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About the Office of Local and Regional Health (OLRH)

VISION

Every person in Massachusetts can equitably access excellent local public health services to be their healthiest self.

MISSION

We work with partners to build capacity towards achieving efficient, effective, and equitable local public health services for all people in Massachusetts.

VALUES

EQUITY

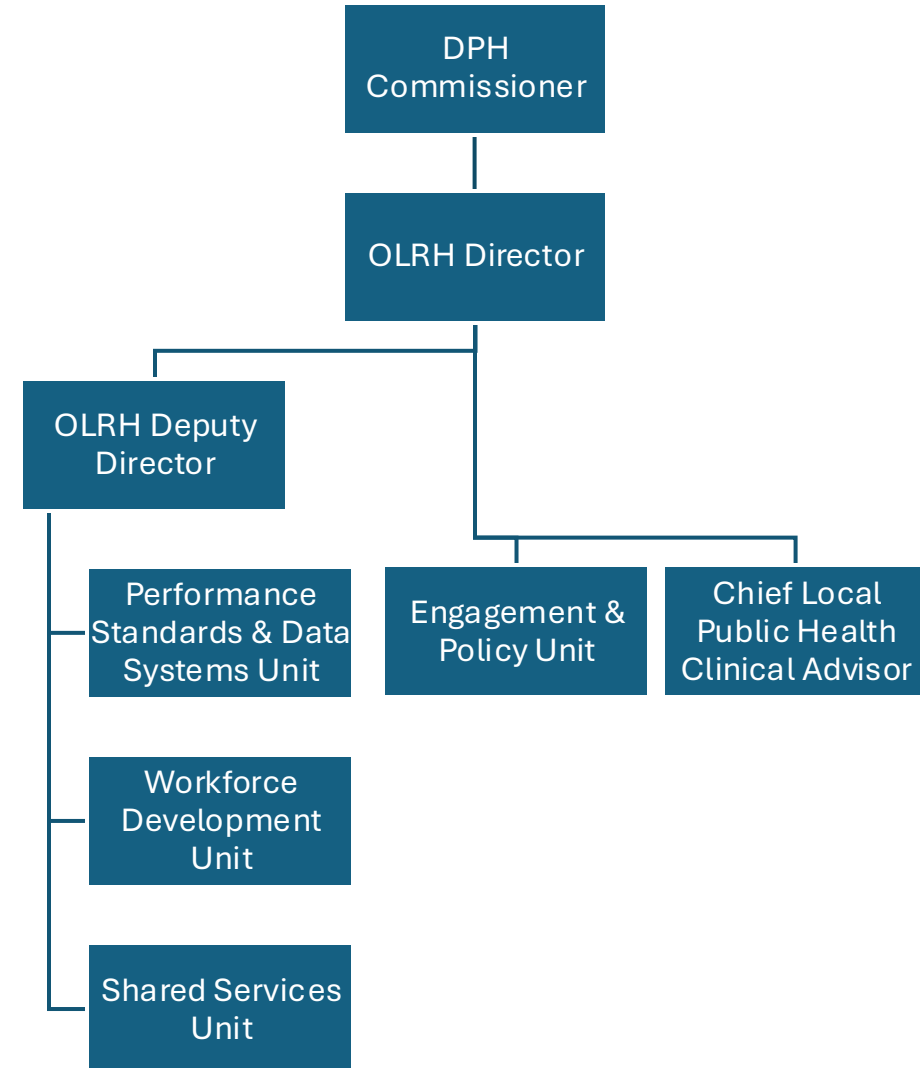
We commit to advancing equity to serve all people in Massachusetts and strengthen the potential to create healthier municipalities. We lead explicitly, but not exclusively, with race, acknowledging the history as well as the current reality of structural racism and its impact on health.

