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Butte County Public Health Awarded National Accreditation

Joining the Ranks of Only 5% of Health Departments in the Nation

OROVILLE, CA – Butte County Public Health Department (BCPHD) announced today that it has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). BCPHD is the tenth county health department in California and one of fewer than 200 nationally that has achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011.

“This award really goes to our entire community. We worked with hundreds of organizations and community members to describe the community’s health status, define areas of improvement and identify assets that can be mobilized to improve the health of our residents,” said Cathy Raevsky, Director of BCPHD. “The Accreditation process helped us to ensure that the programs and services we provide are as responsive as possible to needs of our community.”

This milestone accomplishment is official recognition that BCPHD meets or exceeds the rigorous standards established by PHAB, a non-profit/non-government accreditation board. The national accreditation program works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of the nation’s state, local, Tribal and territorial public health departments.

Over the past four years, BCPHD has worked through the accreditation process to not only assess the health of the community, but also the manner in which it’s programs and services serve all Butte County residents. This assessment was done alongside dozens of community health partners, strengthening and broadening collaborations among local health agencies.

“After years of hard work, achieving this distinction demonstrates the commitment and excellence of our Public Health leadership and employees in their ongoing efforts to make Butte County a more healthy community. We are proud to be one of the first wave of counties to achieve this recognition, but more importantly in knowing that we are serving our residents well,” stated Paul Hahn, Chief Administrative Officer of Butte County.

BCPHD runs over 50 programs and services serving: children, teens, mothers, families, adults, small businesses, animals and the environment. Learn more, visit: www.buttecounty.net/publichealth.

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About the Public Health Accreditation Board

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), established in 2007, was created to serve as the national 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 by visiting www.phaboard.org

