

Progress on Public Health Accreditation

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The Community Health Services Department of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division continues with preparation for the Oneida Nation to obtain National Public Health Accreditation. This is very challenging work; work that occurs on top of the day to day. December 2016 marks a very important success. As of December 14, 2016, all twelve domains have been reviewed and evidence identified. These documents will be used to demonstrate that our work in the Oneida Community meets the standards and measures laid out by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This is a HUGE accomplishment! It has taken the Community Health Services Department over two years to meet this goal. Now begins the process to upload all the identified evidence into the e-PHAB System. Our deadline to complete the next step, document submission is January 31, 2017.

Feedback from some of those on the public health accreditation preparation teams has been positive. “We have learned so much in this accreditation process” says Char Kizior. “I have been able to apply quality improvement activities to my work with the Oneida Head Start and Early Head Start programs.” Public/ Community Health Officer, Eric Krawczyk says “Our internal and external partners are stronger than ever.”

Evaluation and quality improvement is being integrated into everything we do. This helps us assure the programs and services provided in the Oneida Community are relevant and meet or exceed national standards. Our goal has always been to offer the best services we can to the Oneida Community on a consistent, effective and efficient way.

In an effort to keep the community informed of our progress, we will also be posting updates to the Community Health Services Department website at <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/health/community-health-services/>. Additionally, you can contact Community Health Services Department at 920-869-4840 with questions.

