

ACCREDITATION NEWS



Choose from the top 5 names

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**DEADLINE
DECEMBER 22ND**



The winner will be revealed in the next issue!

Important Dates

Deadline to vote for mascot name - December 22, 2016
PHAB Application Submission - January 9, 2017

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 at:
<http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dph-accreditation/Home.aspx>



Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Application

On January 9, 2017 the Department will be submitting our application to PHAB. This will officially lead us into Step 3 of the Accreditation Process – Document Submission and lock 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!

Site Visitor

Jennifer Pennell, Accreditation Coordinator, has been assigned to be a site visitor for another health department. She will be sitting on the other side of the table conducting the assessment. Her visit is anticipated to take place in April/May of 2017. This should prove to be an excellent opportunity for us to learn more details about what we can expect when it is our turn to host the site visit.





Document Ranking

We are getting ready to move into the document ranking phase of Accreditation. There are currently 133 requirements (out of 213) that are ready to be evaluated to determine if the documentation will be uploaded to PHAB for review. The Administrative Champions and Domain Champions will be meeting with the Accreditation team to begin this process in the next few weeks. In the meantime, we are continuing to work on closing the gaps in the remaining 80 requirements. Your cooperation and support is appreciated!

Pasadena Accreditation

The city of Pasadena 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 departments include San Diego County, Orange County, Ventura County, Santa Clara County, the city of Long Beach, and the California Department of Public Health.



DPH Employee & Program Spotlight

Patricia "Patty" Castillo, Office Assistant III, is the employee currently being spotlighted on the Accreditation website for the month of December. Patty works for the Healthy Communities component of the Community Outreach and Innovation Program, which is the unit being spotlighted. Please visit the Accreditation website [HERE](#) to learn more about our amazing programs and co-workers in the Department of Public Health!



Screensavers

New screensavers are coming to a computer station near you...the new look will be rolling out in January 2017!



Do you have a question, comment, or suggestion?

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