## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Guiding questions for 2021 performance-related accountability requirement discussion

MDH asks each community health board to reflect on 2020 and 2021, exploring what we've learned and how this knowledge informs and influences a community health board's ability to carry out foundational public health capabilities.

- You can find a list of guiding questions on the following page.
- The discussion should include staff from a variety of levels and program areas. There is no required number of staff to participate in the discussion; instead, community health boards should focus on participation needed for a comprehensive perspective.
- Prior to this discussion, participants should review and reflect on the foundational public health responsibilities outlined in A new framework for governmental public health in Minnesota (PDF) (<u>https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/practice/schsac/workgroups/docs/201906Strengthe</u> <u>ningANewFramework.pdf</u>). Note that these responsibilities include both foundational *capabilities* and foundational *areas*, as outlined in the framework.
- Be sure to identify a facilitator to keep the discussion on track, and a note-taker.
- After the discussion, submit a summary of the responses or themes to MDH. Use your own format, or base your report's format on the following page.
- Submit the report to <u>health.ophp@state.mn.us</u> no later than March 31, 2022.

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## **Discussion logistics**

Community health board:

Date:

Roles/positions of participating staff:

## **Guiding questions**

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- Which foundational areas and foundational capabilities were areas of strength for your community health board?
- Describe those strengths. What factors contributed to those strengths for your community health board?
- Which foundational capabilities and foundational areas were challenging for your community health board, or in what capabilities/areas did you find gaps?
- Describe those challenges or gaps. What factors contributed to these challenges for your community health board?
- Beyond the foundational capabilities and areas, please describe the additional functions and services you identified that were unique to your community's needs.
- What innovations or solutions did you identify and implement to leverage your community health board's strengths, or to address your identified challenges/gaps?
- How does what you have learned inform or influence your community health board's ability to carry out public health foundational capabilities and foundational areas?
- What, changes or adjustments is your community health board considering, if any, as a result of what you have learned during 2020-2021?