

NAVIGATING A PATH FORWARD

A Roadmap for NACO's Public Health Coordinator

2022 - 2023



BRIDGING LOCAL NEEDS TO STATE/FEDERAL FRAMEWORKS

In December 2021, the Bipartisan Policy Center published [Public Health Forward: Modernizing the U.S. Public Health System](#), a five-year roadmap for the U.S. public health system. *Public Health Forward* defines a vision and framework for health in the 21st century and provides a practical, prioritized, bipartisan set of actions for policymakers and public health officials.²

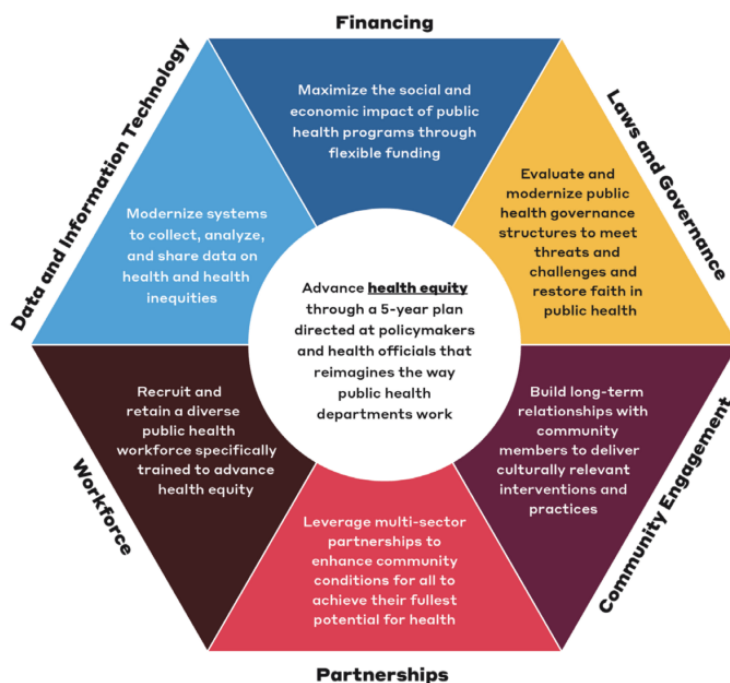
The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 1988 report on *The Future of Public Health* defined the mission of public health in the U.S. to be "the fulfillment of society's interest in assuring the conditions in which people can be healthy"¹

STARTING A CONVERSATION

"What is the appetite for various levels of public health infrastructure in Nevada's counties?"

The NACO Public Health Coordinator's role is to consult with county governments and community stakeholders to:

1. **Survey existing public health programs and services offered in Nevada's counties to develop a public health narrative and determine if opportunities exist to increase, restructure, or improve services.** (*Beginning April 2022*)
2. **Identify successes and gaps in public and behavioral health programs, specifically those related to COVID and opioid recovery.** (*Beginning March 2022*)
3. **Analyze local, state, and national data to identify recommendations for streamlining public health services or create new public and behavioral health programs.** (*Ongoing through June 2023*)
4. **Developing formal proposal(s) for improving, restructuring, or adding new public and behavioral health programs.** (*Ongoing through June 2023*)



NACO's Public Health Coordinator will coordinate with counties and community stakeholders to identify areas to align with *Public Health Forward*.

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¹ Institute of Medicine (IOM). 1988. *The Future of Public Health*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. <https://doi.org/10.17226/1091>.

² Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC). 2021. *Public Health Forward: Modernizing the US Public Health System*. <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/report/public-health-forward>