Public Health Core Functions and 10 Essential Services

**Core Function 1 – Assessment**

Collecting and analyzing information about health problems.

**Essential Service #1**: Monitor health status to identify community health problems.

**Essential Service #2**: Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.

**Core Function 2 – Policy Development**

Broad-based consultations with stakeholders to weigh available information and decide which interventions are most appropriate and ensure that the public interest is served by measures that are adopted.

**Essential Service #3**: Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.

**Essential Service #4**: Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.

**Essential Service #5**: Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.

**Core Function 3 – Assurance**

Promoting and protecting public interests through programs, events, campaigns, regulations and other strategies, and making sure that necessary services are provided to reach agreed upon goals.

**Essential Service #6**: Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.

**Essential Service #7**: Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

**Essential Service #8**: Assure a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.

**Essential Service #9**: Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.

**Essential Service #10**: Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

10 Essential Public Health Services, Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee, 1994.