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Frederick County Health Department Awarded National Reaccreditation

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) announced it has successfully completed a review process to maintain national accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for the next five years. PHAB's accreditation program, which receives support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance.

"We are pleased and excited to have successfully been reaccredited," said Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, the Health Officer of the Frederick County Health Department. "Since becoming accredited in 2014, we have worked hard to exceed national standards that promote continuous quality improvement for public health. Our reaccreditation process was delayed slightly due to the COVID-19 pandemic taking priority for both our staff and PHAB staff. Even with that additional focus, our reaccreditation shows that Frederick County is served by a high functioning public health department and workforce. Our active engagement with community partners was a recognized strength, and we know that this collaboration is something that makes all of Frederick County special. We are so proud of this accomplishment and our continued commitment to improving the health and wellness of Frederick County residents."

FCHD first achieved national accreditation through PHAB in December 2014, which was the first month when any Maryland county health departments were accredited.

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The accreditation process is a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure the health department can meet a set of quality standards and measures. Today's announcement demonstrates that the Frederick County Health Department is well equipped for our mission to improve the health and well-being of the residents of Frederick County through programs to prevent disease and illness, promote wellness and safety and protect public health.

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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