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Missouri Institute for Community Health

Partners for Better Health

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Open Letter of Invitation to Review,

MICH is requesting your feedback by reviewing our new standards and measures. MICH was developed in 2002 to develop our accreditation program alongside Missouri's local public health professionals. It was written and supported by you all and we are again asking for your assistance now.

For the first time in 15 years, MICH has completely restructured its Voluntary Accreditation Standards by using the new Institutes of Medicine's recommendations. In their recommendations, they describe their Foundational Public Health Services and Capacities Model. In this new model, it describes a minimum package of public health services that is needed for public health to function anywhere. By standardizing the foundational capabilities, MICH hopes to significantly enhance health department performance and resources throughout our state.

Over the past 8 months MICH has met with over 70 public health professionals from around the state to create a new set of standards and measures that will help guide public health practice in Missouri over the next 5 to 10 years. Our process of accreditation is changing with the accreditation period extended to 5 years from 3 years. Other new details will be coming soon.

The MICH Board of Directors realizes that volunteering to review our new set of standards and measures involves a real commitment in your already overscheduled work lives, but we hope that you will be willing to take some time and provide some input into this very important process and help Missouri in its effort to transform public health.

You can access our new standards and measures and Feedback Form on the Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA), Missouri Association for Local Public Health Agencies (MoALPHA) or Missouri Center for Public Health (MOCPHE) websites. Please send your Feedback Form to Janet Canavese at janet@michweb.org by July 7, 2017.

Thank you in advance for your valuable feedback!

Sincerely,



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