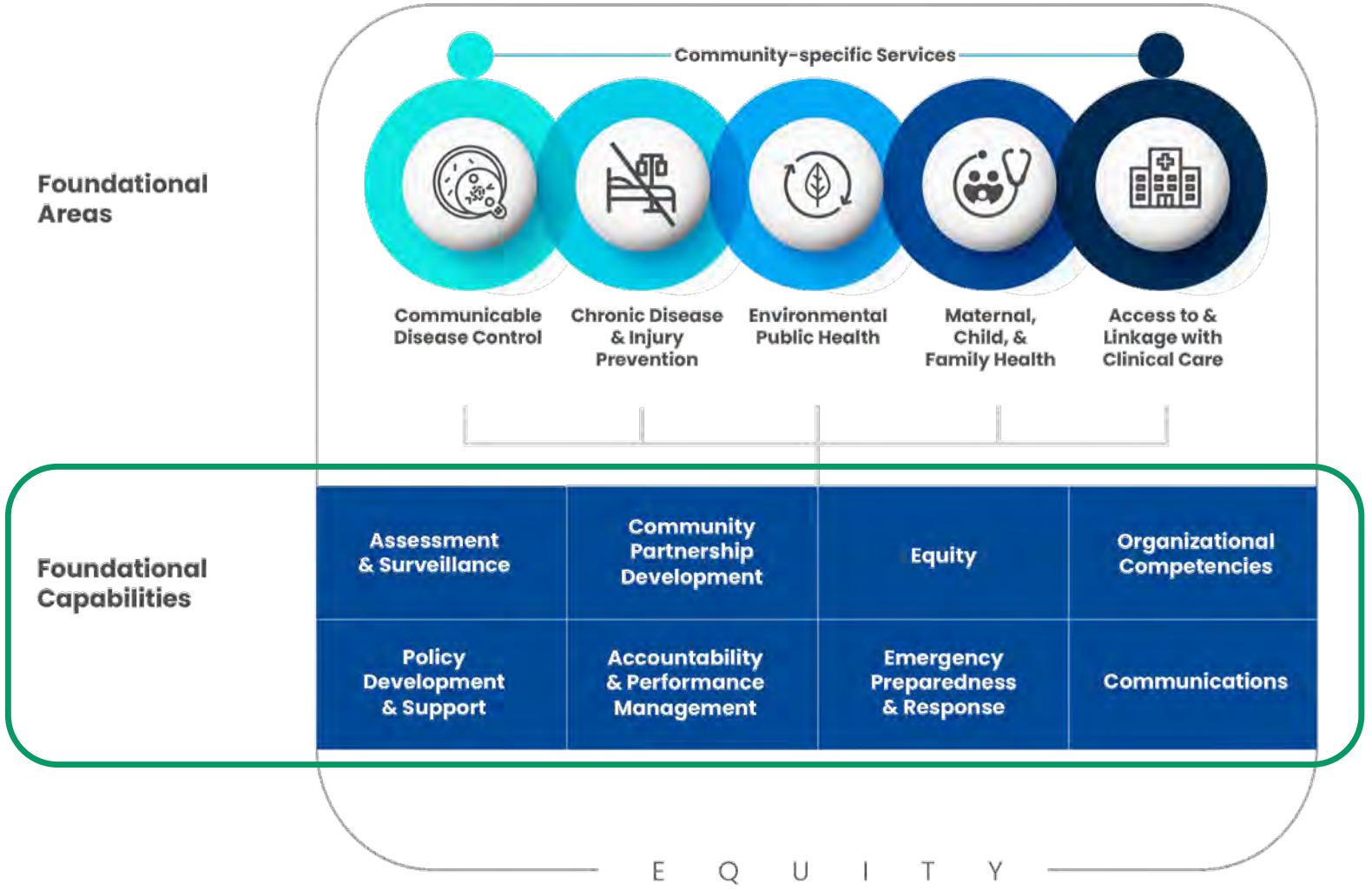
Accreditation as a PHIG
Performance Measure

# 10 Essential Public Health Services

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 equity, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities. Such barriers include poverty, racism, gender discrimination, ableism, and other forms of oppression. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being.



