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**ACCREDITATION
UPDATE**

FEBRUARY 16, 2018



Health District successfully submits documentation to Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)!

We did it!

On January 31 we uploaded our documents to the e-PHAB site and hit the send button!

Documentation is considered one of the key components of the accreditation process because it demonstrates how a health department conforms to the standards and measures established by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Now that our documents have been submitted, an accreditation specialist will review our application for accuracy, and compliance with the standards and measures. Once the review is completed, a site visit team will be assigned to us within 3-6 months. The site visitors are PHAB-trained and will interview the leadership team, community partners, and key department staff as part of their visit.



Site visitors will submit a final report to the PHAB Accreditation Committee for review and the committee will determine our accreditation status.

Once we are accredited, the Health District will be expected to submit annual reports and reapply for accreditation every five years.



Quality Improvement — Go Team!

At its core, Quality Improvement is a team process. Under the right circumstances, a team draws from the knowledge, skills, experience, and perspectives of different individuals within the team to make lasting improvements.

Whether we are seeking to improve client wait times, customer service, diabetes self-management, or other goals, it will take a team effort to achieve significant and lasting improvements.

Quality Improvement is a component of our District-wide Performance Improvement System and a key piece of the accreditation process.

*Through active involvement in the SNHD Quality Improvement (QI) team, I am committed to the development of a Culture of Quality where QI is institutionalized in the common values, attitudes, goals at all levels within the organization. —
Maria Azzarelli*

Accreditation Works!

In the United States, nearly 198 million people are served by a PHAB-accredited health department. In surveys of accredited health departments, most of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that accreditation had many benefits. Participants found that accreditation:

- stimulated quality and performance improvement opportunities;
- better identified strengths and weaknesses;
- documented the ability to deliver the three core functions of public health, and the 10 Essential Public Health Services;
- stimulated greater accountability and transparency; and
- improved the leadership management processes.

Public Health Accreditation Board, 2016



PHAB PHACTS

Since the launch of the national accreditation program in 2011, a total of 211 public health departments have achieved national accreditation status.

Congratulations to Jim Osti, Quality and Performance Improvement Coordinator

Jim Osti has been named the Quality and Performance Improvement Coordinator. He is responsible for coordinating our Performance Improvement System, which includes Quality Improvement, Performance Management, Workforce Development, the Community Health Assessment, the Community Health Improvement Plan, the Strategic Plan, health equity, and accreditation.

Keeping you linked in...

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