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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) announced today that it has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of the nation's Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments.

"We are pleased and excited to be one of the two first health departments in Maryland to achieve national standards of public health accreditation," said Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, the Health Officer of the Frederick County Health Department. "During the accreditation process, FCHD was thoroughly evaluated and was determined to meet or exceed national standards that promote continuous quality improvement for public health. This process helps to ensure that Frederick County is served by a high functioning public health department and workforce. We are proud of this accomplishment that shows our active engagement with community partners and our commitment to improving the health and wellness of Frederick County residents."

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 more than 3,000 governmental public health departments

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can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities. In cities, towns, and states across the nation, health departments provide a range of services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors, preventing diseases and injuries, ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations, and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

"Achieving accreditation indicates that Frederick County Health Department is dedicated to improving and protecting the health of the community by striving to continuously improve the quality of the services it delivers," said PHAB Board of Directors Chair Carol Moehrle, MD. "Accreditation also promotes consistency in meeting standards. With an ever-increasing number of health departments now applying for and becoming accredited, you will be able to expect to receive the same quality of public health services wherever you go in the United States."

For more information about the Frederick County Health Department, please visit our website www.frederickcountymd.gov/health.

About the Public Health Accreditation Board

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), established in 2007, was created to serve as the national public health accrediting body, and is jointly funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The development of national public health accreditation has involved, and is supported by, public health leaders and practitioners from the national, Tribal, state, and local levels. Learn more about PHAB or sign up for the PHAB e-newsletter by visiting www.phaboard.org.



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