# Foundational Capabilities



# Application of the essential public health functions

an integrated and comprehensive approach to public health



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# Health system resilience indicators

an integrated package for measuring and monitoring health system resilience in countries

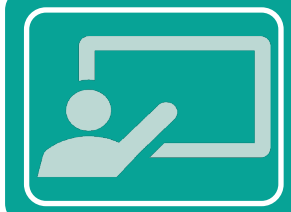


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# PHAB Accreditation & Recognition Programs

- Initial Accreditation
- Reaccreditation
- Vital Records & Health Statistics Accreditation
- Pathways Recognition

# Pathways & Initial Accreditation: Similarities

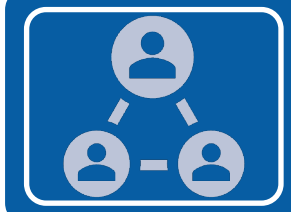


## Readiness and Training Requirement

- Readiness Assessment
- Live, Virtual Applicant Training



## Application Process



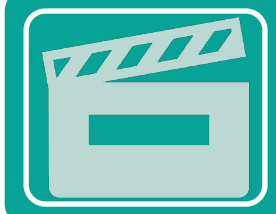
## Document Review Process

- Peer Reviewers
- Assigned Accreditation Specialist



## Requirements, Scoring and Conformity

# Pathways & Initial Accreditation: Differences



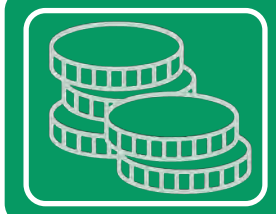
## Eligibility

- Pathways – Local, Territorial, Tribal
- Accreditation – Local, Territorial, Tribal, **State**



## Site Visit

- Pathways – No
- Accreditation – Yes



## Fees

- Pathways – One time fee, same for all.
- Accreditation – Annual service fee, population size-based



## Decision-Making

- Pathways – All scores must be LD/FD, CEO approval
- Accreditation – Accreditation Committee review



## Timelines



## Annual Reporting and Renewal

- Pathways – No
- Accreditation - Yes

# Pathways: Two Tracks

**Track 1: Services and Partnerships**
**19 Measures**

- Assessment & Surveillance
- Community Partnership Development
- Policy Development & Support
- Emergency Preparedness & Support
- Communications

