

# Refugee Health Screening in MN

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- Federal Refugee Act of 1980
- Exam w/in the first 90 days of arrival
- Public health clinics and private providers
- **Goal:**
  - ...to control communicable disease among, and resulting from, the arrival of new refugees through:
    - ❖ **health assessment**
    - ❖ **treatment**
    - ❖ **referral**

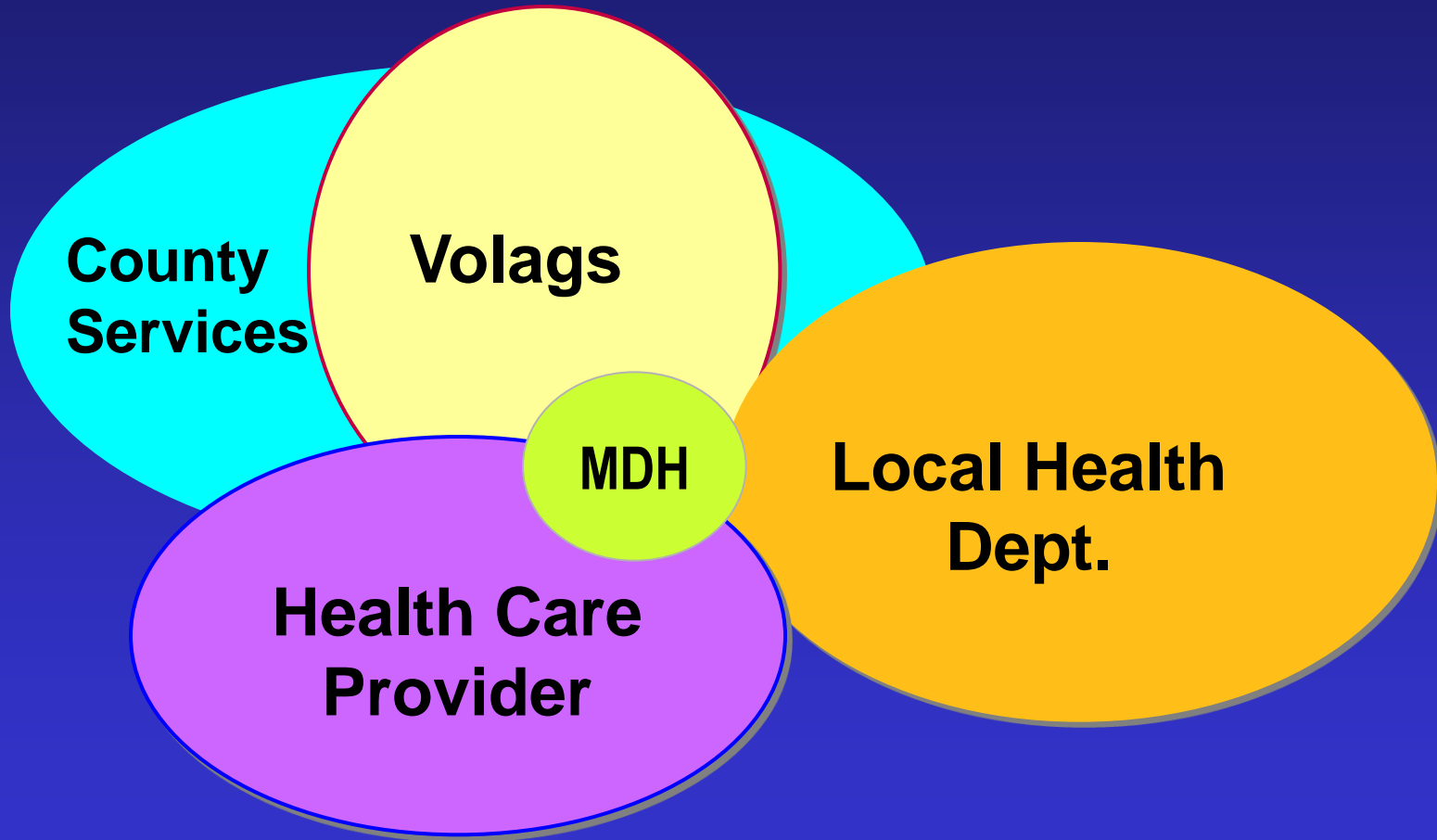
# Outline of Exam Components

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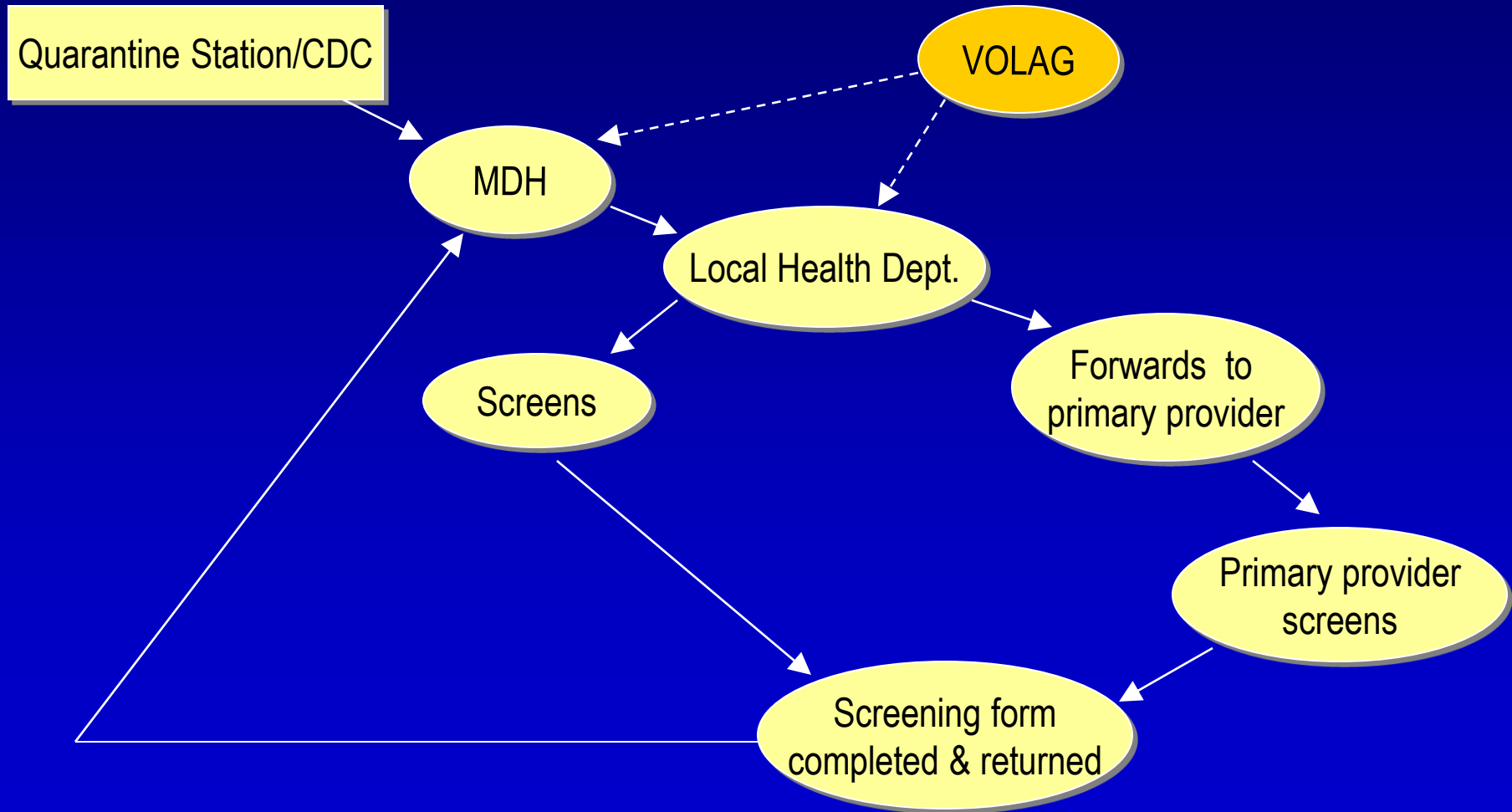
- Health History
- Physical Exam
- Immunization review and update
- TB screening
- Hepatitis B screening
- STI risk assessment and screening
- CBC with differential, Glucose, BP, etc...
- Screening for Intestinal Parasites
- Lead Screening
- Assessment for Dental, Vision, WIC etc.

# Refugee Health Partners

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# Refugee Health Assessment Information Flow



# Local County Public Health



- City, County, Regional public health centers
- Public Health Clinics
- Visiting Public Health Nurses
- Health Educators

- Collaborate with VOLAG caseworker to assist new refugees in accessing health assessment
- Assure a complete, culturally and linguistically competent health screening; and ensure all results are submitted to state
- Assist in provider education regarding screening protocols

# Health Care Providers and Specialists (public/private)

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- TB Controllers
- Hepatitis A/B/C
- Immunizations
- STD/HIV
- Parasite specialists
- Lead/environmental health

- Evaluate screening guidelines and treatment recommendations
- Provide consultation, if needed
- Perform screening

# Resettlement Agencies

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- Resettlement Case workers
- Coordination meetings

Collaborate with MDH and LPH to ensure newly arrived refugee is linked with health care provider – “How To” guide

ex: apply for insurance, communicate appointment and transportation information with refugee, notify LPH and MDH of new arrivals

# Medically Complex Cases

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- Increased number of medically complex cases arriving nationally and in MN
- Resettlement workers are not given extra time or \$\$ for taking on cases with high needs for medical case management
- New position – Medical Social Worker, shared resource for VOLAGs



# Refugee Health Program Functions

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- Analyze data, summarize and share results
  - Develop research studies
- Identify health disparities and support
- Develop health education programs & materials
  - Presentations and presence at community events
  - Community Resources
    - Ethnic radio, TV, newspapers, print materials
    - English as Second Language (ESL) Classroom
- Train health professionals
  - Website
  - Pocket Guide, Provider Guide, Provider Directory
- Strengthen partnerships at state and national levels
  - Ongoing collaborations, consultations

# Minnesota Refugee Health Program

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