



Local Public Health Department Policy Award Criteria

The Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence (MOC PHE) was started by public health professionals who are dedicated to improving public health services in Missouri. This Local Health Department Policy Award has been designed to recognize public health agencies who have dedicated their time and effort in policy that improves these public health services in Missouri.

Criteria

- Address the structural and institutional policies that create unhealthy environments
- Describe relationships between a variety of stakeholders from different sectors, with the LHD playing a major role
- Policy outcome should highlight the most vulnerable. If policy does not focus on the social & economic factors that impact health, the policy takes them into account
- Attention to the science of the policy shall be clear, not just a policy whim
- Policy should require the attention of local elected officials and/or local voters
- Display innovation use of communications and marketing/messaging
- Describe the enforcement of the policy

Bonus Criteria

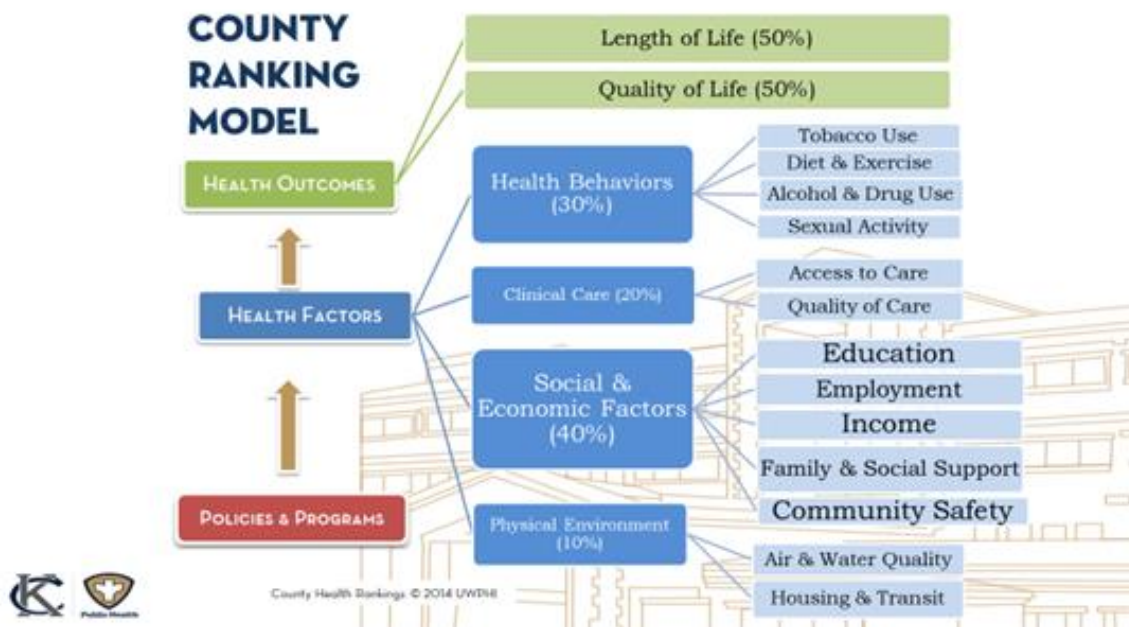
- PHAB/MICH Status 1 pt. applied for Accreditation, 2 pts. submitted required documentation for Accreditation, 3 pts. for site visit conducted, 4 pts. Accreditation achieved

Applications must be framed into the four (4) categories to illustrate all of the criteria:

- **Implementation** (1,000-word max),
- **Outcomes** (500-word max),
- **Lessons Learned** (500-word max), and
- **Recommendations** (500-word max).

MOC PHE has created a rubric for a public health policy award category (based on the RWJF U of Wisconsin categories) on a rotation within three groupings:

- 1) Social & Economic Factors (SDOH)
- 2) Health Behaviors; and
- 3) Clinical & Environment.



MOCPHE will be accepting award nominations for the SDOH by the following a rotation categories.

1. Education (2020, 2025)	4. Family & Social Support (2023, 2028)
2. Employment (2021, 2026)	5. Community Safety (2024, 2029)
3. Income (2022, 2027)	

Rotate every four years on a Health Behavior.

1. Alcohol & Drug Use including Opioids (2020, 2024)	3. Tobacco Use/Nicotine (2022, 2026)
2. Sexual Activity (2021, 2025)	4. Diet & Exercise (2023, 2027)

Rotate every third year on Environment.

1. Housing or Transit (2020, 2023)	3. Air or Water Quality (2022, 2025)
2. Access to Care/Quality of Care (2021, 2024)	

Annually, three (3) awards may be granted unless there is a tie and/or the board chooses to select an application as *Honorable Mention*. MOCPHE board members will abstain from discussion and voting in any category that they should choose to apply.

Applications that did not receive an award may reapply in subsequent years provided additional information on the impact is available and/or illustrated effectively.

Beginning Sept. 2020: One SDOH Policy Award (Education), One Alcohol & Drug Use Policy Award, and one Housing & Transit Policy Award

For this Sept. 2021: One SDOH Policy Award (Employment), One Sexual Activity Policy Award, and one Access/Quality of Care Policy Award