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## Department of Public Health awarded national accreditation

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The County Department of Public Health (DPH) has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

PHAB was created to serve as the national public health accrediting body and launched the national public health accreditation program in September 2011. To receive accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment to ensure it meets or exceeds a specific set of quality standards and measures.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment and one only achieved through the tremendous work and dedication of the Public Health staff and our partners in the community,” said Public Health Director Trudy Raymundo. “Our accreditation journey has been in pursuit of the [Countywide Vision](#), as we strive to create a model community for residents by strengthening our partnerships, stimulating quality and performance improvement opportunities, improving accountability and transparency with all our stakeholders, and ensuring that we fully support our equally diverse workforce.”

Public health department accreditation standards address a range of core public health programs and activities, including environmental public health, health education and promotion, community health, chronic disease prevention and control, communicable disease, injury prevention, maternal and child health, public health emergency preparedness, access to clinical services, public health laboratory services, workforce development, and governance.

“Receiving this accreditation confirms the Department of Public Health’s commitment to continuous learning and quality improvement as well as the capacity to provide the highest quality of services to keep our communities healthy,” said CaSonya Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer, Human Services.

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