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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MARTIN COUNTY MAINTAINS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD

Maintaining Accreditation through PHAB Ensures DOH-Martin's Capacity to Continue to Evolve, Improve and Advance

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Martin County, Florida. — The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccredited the Florida Department of Health, which includes the Martin County Health Department, as an integrated health department for another five years. This seal of accreditation signifies that the unified Florida Department of Health, which includes the State Health Office and the 67 county health departments, meets or exceeds national standards for public health performance management and continuous quality improvement. The Department demonstrated a focus on accountability and performance to improve the health of communities throughout the state.

"We are so pleased to again be recognized by PHAB for achieving national standards that foster effectiveness and promote continuous quality improvement," said Carol Ann Vitani. "I want to thank our public health staff and our community partners for their ongoing efforts to promote and protect health in our community."

To further performance improvement, DOH-Martin and dozens of community partners recently completed a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which identifies goals and strategies for improving health in the county. A copy of the plan can be viewed here: <https://martin.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/community-health-planning-and-statistics/documents/chip-updated032022.pdf>

PHAB praised the Department for operating as a collaborative and effective integrated system noting that the inter-county collaboration is evident through shared programs and positions across the state. PHAB applauded staff across the integrated system for being highly dedicated, passionate, and proud of their work around improving the health of the communities they serve. PHAB also commended the Department for maintaining a continued commitment to accreditation.

PHAB, the nongovernmental, nonprofit organization that administers the national accrediting program, works to improve and protect the public's health by advancing and transforming the quality and performance of governmental public health departments in the United States.

About the Florida Department of Health

The department, nationally accredited by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#), works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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