Domains 1-7

**Track 2: Health Department Systems**
**15 Measures**

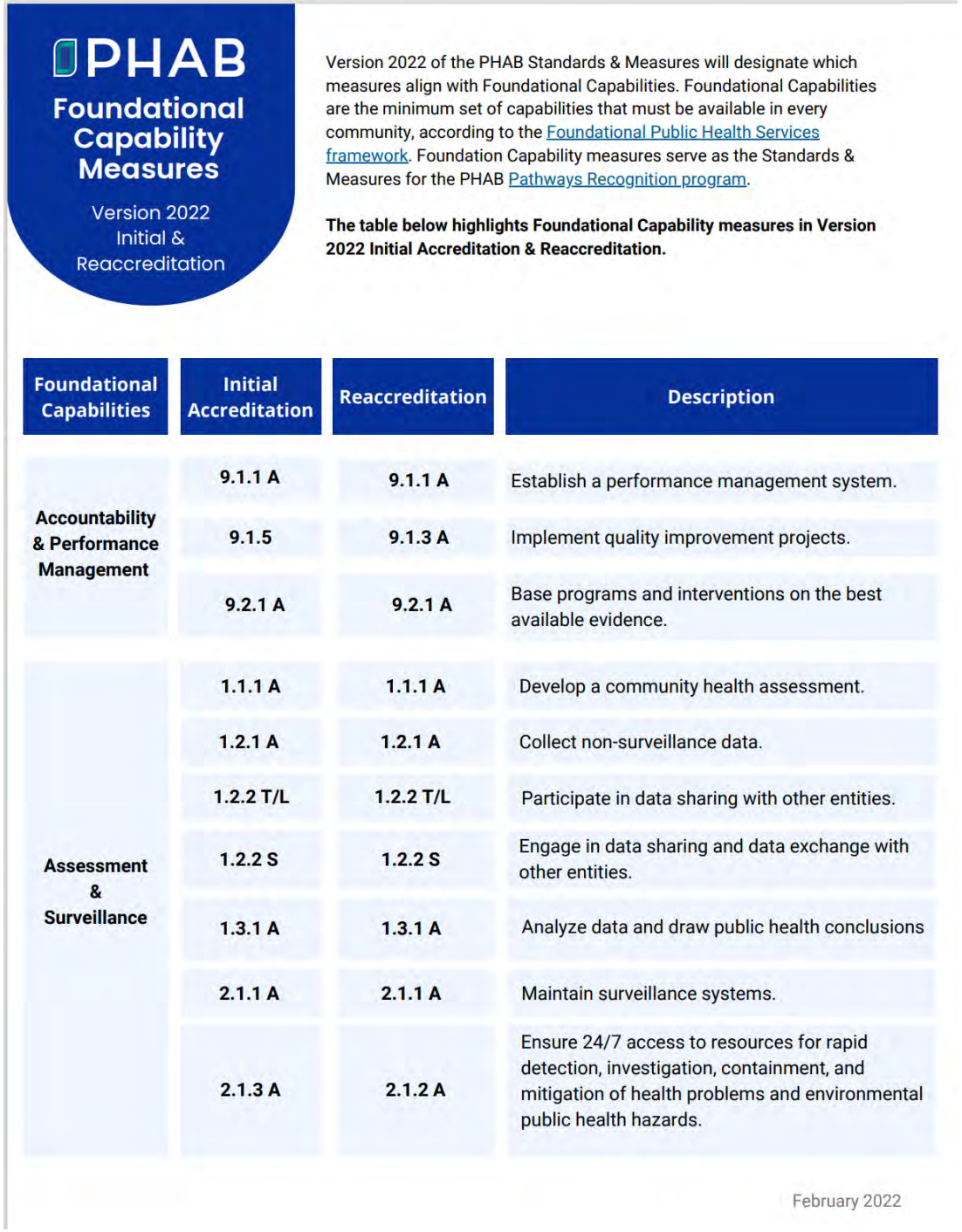
- Organizational Competencies
- Accountability & Performance Management

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**Equity is embedded across both tracks.**

# Standards & Measures for Accreditation

- Version 2022 identifies the specific measures tied directly to the Foundational Capabilities
- Pathways Recognition Program is based on 34 Standards & Measures associated with the Foundational Capabilities



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Foundational Capability Measures

Version 2022 Initial & Reaccreditation

Version 2022 of the PHAB Standards & Measures will designate which measures align with Foundational Capabilities. Foundational Capabilities are the minimum set of capabilities that must be available in every community, according to the Foundational Public Health Services framework. Foundation Capability measures serve as the Standards & Measures for the PHAB Pathways Recognition program.

**The table below highlights Foundational Capability measures in Version 2022 Initial Accreditation & Reaccreditation.**

| Foundational Capabilities | Initial Accreditation | Reaccreditation | Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accountability & Performance Management | 9.1.1 A | 9.1.1 A | Establish a performance management system. |
| | 9.1.5 | 9.1.3 A | Implement quality improvement projects. |
| | 9.2.1 A | 9.2.1 A | Base programs and interventions on the best available evidence. |
| Assessment & Surveillance | 1.1.1 A | 1.1.1 A | Develop a community health assessment. |
| | 1.2.1 A | 1.2.1 A | Collect non-surveillance data. |
| | 1.2.2 T/L | 1.2.2 T/L | Participate in data sharing with other entities. |
| | 1.2.2 S | 1.2.2 S | Engage in data sharing and data exchange with other entities. |
| | 1.3.1 A | 1.3.1 A | Analyze data and draw public health conclusions |
| | 2.1.1 A | 2.1.1 A | Maintain surveillance systems. |
| | 2.1.3 A | 2.1.2 A | Ensure 24/7 access to resources for rapid detection, investigation, containment, and mitigation of health problems and environmental public health hazards. |

