

## The Futures Initiative: the 10 Essential Public Health Services

Task Force Meeting Summary

April 2020

### Overview

On April 30, 2020, the Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) and the de Beaumont Foundation convened the Task Force for [The Futures Initiative: the 10 Essential Public Health Services](#). The 29-member Task Force guides the work of the Futures Initiative, which is a field-driven revisit and refresh of the 10 Essential Public Health Services (EPHS). The aim of the meeting was to review feedback collected during the public vetting period to date and provide additional input and guidance for activities once vetting is finished. The following information is a high-level summary of the meeting. Additional information about the Initiative, including the updated timeline and process, can be found at [www.phnci.org/national-frameworks/10-ephs](http://www.phnci.org/national-frameworks/10-ephs).

### Data Summary

A summary of data collected to date was presented to the Task Force. The public vetting period began on March 2, 2020, and as of the meeting date, 387 respondents had provided feedback. Respondents represented health departments (local, state, and Tribal), academia/research, non-profits or community-based organizations, national partner organizations, federal agencies, and students. More detailed information and analysis of the vetting feedback will be shared during Summer 2020.

### Decisions

During the meeting, the Task Force decided the following:

- Begin re-promoting the vetting opportunity for the remaining three weeks, including e-newsletters, partner outreach, twitter blasts, and more. This will be framed appropriately within the context of COVID-19.
- Explore with partners, such as the CDC, the Public Health Law Network, and a variety of state health departments how EPHS are currently embedded in legislation and what their recommendations would be after the new framework is launched.
- Strike a balance between ensuring there is enough time for the new framework to be infused and embedded into the work of public health over time, versus ensuring it is regularly revisited and potentially updated to ensure it stays relevant.

### Next Steps

The Task Force will review the vetting data and how it shapes the new framework at its next meeting on June 30, 2020. The framework will be further developed, along with an alignment and communication strategy, through August 2020. A finalized framework is expected to be launched during a virtual event in September 2020.