



## **PHAB's Tribal Guidance Document is Available for Vetting**

Comments due by Dec. 31, 2017

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has released the *Supplemental Process and Documentation Guidance for Tribal Public Health Department Accreditation* for public vetting as per their policy and protocol for releasing new products. This document is intended to provide additional assistance to Tribal health departments who may be applying for PHAB accreditation in using the PHAB Standards and Measures, Version 1.5.

PHAB is the national organization responsible for reviewing and accrediting public health departments in the US, including Tribal public health departments who choose to become accredited. Public health accreditation is an important process which encourages the highest level of performance from public health departments. The process includes measuring department performance against a national set of standards based on the 10 essential services of public health. Accreditation also encourages quality improvement, and recognizes the achievements of a health department.

For Tribal public health organizations interested in vetting this document, you may comment on as many or few measures as you wish, as well as the general format of the document. In addition, PHAB is interested in collecting Tribal-specific examples to accompany the documentation guidance. Tribal public health organizations who submit examples will receive a printed copy of the PHAB Standards and Measures, v1.5, the Guide to Public Health Accreditation, and a packet of additional accreditation material. Comments will be accepted until December 31, 2017.

The PHAB Standards and Measures v1.5 can be found [HERE](#)

For the draft *Supplemental Process and Documentation Guidance for Tribal Public Health Department Accreditation* that is intended to be used alongside the PHAB Standards and Measures, please click [HERE](#)

To provide feedback on the Supplemental Guidance click [HERE](#)

For questions regarding Tribal Public Health Department Accreditation or the Tribal Public Health Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI), visit the NIHB ASI website [HERE](#) or contact Karrie Joseph at [KJoseph@nihb.org](mailto:KJoseph@nihb.org).



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