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The Cuyahoga County Board of Health Has Achieved National Public Health Accreditation



The staff and board members of the [Cuyahoga County Board of Health](#) are proud to announce that our agency has achieved accreditation through the [Public Health Accreditation Board \(PHAB\)](#).

The national accreditation program, jointly supported by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), sets standards against which the nation's nearly 3,000 governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. The program was created collaboratively over a 10-year period by hundreds of public health practitioners working at the national, Tribal, state, and local levels.

To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it meets or exceeds a set of quality standards and measures. CCBH is one of nearly 300 health departments nationwide to become accredited through PHAB since 2011.

"The accreditation process has been nothing short of transformational for us," said Terry Allan, CCBH Health Commissioner. "Our staff embraced the endeavor and through our collective work, we have substantially advanced a culture of quality and accountability. By becoming accredited, we are demonstrating our commitment to achieving positive results to the residents and businesses within the 58 communities we serve and also to our funders, partner organizations and elected officials with whom we work. We are very proud to stand alongside the PHAB-accredited health departments across the nation."

What is public health accreditation?

At its core, accreditation demonstrates the capacity of the public health department to deliver the [10 Essential Public Health Services](#) as described on the Center for Disease Control's website.

Based on a uniform set of standards and guidelines, accreditation provides a structure which enables public health departments to identify performance improvement opportunities, enhance management of data and procedures, develop leadership and team work, and strengthen relationships with the communities they serve. The accreditation process challenges a health department to think about its roles and responsibilities and how it fulfills them.