



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

<b>Requested Board Date:</b>	February 20, 2024	<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Ruth Greenslade
<b>Consent Agenda:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Attachments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Action Requested:</b>	Support the resolution for the pursuit of public health reaccreditation.		

**BACKGROUND:**

After years of preparation, Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) was accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in June 2019.

Being accredited is about continuously improving toward meeting national standards. The benefits are described in the attached report, "The Value and Impact of Public Health Department Accreditation: A Review of Quantitative & Qualitative Data," July 2023. Note Goodhue County is quoted on page 17.

Accreditation status is valid for five years, so ours expires in June 2024. Our reaccreditation application must be submitted to PHAB between April 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024.

Currently, health department staff plan to complete the reaccreditation application in April and submit all our other documentation by August 2024. Because there are a total of 117 pieces of documentation required, GCHHS domain team members have been preparing documentation since summer 2022. From August 2023 to June 2024, a Public Health Corps AmeriCorps member has been assisting with preparation efforts. More than 60% of this documentation is ready for upload as of February 2024.

As part of our reaccreditation application, we are required to upload something showing the Health and Human Services board's support for accreditation. The Goodhue County Health and Human Services board first passed a resolution in support of accreditation in December 2014. An updated version of this resolution is attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

HHS Department recommends the board support the resolution for the department's application for public health reaccreditation from PHAB.



Goodhue County  
**Health and Human Services**

**Public Health Division**  
426 West Avenue  
Red Wing, MN 55066  
(651) 385-3200 • Fax (651) 267-4882

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR THE PURSUIT OF REACCREDITATION**

**WHEREAS**, public health accreditation measures health department performance against national standards, and reaccreditation “ensures that accredited health departments continue to evolve, improve, and advance their public health practice to serve their community;”<sup>1</sup> **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has established a national public health accreditation and reaccreditation process that seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments; **and**

**WHEREAS**, achieving reaccreditation through PHAB provides a means for a department to identify performance improvement opportunities, to improve management, to develop leadership, and to raise the community visibility and recognition of the programs and services provided; **and**

**WHEREAS**, reaccreditation documents the department’s capacity to deliver the six areas of public health responsibility in Minnesota Statute 145.A, the 10 essential public health services, and the Foundational Public Health Responsibilities; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the process of accreditation and reaccreditation will encourage and stimulate quality improvement efforts in the department as well as promote greater accountability and transparency, with the ultimate aim of improving the health of communities nationwide,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board does hereby recognize the importance of national public health accreditation for a local health department and strongly supports the pursuit of reaccreditation status for Goodhue County Health and Human Services.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Health and Human Services Board

2-20-2024  
Date

<sup>1</sup> <https://phaboard.org/accreditation-recognition/reaccreditation/>

