



**PUBLIC HEALTH
LEARNING NETWORK**

Educating Professionals,
Elevating Practice.

Discussion Topics

We will discuss:

- The PHLN Vision and Mission
- The PHLN Infrastructure
- The 10 Regions and 10 Content Areas
- The NCCPHT's approach to establishing a set of Common Metrics
- Future plans for understanding the needs of the national public health workforce



PHLN Vision and Mission

Vision: A public health workforce effectively building healthier communities.

Mission: Provide high-quality training, tools, and resources to advance an effective public health workforce.



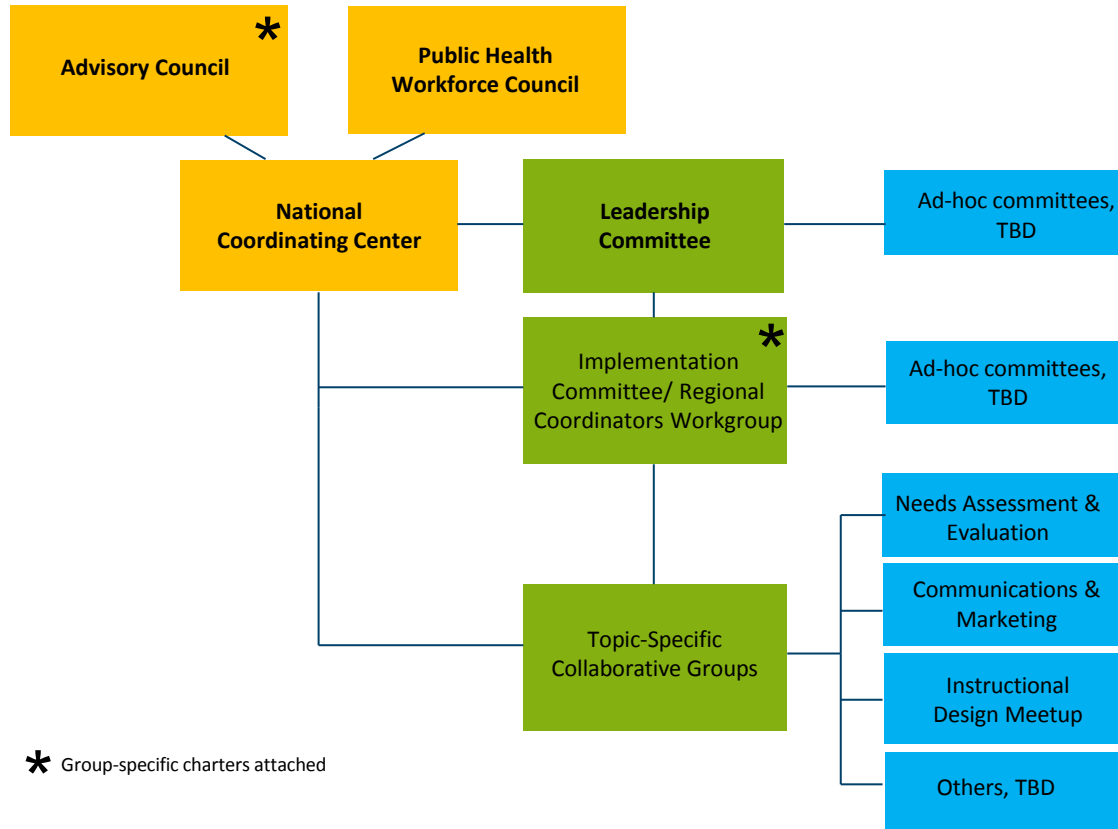
The Role of the National Coordinating Center for Public Health Training (NCCPHT)

The NCCPHT is building a collaborative training network nationwide that offers high-quality training and resources for professionals engaged in the critical work of creating healthy communities

