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Kenosha County Division of Health Celebrating National Accreditation on April 9th

Public Health Accreditation Board designation recognizes high-performing health departments

Kenosha- March 25, 2014 – On April 9th, the Division of Health will be celebrating its National Accreditation accomplishment by hosting a community celebration at the Kenosha County Job Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The entire community is invited to participate in the celebration and learn how the Division of Health touches the lives of everyone in Kenosha County.

In November 2013, the Kenosha County Division of Health announced that it 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. The Kenosha County Division of Health is one of the first of hundreds of health departments across the country to receive accreditation through PHAB, the independent organization that administers the national public health accreditation program.

The Kenosha County Division of Health is pleased and excited to be one of the first health departments in the nation to achieve national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement. The accreditation process helps to ensure that the programs and services they provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of our community. With accreditation, the Kenosha County Division of Health is demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and partner organizations with which they work.

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 can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. 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.

The national accreditation program was created collaboratively over a 10-year period by hundreds of public health practitioners working at the national, Tribal, state, and local levels. Since the program's launch in September 2011, nearly 130 health departments have applied to PHAB for accreditation, and hundreds of public health practitioners from across the nation have been trained to serve as volunteer peer site visitors for the program.

For more information on the Kenosha County Division of Health, please visit www.kenoshacounty.org or call (262) 605-6700.

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.