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!

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