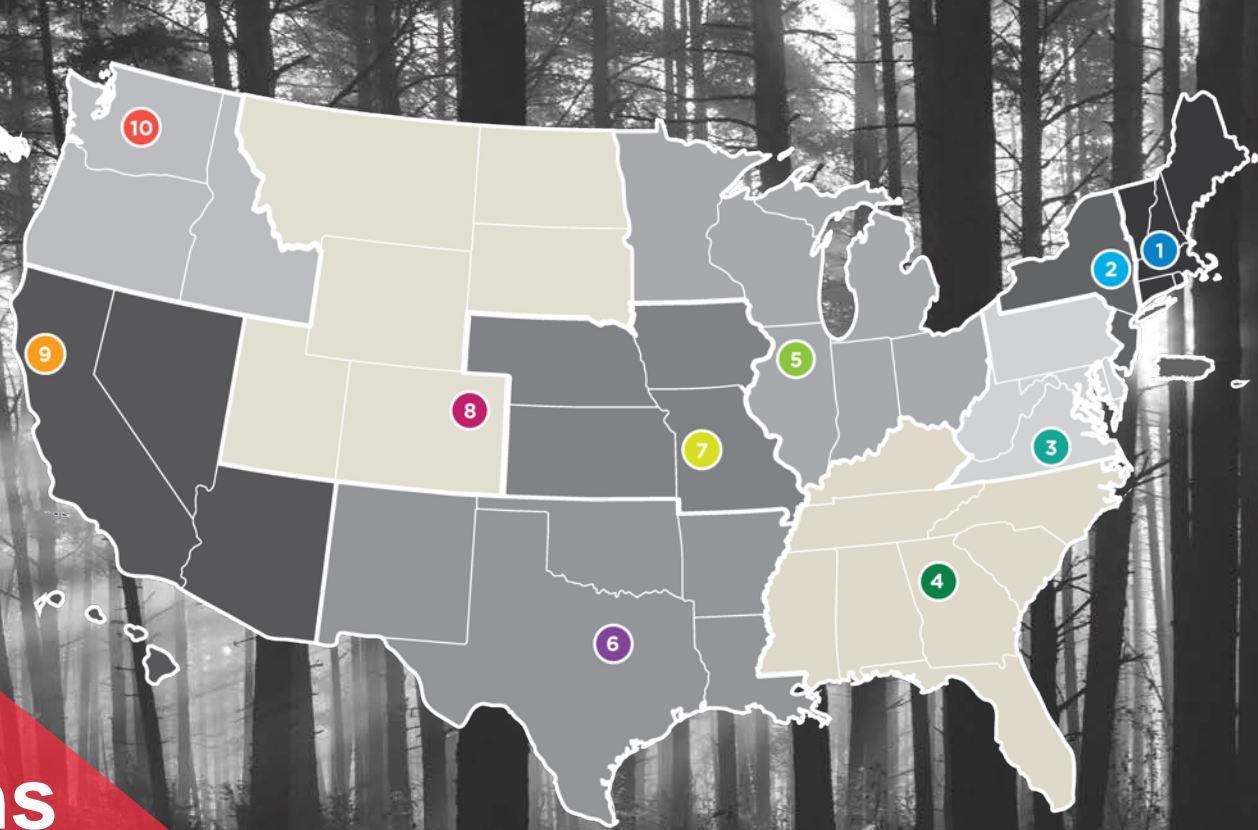
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10 Regions



Content Areas *and* Cross-Cutting Skills

Behavioral Health
Cancer
Diabetes
Environmental Public Health
Health Disparities, Health Equity,
Social Determinants of Health
Health Informatics and
Health Information Technology
Infectious Diseases
Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity
Public Health Preparedness
Violence and Injury and Prevention



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The Network will...

- Provide access to high quality training, tools, and resources
- Lead training responses to emerging public health issues
- Utilize innovating training technologies
- Building skills for modern public health practice
- **Assess training needs nationally**



Needs Assessment: The Ask

| NCCPHT | RPHTC |
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| <p>Spearhead and coordinate the development and standardization of Regional PHTC evaluation plans and needs assessments nationally, including the customization of data collection tools to meet local needs</p> | <p>Assess the health personnel needs of the area to be served by the center and assist in the planning and development of training programs to meet such needs</p> |



Needs Assessment: The Ask

Additionally, the NCCPHT is responsible for:

Working with the RPHTCs to **develop needs assessment and evaluation tools with cross-cutting common themes to be captured by all RPHTCs, and**

Coordinating data collection efforts on public health workforce training needs with statewide, regional and national data collection activities



Establishing a set of Common Metrics

Collect

- Abstracted over 120 data collection tools across regions
- Categorized tools by focus areas and type

Analyze

- Identified key tools
- Selected areas of interest
- Assessed types of questions and response options.

Share

- Finalized 9 metrics in April 2016

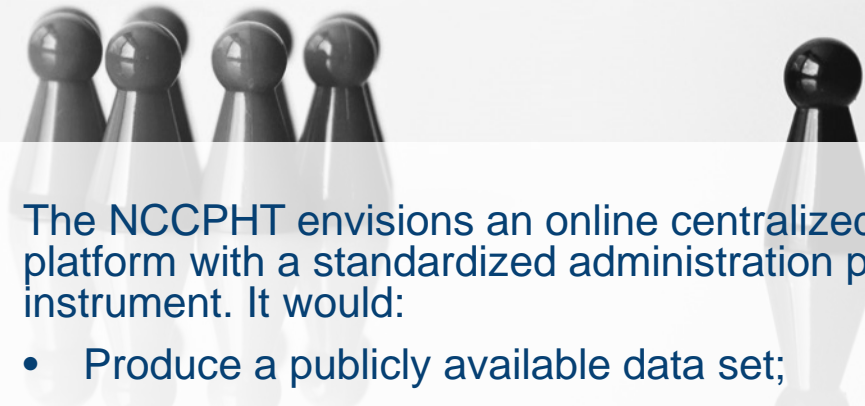
Needs Assessment Next Steps

The NCCPHT will work to:

- Synthesize existing needs assessment data across 10 regions
- Review secondary data collected by Georgetown and Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS)
- Begin collecting data on the needs within the 10 content areas
- Interview RPHTCs and LPS to identify their perceptions regarding perceived training needs, preferences and existing needs assessment efforts



Looking to the Future: Dream Big!



The NCCPHT envisions an online centralized needs assessment platform with a standardized administration process and survey instrument. It would:

- Produce a publicly available data set;
- Be administered to both governmental and non-governmental public health professionals across the U.S.;
- Promote training opportunities; and
- Allow flexibility.



Thank You!

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