



In this second issue of *DPH PHABuloCiTy*, I am reaching out to you as your Commissioner to convey the importance of DPH's efforts to seek national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and to invite you to be an active participant in the process.

What Do We Need from You?

During the next 18 months, 12 teams will be looking for documentation from throughout the agency that can demonstrate that we meet the many PHAB standards. This is a large undertaking for those who have volunteered to work on the teams and they need your collaboration. **You may be asked to work with the teams, and to produce documentation**

from your area. Please do so within a reasonable the time frame as the accreditation process has associated deadlines. Accreditation is an important goal. For example, accreditation may influence DPH opportunities for funding, the stature of public health and DPH, and competitiveness in the future. For these reasons accreditation is a priority for DPH and we all have a role to play. We want to put our best work forward for the accreditation reviewers.

Why Seek Accreditation?

The purpose of national accreditation is to improve and standardize the performance of public health departments, state, local and tribal, across the country. Health departments that have already obtained national accreditation status note the benefits of doing so as:

- Identifies strengths and areas for improvement
- Strengthens internal and external partnerships
- Encourages departments to prioritize and address long-standing concerns
- Provides motivation for staff and team building
- Promotes agency pride
- Increases competitiveness for funding opportunities.

Thank you in advance for helping DPH move towards national accreditation! Should you have any questions about accreditation please contact Joan Ascheim at joan.ascheim@ct.gov or Melissa Touma at Melissa.touma@ct.gov

Sincerely,
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