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North Dakota Department of Health Receives National Accreditation

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Meeting rigorous national standards, this distinction demonstrates NDDoH's commitment to its mission to protect and enhance the health and safety of all North Dakotans and the environment in which we live. PHAB, the non-profit, non-governmental organization that administers the national public health accreditation program, designed the accreditation system in order to improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the services public health departments provide.

The NDDoH received this national accreditation after undergoing a meticulous assessment process. Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities, and this accreditation helps to ensure the programs and services provided by the department are as responsive as possible to meet the needs of each and every community.

“This is an exciting time, and we are honored to receive this recognition,” said Mylynn Tufte, State Health Officer. “This truly goes to show the determination of the staff in this department to meet the highest caliber possible in order to improve and protect the health of North Dakotans. With accreditation, the NDDoH is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and partner organizations with which we work.”

The national accreditation program is jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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