COMMITMENT

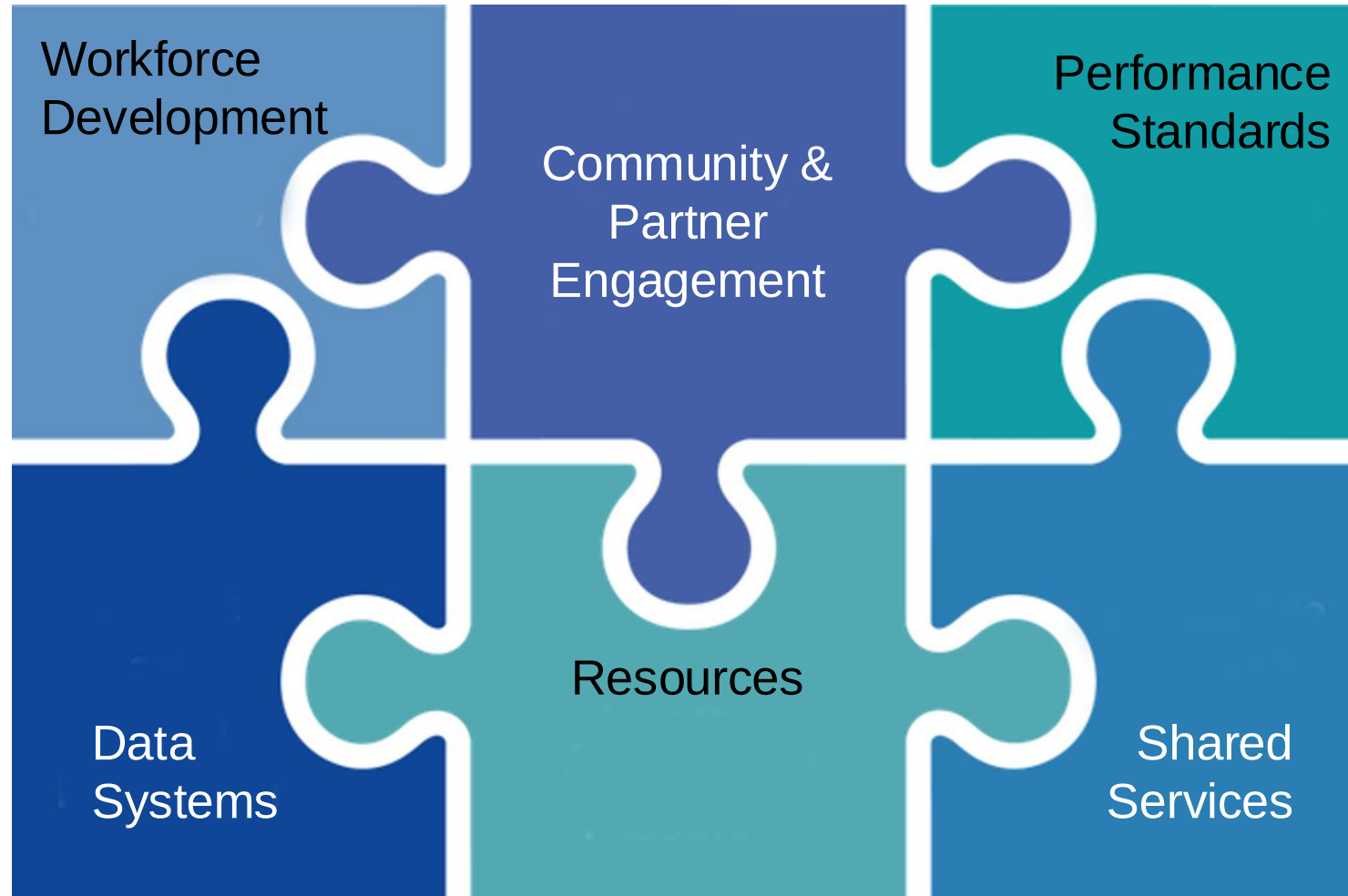
We exemplify long-term commitment to promoting public health; we are dedicated to the ongoing advancement of sustainable and innovative public health practices.

PARTNERSHIP

We center relationships with partners at the core of our efforts and prioritize collaborations to develop flexible approaches, services, and solutions. We practice bidirectional communications and active listening and adapt based on the needs of our partners.

