



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: July 29, 2026

Department: Health & Human Services

Title: Marion County Health & Human Services Reaccreditation

Management Update/Work Session Date: 7/7/2026 Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 10 Contact: Samantha Andress Phone: x4903

Requested Action: Receive an informational presentation regarding the Marion County Health & Human Services Public Health Division's successful reaccreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Issue, Description & Background: This presentation will provide an overview of Marion County Health & Human Services Public Health Division's successful reaccreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and highlight the significance of maintaining national accreditation.
Marion County Public Health first achieved national accreditation in 2014 as the first local public health authority in Oregon to earn this distinction. The division was reaccredited in 2020 and has now successfully achieved reaccreditation for a second time. This accomplishment demonstrates Marion County's continued commitment to meeting rigorous national standards for quality, accountability, and continuous improvement.

Financial Impacts: N/A

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: N/A

List of attachments: Presentation

Presenter: Kailey Knospe

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Marion County Public Health Reaccreditation

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What is Public Health?

- Using evidence-based approaches, public health works to ensure everyone has a safe place to learn, live, work, and play
- Public health in practice:
 - Preventing disease and injury
 - Responding to public health emergencies
 - Ensuring safe food, water, and environments
 - Promoting healthy behaviors
 - Supporting healthy habits for families and communities



What is Accreditation?

National accrediting body

- The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) administers accreditation for tribal, state, local, and territorial health departments.

Rigorous standards

- Accreditation measures performance against nationally recognized, evidence-based standards through a peer-reviewed assessment.

Continuous improvement

- The goal is to improve and protect the public's health by advancing the quality and performance of health departments.



Our Accreditation Journey

2014

- Initial accreditation
- First Local Public Health Authority in Oregon to receive national accreditation!

2020

- Received reaccreditation status

2026

- Successfully maintained national accreditation

As of May 2026, Marion County Health & Human Services is one of only 420 accredited local health departments in the country!

Why Accreditation Matters

✓ Boosts Accountability & Trust

✓ Evidence-Based Practice

✓ Continuous Improvement

✓ Stronger Workforce



Thank You!