

The Public Health Herald

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ah June. The month that we skip into summer with record high temperatures, and scramble to spend out our money and meet our deliverables before the end of the fiscal year. It's also the month where we celebrate Pride and Juneteenth, despite the fact that recent legislation has passed that specifically targets the folks we aim to celebrate. But we should celebrate, in spite of this legislation. We cannot let bad bills cause us to lose focus and feel defeated. We have to keep advocating for the people we serve in our community. That was one of the best takeaways I got from Derrick Willis at our last HEW training. Yes, we can feel frustrated, but we can't live in that space. So celebrate this month. Get outside and do something relaxing. Wear your sunscreen and drink plenty of water. Because when you're trying to care for others, you must take care of yourself first.

Thank you for all you do in service of Johnson County. I appreciate each and every one of you.

In Health,

Danielle

PHAB UPDATES

The department's meeting with our PHAB representatives went extremely well and we received some excellent tips for moving forward with reaccreditation. We briefly provided an overview of where we are and what we plan to do over the coming months to prepare and the response was very positive. One major piece of information we did receive was our timeframe for which documents/narratives/examples must be dated within and that date range will be **9/1/2019-9/1/2024**. A more detailed overview of each domain will be provided in future meetings but please see below for our "scores" as they relate to each domain. Congratulations, if you are in Domain 6 or 7 – those two domains were considered the "most ready" for reaccreditation!

Domain 1	
1.1.1 A (Foundational)	Ready
1.2.1 A (Foundational)	Ready
1.2.2 T/L (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
1.3.1 A (Foundational)	Ready
Domain 2	
2.1.1 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
2.1.2 A (Foundational)	Ready
2.2.1 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
2.2.2 A (Foundational)	Ready
2.2.5 A (Foundational)	Partially Ready
2.2.7 A (Foundational)	Ready
Domain 3	
3.1.1 A (Foundational)	Partially Ready
3.2.2 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
Domain 4	
4.1.2 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
Domain 5	
5.1.1 A (Foundational)	Partially Ready
5.2.1 A (Foundational)	Partially Ready
5.2.3 A (Foundational)	Ready
Domain 6	
6.1.2 A (Foundational)	Ready
Domain 7	
7.2.1 A (Foundational)	Ready
Domain 8	
8.1.1 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
8.2.1 A (Foundational)	Partially Ready
Domain 9	
9.1.1 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
9.1.3 A (Foundational)	Ready
9.2.1 A (Foundational)	Not Ready
Domain 10	
10.1.1 A (Foundational)	Ready
10.2.1 A (Foundational)	Ready
10.2.2 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
10.2.4 A (Foundational)	Mostly Ready
10.3.2 A (Foundational)	Ready
10.3.3 A (Foundational)	Ready

HEALTH EQUITY FOR JUNE

Module 5: Historic Context of '-isms' focuses on historical structural racism, inequity and disparities among population groups. While the course work highlights racism and oppression, the Health Equity Workgroup wanted to provide information on people with disabilities. People with disabilities face many barriers to access to healthcare which include physical, attitudinal, and social barriers. Click the play button to be taken to a short video on the health inequalities that people with disabilities face.



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DIVISION UPDATES

Community Health:

- HealthyJoCo is completing their community context assessment
- The Disease Prevention Specialists have closed out their Student Epi Team for the year and attended the presentations of several students at the College of Public Health. The applications will open again this fall to be trained to support outbreaks and immunization audits.
- Karrey will be onboarding Nate Savage to support our Vaccine Allocation and Offsite Clinic support. Nate has been with the department as a intern, contact tracer, epi team student member, and so much more! Community Health welcomes back a familiar face!
- Rebecca Nielsen will be leaving us on June 16, 2023 and heading home to Colorado for an Emergency Management position. Rebecca had started with JCPH during the pandemic after the role had been difficult to fill for nearly a year. In her time here, she has won multiple NACCHO MRC Awards, has grown the MRC volunteer group, and supported several disaster responses including Mpox, tornadoes, and the pandemic. Congratulations to Rebecca and good luck on your next adventure!
- The county's biannual employee wellness survey will be launching soon! Stay tuned for updates from Giselle in the JoCo!
- Several members of Community Health attended a community wide meeting with Unite Us, an online referral platform where several organizations expressed interest in safely and securely sharing information to support referrals and provide services to their clients. Lisa has been coordinating with Unite Us to support growth in Johnson County along with the Project Better Together 2030 group.

Updates from Environmental Health & Clinical Services in July!

SUMMER FUN

Word Search Puzzle



BAREFOOT	FISHING	PICNIC
BASEBALL	FLIP FLOPS	POPSICLE
BEACH	FRIENDS	ROAD TRIP
BICYCLE	FRISBEE	SPRINKLERS
CAMPING	GAMES	SUNSHINE
COOKOUT	ICE CREAM	SWIMMING
FAIRGROUND	LEMONADE	VACATION
FIREWORKS	OUTDOORS	WATER PARK

Tips & Tricks

Did you know?

Screen readers can read emojis! This is super helpful for our ADA compliance, but emoji's have meanings too! Here's a good example...



Sweat Drops. Nope... they aren't water drops, so we don't want to post...

It's going to be hot out there, don't forget to drink  and wear your sunscreen.

It's also trendy to repeat emoji's, i.e. Red Flag warning.



A screen reader will actually read this out loud as *triangular flag, triangular flag*.

How annoying would that be to listen to? By being sure of our emoji's meanings as well as what it would sound like to others we can make our message more accessible for everyone.

If you're curious, <https://emojipedia.org/> is a great resource for the meaning of emoji's.