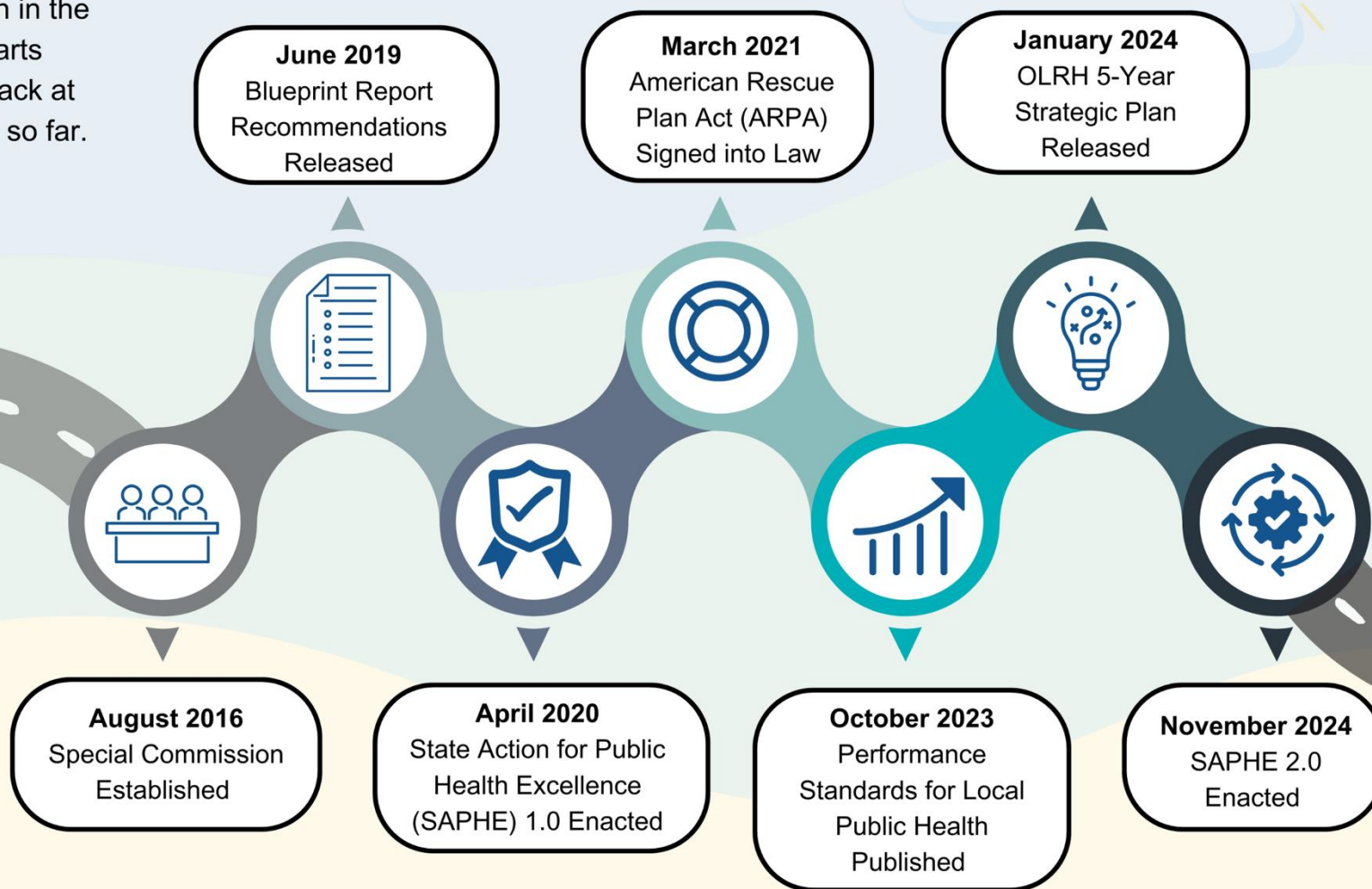


Blueprint Recommendations



A Healthier Massachusetts Starts with Us

We are on a journey to improve the health of every person in the Commonwealth, and it starts with all of us. Let's look back at the progress we've made so far.



SAPHE 2.0

On Nov 20, 2024,
Governor Healey signed
the Economic
Development Bill into
law, which includes
M.G.L. c. 111 s. 27D
and Sections 307-309 of
Chapter 238 of the Acts
of 2024, colloquially
known as **SAPHE 2.0**.



