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Huron County Public Health Maintains National Accreditation Status through the Public Health Accreditation Board

NORWALK, Ohio—Huron County Public Health (HCPH) has successfully completed a review process to maintain national accreditation status through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). In maintaining its accreditation status for another five years, HCPH has demonstrated that it meets PHAB's quality standards and measures and has the capacity to continue to evolve, improve, and advance to continue improving the health of Huron County.

"We are happy to again be recognized by PHAB for achieving national standards for public health practice," said Timothy Hollinger, Health Commissioner.

HCPH achieved initial accreditation status in the year 2015 through PHAB, after undergoing a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure it met the quality standards and measures for PHAB's requirements. This process was a collaborative multi-year effort of all-staff at HCPH to ensure that each requirement was carefully met. Today's announcement goes a step further by demonstrating that HCPH has the capacity to become increasingly effective at providing public health services to the community.

"We are extremely pleased to be at the point in the accreditation program where Huron County Public Health, along with many others, are successfully maintaining their five-year accreditation status through PHAB," said PHAB President and CEO Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN. "In so doing, these health departments are assuring their communities that the value of accreditation is long-term -- not a one-time recognition -- and that continual improvement is the hallmark of a 21st century organization."

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About Huron County Public Health

Huron County Public Health (HCPH) works to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Huron County, Ohio. Learn more about HCPH at www.huroncohealth.com. For more information, please contact Cyleen Sharpe, Public Information Officer, at csharpe@huroncohealth.com or via phone at 567-244-3234.

About the Public Health Accreditation Board

The non-profit PHAB works to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB's accreditation program, sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance. PHAB 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 department accreditation has involved, and is supported by, public health leaders and practitioners from the national, state, local, Tribal, and territorial levels. For more information, contact PHAB Communications Specialist Janalle Goosby at jgoosby@phaboard.org . Learn more about PHAB and accreditation at www.phaboard.org.