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Public Health Accreditation Training & Funding Opportunity



The Washington State Public Health Association received a grant from the American Public Health Association to hold a workshop on public health accreditation at the 2012 Joint Conference on Health, taking place in Wenatchee October 15-16. **A portion of this funding is dedicated to scholarships to support one day conference attendance, including travel, for individuals to participate in the workshop. Funding is limited; however, it is still available.**

“Going for Accreditation”

When: Monday, October 15th, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Where: Wenatchee Convention Center

Presenters:

- Torney Smith, Spokane Regional Health District
- Susan Ramsey, Washington State Department of Health
- Rachel Ford, NW Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Jack Thompson, NWCPHP and WSPHA Board Member

Accreditation can improve and protect the public’s health by advancing the quality and performance of all public health jurisdictions. An accredited health department engenders confidence about high quality services that meet standards and are constantly improving. The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) adopted its first version of national standards for accreditation in September 2011. This panel will lead an interactive workshop covering steps to prepare and apply, PHAB’s review process, tips to avoid pitfalls, how small jurisdictions are working toward accreditation, and tribal approaches.

Please contact Betsy Skoda at bskoda@wspaha.org, if you are interested in this opportunity and would like more information about the conference.

Improving the health and safety of Washingtonians through leadership and advancement of public health.