

Accreditation Work Group Survey, January 2021

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Purpose: To survey members of local public health authorities and tribal health authorities to obtain information about the formatting of the Accreditation Work Group

Format: Google Forms sent out via email

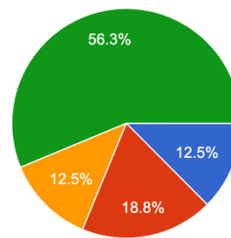
Time: Survey open from 12/21/20-01/08/21 (two reminders sent)

Report Date: 01/12/21

Number of respondents	16
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Question 1: What stage of accreditation are you in?

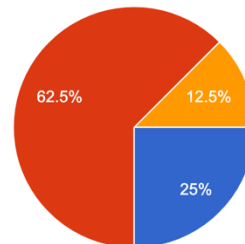
Answer	Count (16)
Not pursuing accreditation	2
Pre-application	3
Currently in the application process	2
Accredited and pursuing reaccreditation	9
Accredited but not pursuing reaccreditation	0
Other	0



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Question 3: How would you like this workgroup to meet?

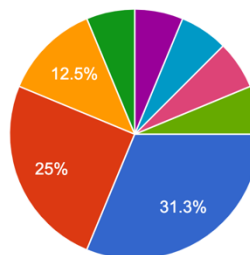
Answer	Count
Asynchronous virtual meetings (through discussion boards, document sharing, etc.)	4
Synchronous virtual meetings (through videoconferencing, phone, etc.)	12
In-person (post-COVID)	2



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- In-person (post-COVID)

Questions 4: What format would be most helpful to you?

Answer	Count
Group discussions on certain parts of accreditation	5
Presentations from other LPHAs on their experiences	4
Peer review on specific sections	2
Other	5



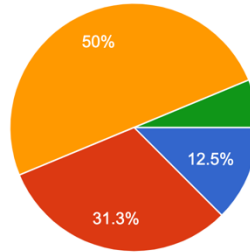
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- Presentations from other LPHAs on their experiences
- Peer review on specific sections
- All of the above
- I think all of those options are great, d...
- all of the above
- Peer review and workshops to make...
- Combination - presentations and disc...

Other responses included:

- I think all of those options are great, depending on the what the needs of the group are at any given time
- All of the above
- All of the above
- Peer review and workshops to make progress on our examples, annual reports, and reaccreditation
- Combination - presentations and discussion

Question 5: How often would you like this workgroup to meet?

Answer	Count
Monthly	2
Every other month	5
Quarterly	8
Other	1



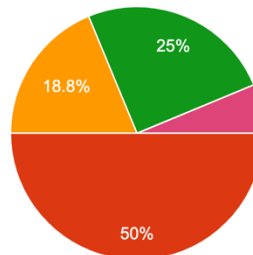
- Monthly
- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Every other month or quarterly

Other response included:

- Every other month or quarterly

Question 6: How long would you like this meeting to go?

Answer	Count
30 minutes	0
1 hour	8
1.5 hours	3
2 hours	4
2.5 hours	0
3 hours	0
Other	1

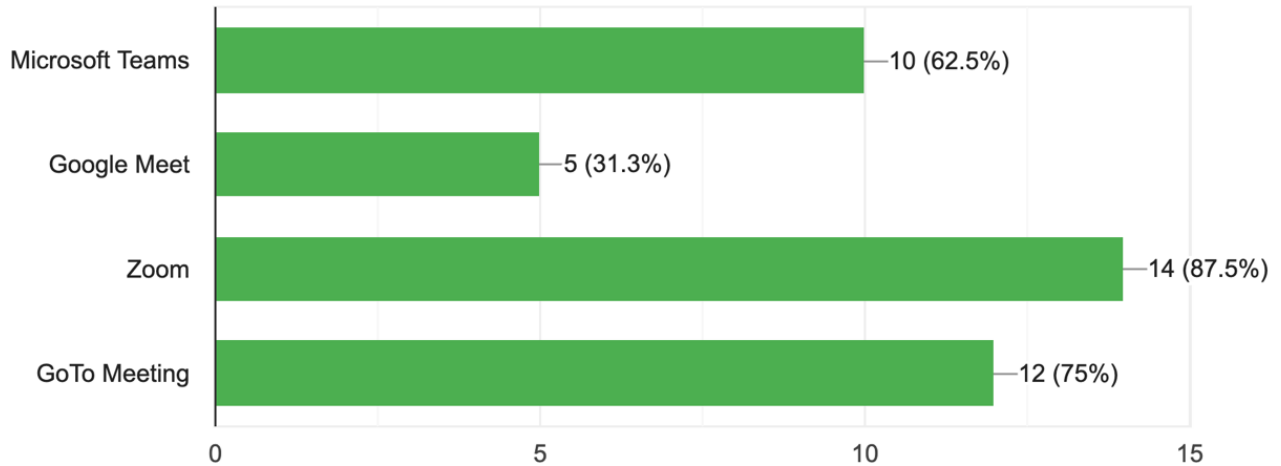


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- 3 hours
- If monthly, 1 hour. Quarterly, 2 hours.

