

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Department of Public Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
August 8, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Public Health Department Accreditation

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors: Approve the attached letter of support to accompany the Statement of Intent and application to the Public Health Accreditation Board for the Department of Public Health.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

As the appointing authority for the Director of Public Health, the Board of Supervisors must approve the letter of support to accompany the Statement of Intent and application to apply to the Public Health Accreditation Board for the Department of Public Health. Accreditation will ensure that Riverside County residents and visitors are served by a Department of Public Health that demonstrates excellence in providing the three core functions and ten essential public health services with a commitment to quality and performance improvement. Public health accreditation is based on standards that health departments can put into practice to ensure that they are continuously improving services to keep their communities healthy.

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*Susan D. Harrington*  
Susan D. Harrington, Director  
Department of Public Health

Departmental Concurrence

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No
	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 14/15

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*  
**County Executive Office Signature** Jennifer L. Sargent

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District: All** | **Agenda Number:**

**3-75**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

The three core functions of public health include assessment, policy development and assurance. The ten essential public health services include: (1) Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems; (2) Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community; (3) Inform, educate and empower people about health issues; (4) Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems; (5) Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts; (6) Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety; (7) Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; (8) Assure a competent public and personal health care workforce; (9) Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services; and (10) Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

The benefits of public health accreditation include: identifying strengths and allowing the Department to identify and address areas for quality and performance improvement; verifying that the Department has met nationally adopted standards that validate the services provided; raising visibility, improving communication and providing accountability to the community we serve; and highlighting the capacity and capability of the Department which may increase access to state, federal and local resources.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation process consists of seven steps: (1) Pre-application, (2) Application, (3) Documentation Selection and Submission, (4) Site Visit, (5) Accreditation Decision, (6) Reports, and (7) Reaccreditation. The Department estimates that the accreditation process will take eighteen to twenty-four months.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

Accreditation will ensure that Riverside County residents and visitors are served by a Department of Public Health that demonstrates excellence in providing the three core functions and ten essential public health services with a commitment to quality and performance improvement.



# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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September 9, 2014

Public Health Accreditation Board  
1600 Duke Street, Suite 200  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Public Health Accreditation Board,

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully submit this letter supporting the Department of Public Health's application to the Public Health Accreditation Board for accreditation.

Accreditation will ensure that Riverside County residents and visitors are served by a Department of Public Health that demonstrates excellence in providing the three core functions and ten essential Public Health services with a commitment to quality and performance improvement. Public Health accreditation is based on standards that health departments can put into practice to ensure that they are continuously improving services to keep their communities healthy. The process for preparing for Public Health accreditation has already enhanced our work in the community and identified opportunities for quality and performance improvement within the Department.

The Board of Supervisors offers their full support of the Riverside County Department of Public Health in their pursuit of national Public Health Department accreditation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stone  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors