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Lewis and Clark Public Health Earns Prestigious Reaccreditation

There are approximately 3,489 local health departments across the United States, not including state health departments. Of those departments, less than 400 are officially accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) is one of those health departments.

PHAB is the only accrediting body for state, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments in the U.S. Its mission is to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation. PHAB accreditation is regarded as the most prestigious endorsement of excellence.

Lewis and Clark Public Health achieved accreditation for the first time in 2017, a five-year designation.

“After more than a year of concerted effort by staff and leadership, the verdict is in and we are celebrating reaccreditation for another five years,” says Health Officer Drenda Niemann.

According to a May 29 press release from PHAB, “Accreditation is more than a seal. It ensures that health departments have the necessary tools, resources, and infrastructure to provide high-quality services to their communities.”