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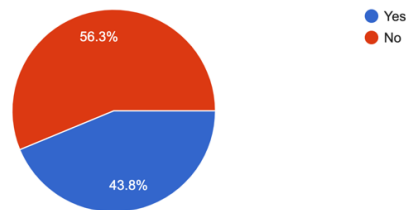
- If monthly, 1 hour. Quarterly, 2 hours.

Question 7: What software do you have access to (check all that apply)?



Questions 8: Would you be willing to help plan any/some of these AWG meetings?

Answer	Count
Yes	9
No	7



Question 9: What barriers are you facing when it comes to accreditation/reaccreditation (other than COVID)?

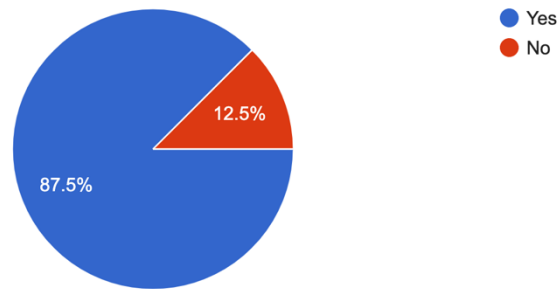
Open-ended responses:

- We become reaccredited in June of 2020.
- Staff turnover, my own capacity (even prior to COVID)
- Staffing
- COVID is the root cause of all other issues we are currently facing
- Time
- Employee buy in, making a culture change, not just a 1 year dash to complete the required documents. How to incorporate it more fully. Preparing constantly instead of the dash to the end.
- N/A
- Time and other priorities.
- Knowledge deficit on process and benefits of accreditation
- Staff engagement in the reaccreditation process (this has only been exacerbated by COVID)
- None that come to mind
- cost/time
- I run 8 other programs, so time. I'd love to have a writing group to set small goals for ourselves for our own progress towards accreditation, annual reports, or reaccreditation, and check in on progress towards those goals each quarter. Show examples to get feedback. Have mini lessons on certain modules/measures.

- funding
- Staff are very siloed in their programs.
- Tribal PH is not as robust as state and some accreditation requirements don't make sense to the Tribe.

Question 10: If it were possible for us to connect you with an intern to help with a portion of the accreditation process, would you be interested?

Answer	Count
Yes	14
No	2



Follow-up comments specific to this question:

- Also, my "yes" to the former question applies once we start going through reaccreditation again.
- Yes, I would be interested in an intern, but only if they are supervised by someone who can advise them.

Question 11: Are there any other thoughts or concerns you have about accreditation or this workgroup?

Open-ended responses:

- No
- Not at this time
- No
- it would be great try and more participation. Participation has dropped significantly and those who are present are generally already reaccredited, making it hard to get help or suggestions from those who are pursuing reaccreditation during the pandemic
- NA
- I would like work meetings, focused on supporting someone meet any accreditation goals or benchmarks. Peer reviewed sections would be great. Create Oregon specific documents, guides, how tos, tips, that will help current and future organizations become accredited.
- I look forward to participating.
- I like the workgroup, but often have conflicting meetings that end up taking priority. Quarterly meetings would help.
- Also, my "yes" to the former question applies once we start going through reaccreditation again.
- I would be interested to know if there are any other LHDs considering an extension for reaccreditation activities due to COVID
- Not at this time.
- It is something I really don't have time to even consider at this point.

- Yes, I would be interested in an intern, but only if they are supervised by someone who can advise them.
- n/A
- At one point, OHA talk about incentivizing/rewarding accreditation work. That seems to have stalled (even prior to COVID).
- I think that you should have different meetings for different groups, pre-app, post-apps, tribal/small PH, etc. Also, I think that you should have both Asynchronous and Synchronous options. Like FAQ discussion boards or an MS Teams page.