Strengthening the State's Public Health System

SAPHE 2.0 elevates local public health's capabilities to provide equitable public health services and build stronger, more resilient communities across the Commonwealth.

A Healthier Massachusetts Starts with Us

- By working together and with sufficient state funding, to implement SAPHE 2.0, we can **create an equitable local public health system** in Massachusetts through cross-jurisdictional **service sharing**, a **unified data solution**, a **highly skilled and trained workforce**, and a set of **performance standards**.
- These efforts will significantly improve **the lives of every person** who lives and works in Massachusetts, **bringing hope for a healthier Commonwealth**.

What does this mean for LPH?

SAPHE 2.0:

- Institutionalizes much of the collaborative work LPH and DPH are already doing
- Codifies many of the Blueprint recommendations into law
- Raises visibility and highlights the importance of LPH
- Establishes mechanisms for funding to LPH
- Maximizes efficiencies in public health spending

...Continuing us on our journey for LPH systems transformation!

New LPH Requirements

LPH Responsibilities	Timeline	How the State is supporting
Meet the <u>Performance Standards</u> , including the <u>Workforce Standards</u>	• DPH understands that this will take time! • OLRH is committed to supporting LPH in a variety of ways to help every municipality meet the Performance Standards	• Promoting Shared Services • Targeted funding • Multi-tiered training structure • Technical Support
Annual report on status of meeting the Performance Standards	• August 31, annually	• DPH will conduct annual assessments of LPH to meet reporting requirements • DPH will use the new Data Solution to share reported data related to performance standards

Existing and New DPH Requirements

DPH Responsibilities	Activities
Supporting Shared Services	• Working with 320 participating municipalities in PHE grant program
Training and Technical Assistance	• Implementing a multi-tier training structure, establishing the Public Health Nurse Consultant Program, etc.
Performance Standards	• Phase 1 published Oct. 2023 • Working toward incorporating the Foundational Public Health Services
Local Public Health Data Solution	• Working on design and build of an integrated data system called METRIK • Close collaboration with LPH at all levels of research, design, build, testing, and implementation

Existing and New DPH Requirements

DPH Responsibilities	Activities
Coordinating New Reporting	• Initial report on needs, opportunities, challenges, timeline, and cost analysis • Annual estimated funding needed to implement SAPHE 2.0 • Biennial report on the impact of SAPHE 2.0 and LPH ability to meet Performance Standards
Special Commission	• Coordinating Special Commission revival to review SAPHE amendments and funding available to support and enhance the local and regional public health system.
Public Hearings	• Will coordinate three this year to identify ways to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of local public health services

What's next?



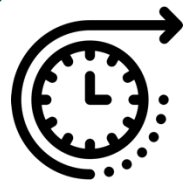
Now

- Continue the great work that we are accomplishing together!



What You Can Do

- **Participate in Foundational Public Health Services Shared Services Review** to inform DPH report on the cost of meeting SAPHE 2.0
- **Initiate conversations with your municipal leadership** and members of your community about the importance of SAPHE 2.0
- [Tell us what you need](#) to support you on this journey



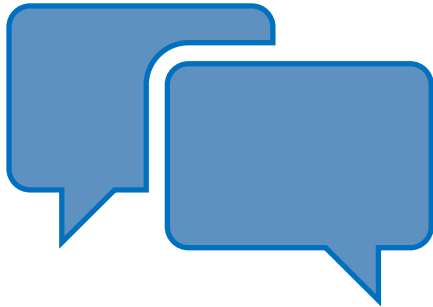
Coming up

- Regular updates and opportunities for discussion
- Announcements on public hearings
- Announcements on Special Commission
- Guidance and support on reporting requirements

Connect with Us!

Upcoming SAPHE 2.0 Office Hours

- Tuesday, April 8: 3 – 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 7: 11 a.m. – noon



Office hours accessible on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95851965274?pwd=Icjlq0PKfht53vpdZarBPkqG64XFuy.1>

Scan the QR code or [click this link](#) to **provide your feedback**



If you have any questions, please contact OLRH

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Thank you



For the work you are doing



For your support



For your collaboration

Q&A

