



DCHHS
Safe families, healthy lives.

Dallas County Health and Human Services



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Dallas County Health and Human Services Awarded National Accreditation

DALLAS (Nov. 22, 2016) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) has been named a “Prestigious Organization” by achieving national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

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. DCHHS is one of fewer than 200 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation through PHAB since the organization launched in 2011.

“Dallas County Health and Human Services joins the growing ranks of accredited health departments in a strong commitment to their public health mission,” said PHAB President and CEO Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN. “The peer-review process provides valuable feedback to inform health departments of their strengths and areas for improvement, so that they can better protect and promote the health of the people they serve in their communities. Residents of a community served by a nationally accredited health department can be assured that their health department has demonstrated the capacity to protect and promote the health of that community.”

After undergoing an extensive assessment, DCHHS has been recognized for its quality improvement, illustration of accountability to the public and vigorous promotion to public health.

“The PHAB accreditation is testament to the hard work of the DCHHS employees who work 24/7 to provide public health services to Dallas County residents.” said DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson. “Whenever you see our seal of accreditation, you will know that DCHHS has been rigorously examined and meets or exceeds national standards that promote continuous quality improvement for public health.”

Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities. The accreditation standards that PHAB have set define the expectations for all public health departments that seek to become accredited in the United States.

“DCHHS employees have worked diligently for the community and it is an honor for Dallas County to receive national accreditation through PHAB,” said Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price, chair of the Dallas County Public Health Advisory Board. “With this accreditation, residents can be confident that our public health system will continue to grow in quality, remain competitive and be transparent in day to day practices.”

The mission of Dallas County Health and Human Services is to protect the health of the citizens of Dallas County through disease prevention, disease intervention and through promotions of a healthy community and environment. This is done through assessment, community input education, disease monitoring, regulation, and health services that help control the spread of disease. The department makes every effort to ensure the people of Dallas County receive information and services needed to maintain and improve their health and provide good stewardship of public resources.

For more information on DCHHS and PHAB accreditation, go to:

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