

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

BLUEPRINT IMPLEMENTATION

Status Updates
Office of Local and Regional Health

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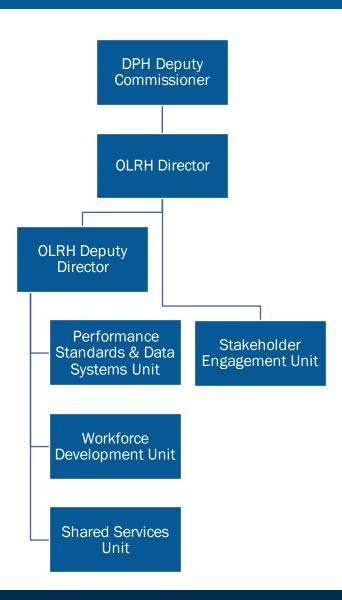
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About the Office of Local and Regional Health (OLRH)

What we do:

- We provide collaborative, statewide leadership for the Massachusetts local and regional public health systems.
- We work alongside local and regional public health (LRPH) to develop and provide the resources, tools, and support they need to promote and protect the health of their communities.
- We center our work on racial and health equity principles.
- We lead the implementation of the six interlocking recommendations made by the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health in their final report, The Blueprint for Public Health Excellence.



Blueprint for Public Health Excellence

The report documents the Commission's findings and makes recommendations for strengthening local public health services and protections across the Commonwealth.



Performance Standards

Blueprint Recommendation

Elevate the standards for and improve the performance of local public health departments

Strategies for Implementation

- Assist cities and towns to meet existing statutory and regulatory requirements
- Evaluate timeline and phases of implementation of the Foundational Public Health Services as the minimum set of services that every Massachusetts resident can expect to receive

Establish
Performance
Standards

Compiled all regulatory and statutory requirements of LRPH (Phase 1)

Work-partner engagement for feedbacks

Release Phase 1

Monitor progress with assessments

Continue phase cycles towards the goal of FPHS as the standard

Conduct Capacity Assessments Created first-ever Capacity Assessment of LRPH to meet performance standards

Conduct baseline capacity assessments

Analyze data to identify barriers to achieving standards, and develop customized Strategic Action Plans Deploy targeted financial and technical resources to support LRPH achieve Action Plan goals

Continue Capacity Assessment cycle with FPHS as the standard goal

Data Systems

Blueprint Recommendation

Explore improvements to the current platforms to report, analyze, and interpret data

Strategies for Implementation

- Establish standardized, integrated, and unified public health reporting system
- Strengthen State and Local public health capacity to collect, analyze, and share data

Establish Data System Identified local health data and reporting needs

Review systems for possible integration

Develop data system

Ensure Usability

Fund LRPH for deployment of system hardware and software Initial and ongoing training and technical assistance

Maintain systems and provide ongoing systems enhancements

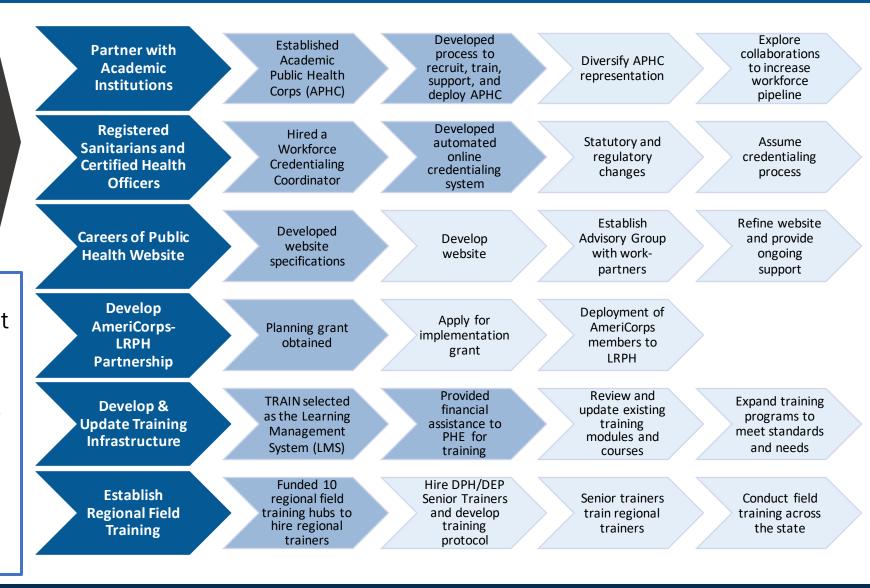
Workforce Development

Blueprint Recommendation

Set education and training standards for local public health officials and staff and expand access to professional development

Strategies for Implementation

- Promote workforce development for local and regional public health by enhancing the workforce pipeline, recruitment, and retention efforts
- Establish adequate training and educational opportunities for local and regional public health based on Blueprint standards



Shared Services

Blueprint Recommendation

Increase cross-jurisdictional sharing of public health services to strengthen the service delivery capabilities of local and regional public health departments

Strategies for Implementation

- Establish infrastructure for cross-jurisdictional sharing of public health services to create the foundation for meeting current and future performance standards
- Support local and regional public health in addressing health disparities and improving population health

Public Health
Excellence Grant
Program (PHE)

Funds allocated to establish and promote shared services arrangements

Regular outreach to non-PHE communities Continue expansion of PHE to more communities

Provide
Additional TA
Services to PHE
Grantees

Vendor contracted to provide LegalTA services Contract vendor to provide Inter-and Intra-Municipal Relations TA services

