

ACCREDITATION NEWS



It's official! We have submitted our application!

What is Public Health Accreditation?

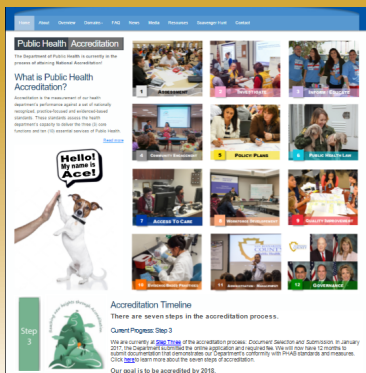
Accreditation is the measurement of our health department's performance against a set of nationally recognized standards. These standards assess the health department's capacity to deliver the three core functions and ten essential services of public health.

What is the Goal of Accreditation?

To improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

Want to Learn More?

Visit our Accreditation website [here](#).



Important Dates

PHAB Application Submission - January 6, 2017

4th Round Outreach Presentations - January through March 2017



Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Application

On January 6, 2017 the Department submitted our application to PHAB. This has officially lead us into Step 3 of the Accreditation Process – Document Submission and locked us into Version 1.5 of the PHAB Standards and Measures. We will have one year from the date PHAB accepts our application/fee to upload all of our documents into the e-PHAB system. It's going to be an exciting year ahead!

Meet Ace

- After hundreds of votes, your voices have been heard! The name of the Accreditation mascot is Ace. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on their favorite name!





Priority Area 5 – Workgroup Participants

Strategic Plan Update - Make it SMART

After successfully introducing (or re-introducing) the Strategic Plan to staff in August 2016, steps towards implementation continue to move forward. The need for measurable targets was identified as a critical step to drive the plan into action. A series of workgroups have already begun to address this. Workgroups are organized by priority area and are tasked with developing measurable targets for each Strategic Plan objective using the SMART model (objectives should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound). Staff from a variety of disciplines and programs have been working hard to move this plan into action. The department will soon begin to release the Strategic Plan progress reports, bringing us closer to fulfilling accreditation requirements. Stay tuned for more updates.

Humboldt County Accreditation

Humboldt County has joined the growing number of health departments that meet the rigorous national standards of performance set by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Other accredited California agencies include San Diego County, Orange County, Ventura County, Santa Clara County, the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena, and the California Department of Public Health.



DPH Employee & Program Spotlight

Shantela Stanfield, RN, and Elenita Jover, LVN are being spotlighted on the Accreditation website for the month of January. Clinic Operations is the program being spotlighted. Please visit the Accreditation website [HERE](#) to learn more about our amazing programs and co-workers in the Department of Public Health!



Calendars

The 2017 calendar is in the process of being printed. The new calendar will feature a new layout, and new photos. Expect to receive your calendars very soon!

Screensavers
New screensavers are coming to a computer station near you... the new look will be rolling out this month!



Do you have a question, comment, or suggestion?

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