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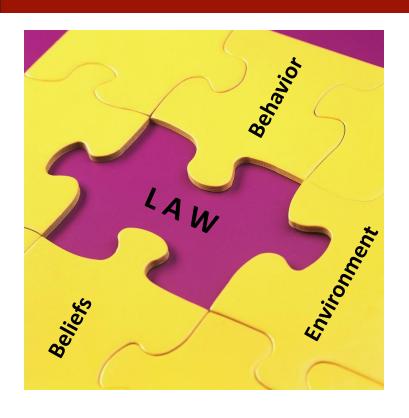
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A PROBLEM

- Our current public health system in the United States is unsustainable, and does not develop or deliver effective public health strategies.
- The health status of our nation is dismal and we must transform the way we invest in health.
- The medical clinical care delivery is not the solution to all our problems as evidenced by the fact it's not working!
- The measures set forth by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
 provide a framework for health departments to work from in order to
 improve health status through outcomes and accountability.
- Therefore, a funded "minimum package" of public health services and programs could have standards to meet for every community.

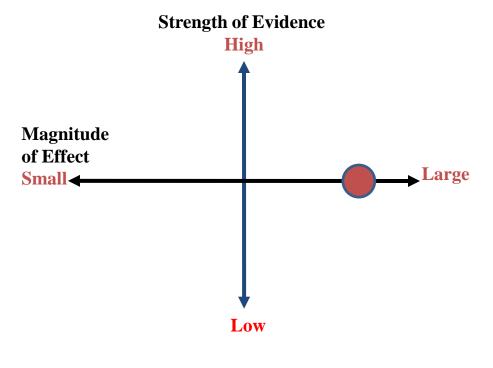
How Does Law Fit Into This Picture?



Legally requiring all Public Health
Departments to be accredited would improve
their performance and accountability while
promoting community collaboration.

HEALTH STATUS = Outcomes + Accountability

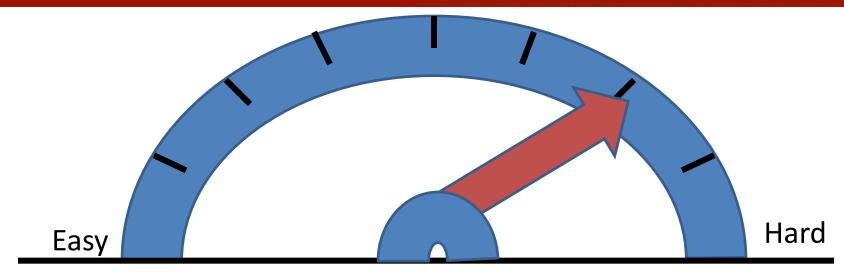
EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE REFORM



Public Health Accreditation

- We can draw from the research from entities such as hospitals, police departments and other governmental agencies.
- The process of becoming accredited will produce data reflecting health department capacity and performance.
- As more health departments achieve accreditation, the data available for research will increase, providing a mechanism for measuring performance and ensuring accountability.

A WAY FORWARD



Feasibility of Legal Reform

The concept of public health accreditation is not new, however, legally requiring it is new.

- Change is hard!
- Funding has encouraged focus in clinical services!
- The health of our nation is in jeopardy and our piggy bank is broken!