Contract vendor to provide population health principles

TA services

Explore options to provide further TA to PHE grantees

Health and Racial Equity Training for PHE Grantees

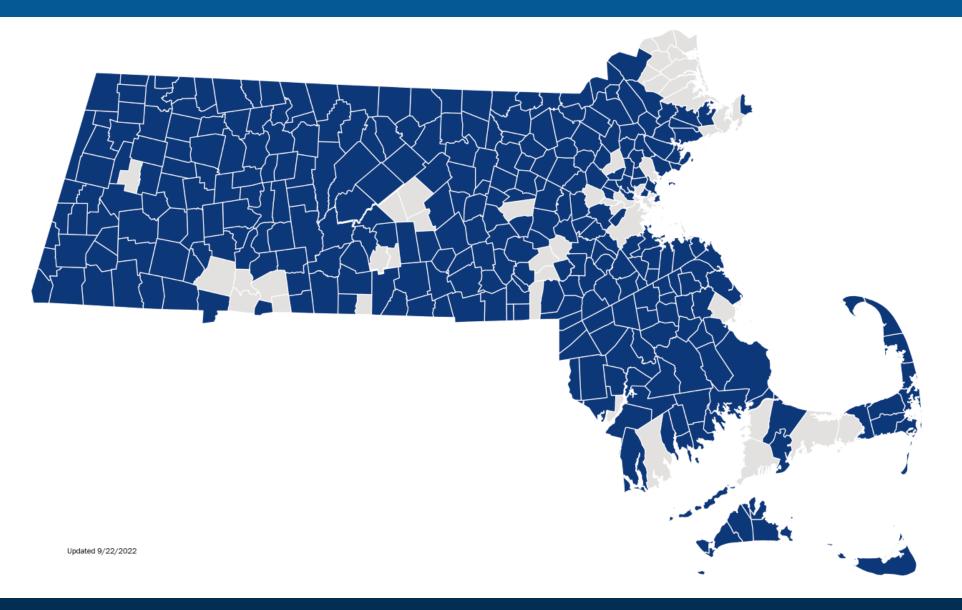
Vendor contracted to provide health and racial equity TA and training

Develop training program

Conduct racial equity training for LRPH

Provide TA to incorporate health and racial equity principles into operation

PHE Grant Program Municipality Map



Community & Partner Engagement

Blueprint Recommendation

Ensure continuity of stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the Commission's recommendations

Engage with the Massachusetts Large Cities Health Initiative (MALCHI)

Facilitate regular discussions with the Commonwealth's 14 Largest Cities

Engage with Partners in the Coalition for Local Public Health (CLPH)

Meet biweekly with CLPH to discuss topics related to LRPH

Provide Timely
Updates and
Resources to LBOH on
Relevant Topics

Hold regular Webinars for LRPH to provide updates on COVID and other public health matters Distribute weekly newsletter to LRPH to communicate announcements and elicit feedback

Actively use a designated email address to communicate with LRPH

Engage LRPH through social media

Strategies for Implementation

- Continue to engage the local and regional public health community and other partners to provide ongoing support implementation of the Commission's recommendations
- Further develop the infrastructure and to support local public health system improvement

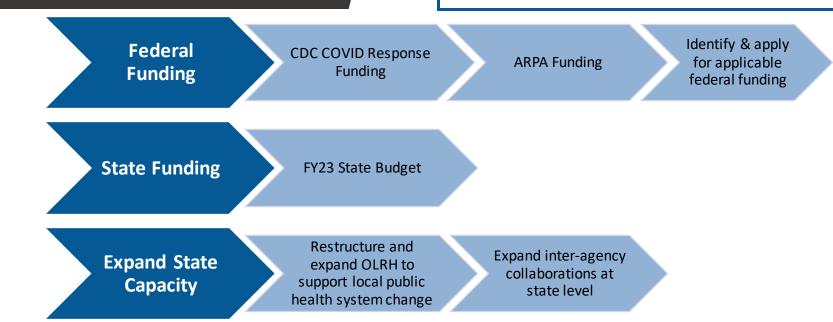
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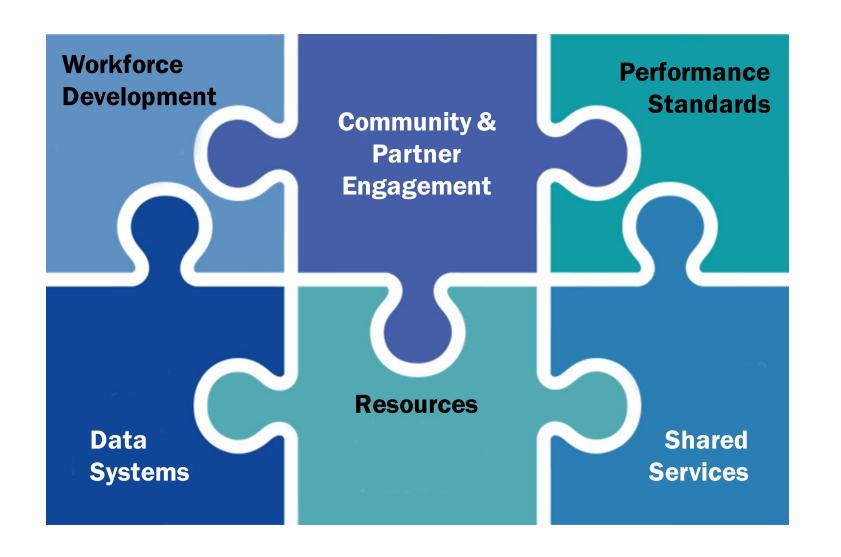
Blueprint Recommendation

Commit appropriate resources for the local public health system changes proposed by the Commission

Strategies for Implementation

- Identify and apply for applicable federal funding opportunities
- Facilitate appropriate distribution of resources to LRPH
- Expand State Capacity to support LRPH and implement Blueprint recommendations







Questions?



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