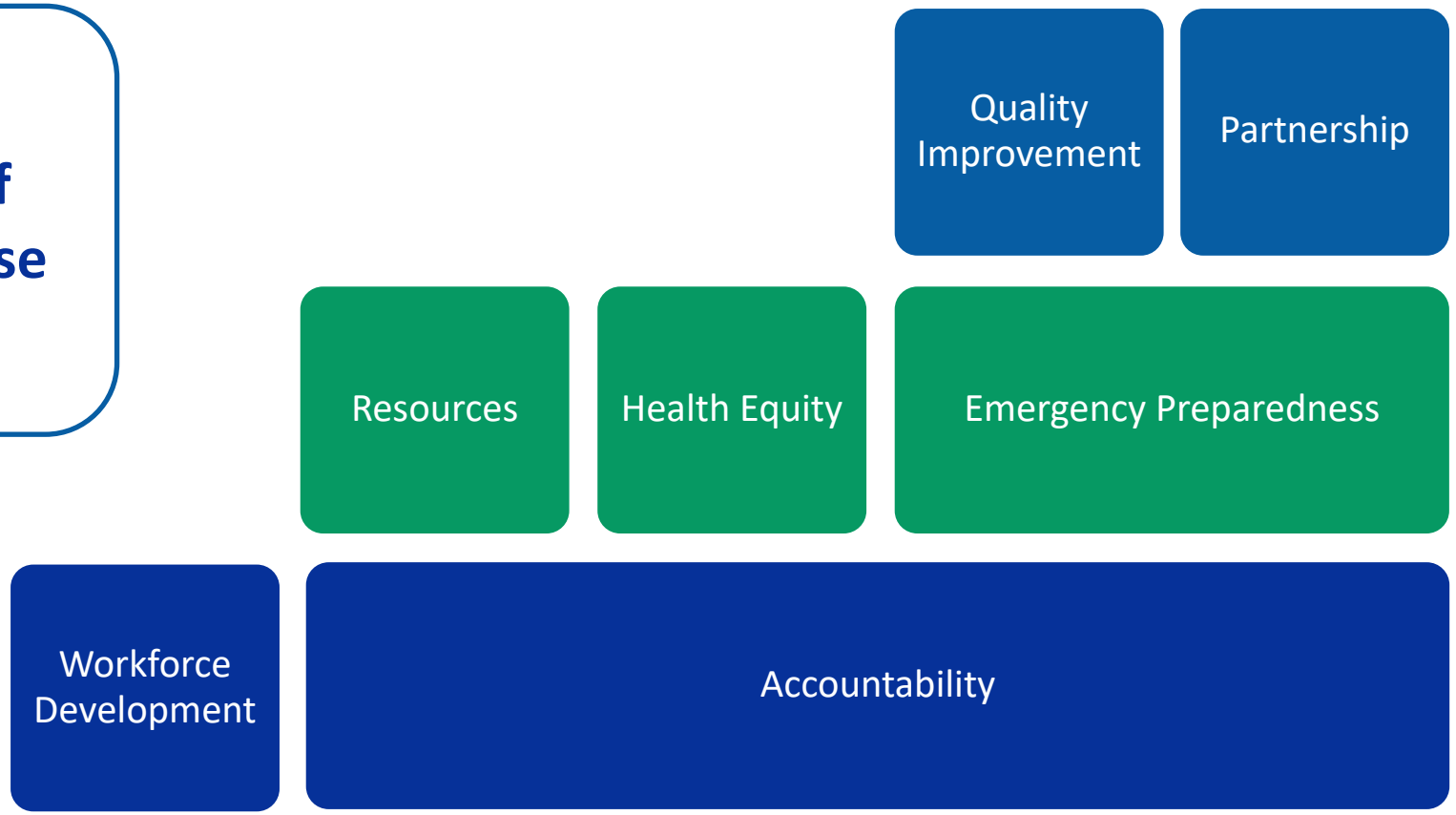
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# PHAB's Technical Assistance and Supports

- Advance accreditation readiness
  - Training and linkage to resources
  - Document review, operational planning
- Support and resources for accredited HDs
- Tools for Transformation
  - Resource sharing, FPHS Cost + Capacity Assessment, Public Health Workforce Calculator
- Support for a FTE at PIHOA for an Accreditation Resource Specialist

# Value, Benefits, and Impact

**PHAB assesses value, benefits, and impact of accreditation across these seven different areas.**




https://phaboard.org/wp-content/uploads/PHAB-Value-and-Impact.pdf

# Thank You!

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