

Public Health Resource Office

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SB424 (2021)

- The Public Health Resource Office was created through SB424 of the 2021 legislative session.
- The bill created two positions:
 - The Public Health Resource Officer;
 - Health Program Specialist I in the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE).
- The Public Health Resource Office operates under NRS 233.085 in the Office of the Governor.
- Governor Sisolak appointed the Public Health Resource Officer position in April 2021.

Responsibilities

- The Public Health Resource Officer is tasked with the following:
 - Examining Nevada's public health infrastructure;
 - Identify unmet needs for public health services;
 - Identify opportunities to obtain federal or private funding to support public health services;
 - Identify ways to improve coordination between public health providers and to maximize efficiency in the delivery of public health services;
 - Make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health on those findings.

NOMHE Collaboration

- As previously mentioned, SB424 also created a position in the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity.
- This position is required to do the following:
 - Research and make recommendations to the Public Health Resource Office concerning strategies to address health disparity outcomes in:
 1. Communities of Black persons, Indigenous persons and persons of color resulting from system racism and structures of racial discrimination; and
 2. Rural communities and other underserved communities.
- This position was recently filled by Karina Fox.
- The Public Health Resource Office (PHRO) also meets with NOMHE, Office for New Americans and the Nevada Indian Commission to discuss the opportunities mentioned above.

Additional Collaborations

- The PHRO is also collaborating with:
 - Division of Public and Behavioral Health
 - Department of Health and Human Services
 - County health districts including:
 - Southern Nevada Health District
 - Washoe County Health District
 - Clark County, Central Nevada Health District
 - County health departments
 - Public health coalitions
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers
 - University of Nevada Reno, School of Public Health
 - University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Public Health
 - Nevada Division of Emergency Management
 - Nevada Department of Wildlife

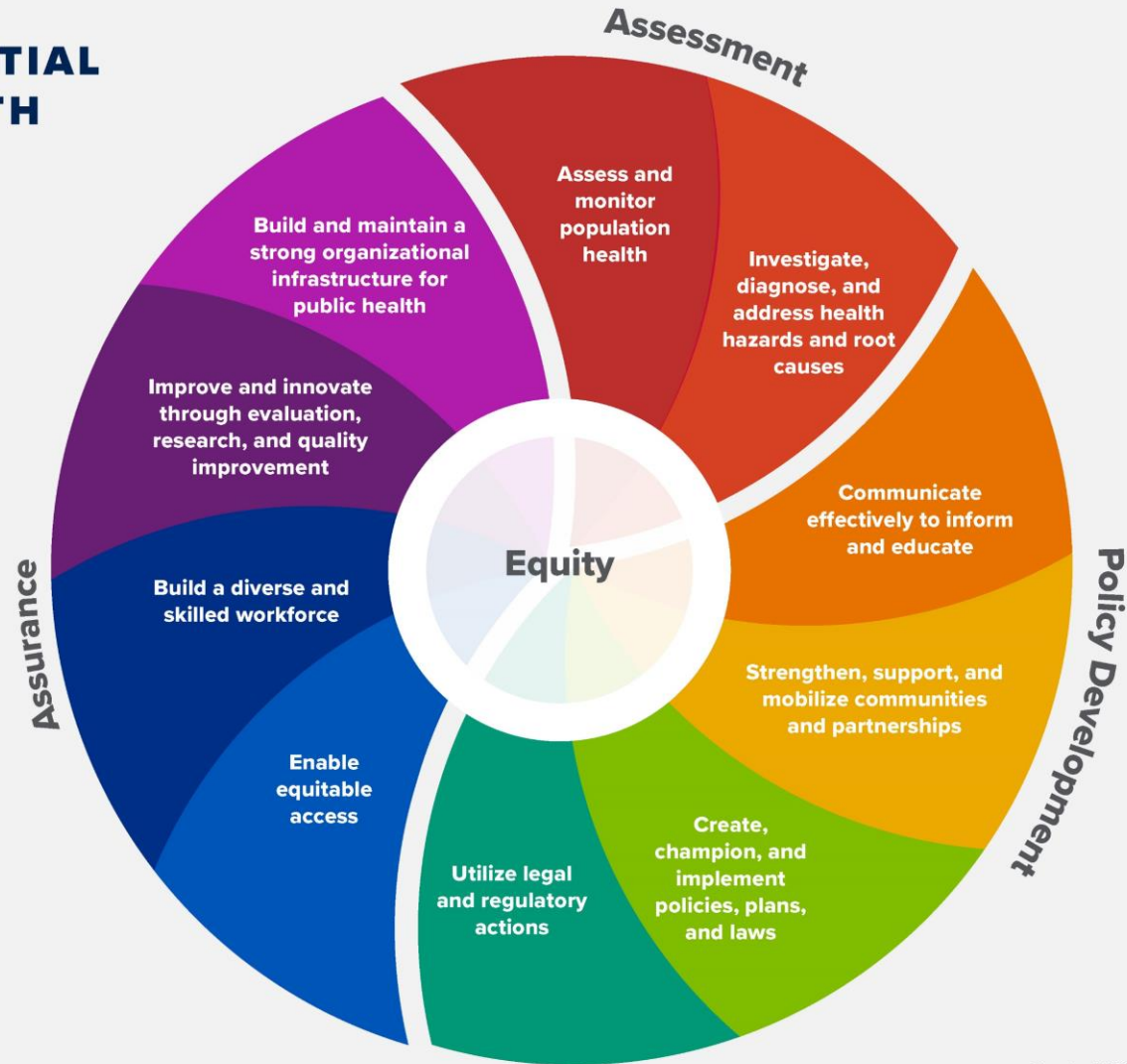
Understanding the Public Health Infrastructure

- Public health services
- Surveillance
- Laboratory practice
- Epidemic investigation
- Data modernization
- Public health workforce
- Organizational capacity
- Funding – including inconsistencies and barriers
- Equity

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.



Questions?

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