

Accreditation Journey:

Public health department accreditation is a process by which BPHC will measure our progress against national performance standards and will align our systems accordingly. The standardized process for achieving public health accreditation is managed by PHAB, the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Since mid last year, BPHC is well in the process of applying for public health department accreditation. For over a year, members of the Accreditation & Quality Improvement (AQI) Committee have had the distinct pleasure of documenting how the work that YOU do demonstrates BPHC's excellence along each of the 12 PHAB Domains. The accreditation Domains are based on the 10 Essential Public Health Services. A list of the 12 Domains is below.

Twelve PHAB Domains

1. **Assess** population health status and issues
2. **Investigate** health problems and environmental health hazards
3. **Inform & Educate** about public health issues and functions
4. **Community Engagement** to identify and address health problems
5. **Policies & Plans** internal and external to BPHC
6. **Public Health Laws** and enforcement
7. **Access to Care** to remove barriers to primary care
8. **Workforce** to develop competent public health staff
9. **Quality Improvement** to continuously improve processes
10. **Evidence-Based Practices** to make informed public health decisions
11. **Administration & Management** capacity of BPHC
12. **Governance** and engagement with Board of Health

Applying for accreditation is a huge accomplishment for the BPHC. In this undertaking, the high quality services provided by BPHC will be validated by PHAB as an external body. This undertaking also highlights BPHC's commitment to ensure services provided to our city's residents are high quality. Among them includes investigating disease outbreaks and public health hazards, advocating for policy change through the use of data and testimony, engaging our residents ethically, and removing barriers to primary care services.

These monthly newsletters will highlight the work of BPHC programs and offices to meet and exceed the national standards expected of public health departments. These newsletters will also feature ongoing quality improvement efforts. Look out for your work featured here!

Feel free to contact Osagie Ebekeozien, Director of Accreditation and QI, with any comments, questions or suggestions at oebekeozien@bphc.org. For stories, plans, and presentations, visit our [Intranet page!](#)

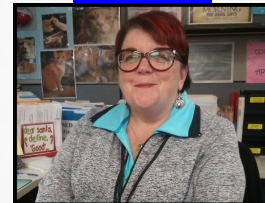
READY OR NOT, HERE WE COME!

New volume, new look. Thanks for reading our monthly newsletters!

And speaking of new, keep your eyes peeled for upcoming AQI stations: your homebase for everything Accreditation!



Accreditation Star of the Month!



As Legal Assistant and Board Secretary, Kathy Hussey has gone above and beyond to provide accreditation documents. She even provided CD ROMs filled with Board materials that we may review to provide evidence for Domain 12: Governance! Thank you, Kathy!

