APPENDIX C

PUBLIC HEALTH IN AMERICA

Vision: *Healthy People in Communities*

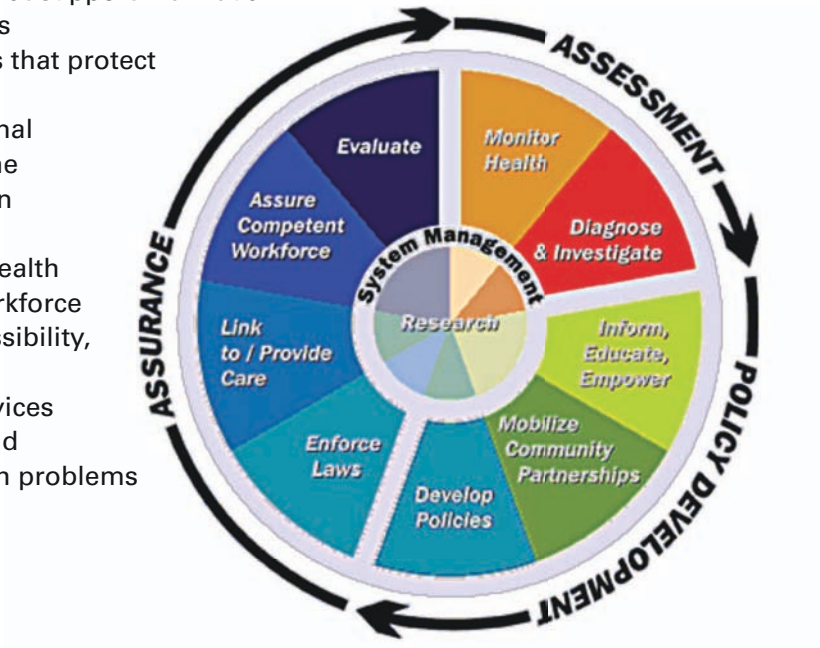
Mission: *Promote Physical and Mental Health and Prevent Disease, Injury, and Disability*

Public Health

- Prevents epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protects against environmental hazards
- Prevents injuries
- Promotes and encourages healthy behaviors
- Responds to disasters and assists communities in recovery
- Assures the quality and accessibility of health services

Essential Public Health Services

- Monitor health status to identify community health problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
- Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
- Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
- Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems



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APPENDIX D

"The 10 Essential Services in English"

Essential Service Number	Non-Public Health Version
1	What's going on in my state? How healthy are we?
2	Are we ready to respond to health problems or threats in my state? How quickly do we find out about problems? How effective is our response?
3	How well do we keep all segments of our state informed about health issues?
4	How well do we really get people engaged in health issues?
5	What policies in both government and the private sector promote health in my state? How effective are we in setting healthy state policies?
6	When we enforce health regulations, are we technically competent, fair, and effective?
7	Are people in my state receiving the medical care they need?
8	Do we have a competent public health staff? How can we be sure that our staff stays current?
9	Are we doing any good? Are we doing things right? Are we doing the right things?
10	Are we discovering and using new ways to get the job done?

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