

National Association of County and City Health Officials

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Garfield County Public Health receives funding to prepare for national accreditation

GARFIELD COUNTY (December 21, 2015) Garfield County Public Health has been awarded \$15,000 to support its progress in meeting the requirements of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), the first and only voluntary national accreditation program for public health departments. The Garfield County Public Health Department is one of 23 local health departments from 20 states and three health departments from US territories/freely associated states to receive this funding through the Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI). A total of 104 local health departments of all sizes and types, ranging from rural to urban applied for funding.

Now in its fifth year, the ASI was created in 2011 to promote national accreditation readiness among a greater number of local health departments and support their varying needs to reach accreditation. Funding for the ASI is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (CDC) and administered by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).

“Our Department will use this award to work on developing our organizations strategic plan. We are trying to align our health department operations with our community’s needs,” said Yvonne Long Public Health Director. “This will be an ongoing process. We want to build our organization around a culture of quality improvement that will lead to better health outcomes for the people in our community.”

More information, including a full list of selected local health departments and descriptions of the work they have been funded to complete, can be found at www.naccho.org/asi.

About the National Association of County and City Health Officials

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's 2,800 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities.

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