

Public Health Accreditation

What Boards of Health Need to Know

Objectives

- Understand the definition of accreditation and its importance in public health
- Define and understand the purpose of the Public Health Accreditation Board
- Discuss the importance of accreditation for local health departments

Overview of Accreditation

Accreditation provides public notification that an institution, agency, or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency

The Joint Commission CFIA NCA

Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

Improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of all health departments in the country.

2011-2012 Fee Schedule for Accreditation

Health Department Population	2011-2012 PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION FEE SCHEDULE				
	Initial Fee	Year 1 Fee	Year 2 Fee	Year 3 Fee	Year 4 Fee
Category 1: Less than 5,000	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,015
Category 2: 5,001 to 10,000	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,975	\$ 2,975	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,975
Category 3: 10,001 to 20,000	\$ 4,710	\$ 4,510	\$ 4,510	\$ 4,710	\$ 4,510
Category 4: 20,001 to 50,000	\$ 7,350	\$ 6,975	\$ 6,975	\$ 7,350	\$ 6,975
Category 5: 50,001 to 100,000	\$ 11,550	\$ 10,925	\$ 10,925	\$ 11,550	\$ 10,925
Category 6: 100,001 to 250,000	\$ 18,900	\$ 17,925	\$ 17,925	\$ 18,900	\$ 17,925
Category 7: 250,001 to 500,000	\$ 28,350	\$ 26,875	\$ 26,875	\$ 28,350	\$ 26,875
Category 8: 500,001 to 1,000,000	\$ 43,050	\$ 40,725	\$ 40,725	\$ 43,050	\$ 40,725
Category 9: 1,000,001+	\$ 64,650	\$ 61,225	\$ 61,225	\$ 64,650	\$ 61,225

Return on Investment

- Leverage for funding
- Streamlining federal grant application process
- Accountability and credibility
- Awareness of agency strengths and weaknesses
- Visibility

Check for: Current 2011 State DOH Accreditation Report 2011-2012. (2011) 8. Enhancing the nation's public health performance: implementation lessons from North Carolina's accredited local health departments. Am J Public Health. Retrieved from: <http://aphph.org/publications.org/submit/abstract/APH-2011-200190v1>

Accreditation & Quality Improvement: Increasing efficiency and effectiveness

- 30% increase in community engagement
- 40% reduction in time it takes to complete a septic and well inspection
- 49% increase in # of department policies and procedures reviewed and updated in last 3 years
- 100% of rabies reports completed within 3 days

Building the Evidence Base

Accreditation and Public Health Preparedness in North Carolina



- The preparedness and response capabilities of communities served by accredited Local Health Departments (LHDs) exceed those of non-accredited LHDs.
- Accreditation improves the infrastructure of the health department, which has a positive impact on emergency preparedness activities.

PHAB 2014 Accredited LHDs in North Carolina by County. Data as of 1/1/14. PHAB 2014 Accredited LHDs in North Carolina.

Local Governing Entity's Roles in Accreditation

- Sign a letter of support
- Place public health programs and services high on your priority list
- Support your LHD in its efforts to become or remain accredited
- Participate in your LHD's on-site review visit
- Read the on-site review report describing the results of the accreditation process
- Celebrate the success of your LHD's accomplishment when it receives accreditation

Lets Get on Board!!



PHAB aims to have 60% of the U.S. population served by an accredited agency by the year 2015.

THANK YOU!!

Questions