

An Introduction and History Leading to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Standards

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ANCIENT TIMES

- 1867: Cities, towns, townships boards of health
- 1880: State Board of Health
- 1922: County Health units proposed
- 1924: State Health Department

MIDDLE AGES

- 1964: Governor's Public Health Advisory Committee
- 1967: Local Health Act
- 1970s: Guidelines for minimum local board of health responsibilities
- 1988: Institute of Medicine Report: No citizen should be without access to the benefits of public health protection through a local public health delivery system
- 1990s: Public Health Charter

MODERN(IZATION) TIMES

2003-2004: Regional meetings indicate a need for action

2004-2005: Workgroup of state and local representatives develop question:

“What should every Iowan reasonably expect from local and state public health?”

And goal:

3 To modernize an integrated sustainable public health system that ensures a basic standard of delivery to all Iowans

MORE MODERN

2005-2007: Committees and workgroup develop state and local standards – approved December 2007

2008-2009: Workgroup plans implementation

2009: Public Health Modernization Act

Public Health Advisory Council

Public Health Evaluation Committee

Public Health Fund

Pilot projects regarding standards

Quality improvement training and grants

2007: PHAB (Public Health Accreditation Board)
