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KENTUCKY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION Supporting Mandatory Public Health Accreditation

WHEREAS health departments across the nation are being encouraged by a partnership consisting of Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), Public Health Foundation (PHF) and National Indian Health Service (NIHS) to seek national voluntary accreditation.

WHEREAS the Public Health Accreditation Board has established nationally accepted standards and measures to ensure the provision of the 10 essential public health services,

WHEREAS the goal of accreditation standards is to improve the quality and delivery of public health services,

WHEREAS meeting accreditation standards will ultimately improve the health status of all Kentucky citizens,

WHEREAS the accreditation standards improve the effectiveness and efficiency of health department governance and administration,

WHEREAS achieving accreditation maximizes resources and reduces duplication of services among partners,

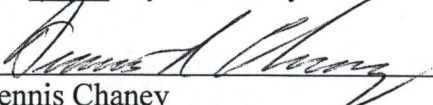
WHEREAS improving the delivery of public health services will result in slowing the increasing rate of health care costs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kentucky Public Health Association supports proposed legislation mandating public health accreditation:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kentucky Public Health Association supports the designation of resources to help health departments achieve accreditation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Secretary of Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Commissioner of the Department for Public Health and to all members of the Kentucky General Assembly.

This resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Public Health Association this 19 day of January 2011



Dennis Chaney
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