Accreditation Journey

Happy New Year! In 2017, we look forward to submitting all accreditation documentation as well as the site visit! Thank you for the success of 2016 and let’s keep it up!

Domain 1: Assess

**PHAB Standards**
1.1: Develop Community Health Assessment
1.2: Collect and maintain data
1.3: Analyze data to identify trends
1.4: Use data to make policy recommendations

When we visit our provider for our annual physical they assess us from head to toe. Our height and weight is measured, vital signs taken, and body systems reviewed. Complaints or issues are addressed.

BPHC does the same in assessing the health and status of Boston’s neighborhoods. The Community Health Assessment (CHA), developed in partnership with Boston Alliance for Community Health (BACH) is one way we assess. It serves as a wealth of information for building healthier communities by examining the prevalence of issues like violence. The Health of Boston Report provides additional context and is our data mine for quantifying health with indicators such as teen pregnancy rate and life expectancy.

Across our programs, we’ve used data to inform policy recommendations in utilizing Boston EMS data on traffic fatalities in the Vision Zero Boston EMS Action Plan and our Tobacco Prevention and Control Program using data to modify city regulations. As the people and needs of Boston continue to evolve—so should our assessment techniques and recommendations.

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