

Subject: Tribal Public Health Accreditation Standards Workgroup- Call for Volunteers

The National Indian Health Board is pleased to announce that the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) will be developing a tribally-specific version of the PHAB Accreditation Standards and Measures for accrediting tribal public health departments.

To inform this process, PHAB is currently seeking individuals to participate in the Tribal Standards Workgroup. I am forwarding this announcement requesting volunteer workgroup members and have attached additional information with this email for your review and consideration. Deadline for all interested applicants is July 30th, 2010.

If you are interested in getting more information, I can follow up with you by email acentivany@nihb.org or by phone (202) 507-4070.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to your participation!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: PHAB Seeks Tribal Standards Workgroup Members

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is inviting representatives to volunteer to serve on a Tribal Standards Workgroup. PHAB is currently seeking six to eight individuals who are in leadership and/or public health professional roles, and have in-depth knowledge of tribal health departments, especially in the areas of administration, public health functions, and policy development in tribal settings.

Tribal Standards Workgroup Charge

The task of the workgroup will be to develop a tribal specific set of standards, measures, documentation, and interpretation guidance, based PHAB's current standards, measures, documentation, and interpretation for state and local health departments. The tribal set of materials will be developed to be specific to the unique characteristics of tribal public health departments, with attention to linguistic and cultural appropriateness.

Volunteer Commitment

The workgroup will meet two to three times between September 2010 and January 2011. There may be sub-committee work between meetings. **The first meeting is being planned for Sunday, September 19 and Monday September 20, at the Best-Western Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.** This first meeting will be held immediately before the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) Annual Consumer Conference in September.

Background

Public Health Accreditation: In order to improve the health of the public, PHAB is developing a national voluntary accreditation program for state, local, territorial, and tribal public health departments. The goal of the accreditation program is to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments.

Accreditation Standards: PHAB has developed standards and measures that health departments must meet in order to receive accreditation. Standards are grouped into eleven Domains that correspond to the ten essential public health services, plus a Domain that addresses governance and administration. Each standard has several measures that demonstrate that a standard is met. PHAB has listed specific paper documentation that can provide evidence that a health department is in conformity with the measure. PHAB has also developed an interpretation guide to provide further direction on meeting the measures.

PHAB standards are largely the same for state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments. There are a few differences in the measures among the types of health departments. PHAB anticipates that there will be unique documentation and interpretations for tribal health departments.

How to Volunteer

PHAB will accept applications to volunteer for membership on the Tribal Standards Workgroup through **July 30, 2010**. Volunteers should complete the [Application Form for the Tribal Standards Workgroup](#) attached with this email and forward a copy of their professional resume with it to PHAB (**please see the instructions at the bottom of the application form**).

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APPLICATION FORM FOR TRIBAL STANDARDS WORKGROUP

VOLUNTEER MEMBER

NAME AND TITLE			
First Name:		Last Name:	
Current Position Title:			
Organization Name:			
PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS			
Street Line 1:			
Street Line 2:			
City:			
State:		Zip Code:	
OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION			
Work phone:		Home Phone:	
Cell phone:			
Preferred e-mail:			
AREAS OF INTEREST			
<i>Please indicate with a check if you have experience in or a preference to work on any specific Domains of standards.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain A: Governance and Administration	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 1: Health Assessments	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 2: Investigate and Address Health Problems	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 3: Educate the Public	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 4: Collaborate with the Community	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 5: Develop Public Health Policies and Plans	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 6: Know and Enforce Laws and Regulations	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 7: Increase Access to Health Care	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 8: Maintain Competent Staff	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 9: Continuously Improve Quality of Activities	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domain 10: Use Effective Public Health Practices	
INSTRUCTIONS:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the application above. Attach your resume. 2. E-mail completed application and resume to Robin Wilcox at rwilcox@phaboard.org 3. Submit your application NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010 			