

August 17, 2010

Ms. Linda Gail Allen
Administrator
Walton County Health Department
493 N 9th St
Defuniak Springs, FL 32433

Re: Project Public Health Recognition Status

Dear Ms. Allen:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) review committee, I am pleased to inform you that Walton County Health Department has met the requirements established for PPHR recognition. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this extraordinary project. The committee recognizes the dedication that is necessary to complete the application process, and is grateful for your commitment to preparedness. I hope you found the process valuable for your agency and staff.

Take pride in obtaining PPHR recognition by using the press release sent electronically to promote your accomplishment. A recognition ceremony will be held at the 2011 Public Health Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA. This ceremony will highlight your exceptional accomplishments.

The review committee observed areas of excellence and areas that required further improvement in your agency's application. Comments from the peer review process were shared electronically with the PPHR lead for your agency. The comments describe your application's strengths and weaknesses and include recommendations for further development of your overall preparedness efforts. In the future, NACCHO may want to share the promising practices identified in your application with other LHDs. If that situation arises, NACCHO staff will contact you to seek permission to share your work. Please continue the PPHR quality improvement process through ongoing assessments of plans, staff capacity, and exercises that accurately gauge improvement needs.

Please keep PPHR staff informed of changes to the contact information for the PPHR lead at your agency. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Smock, Program Associate for PPHR at jsmock@naccho.org or (202) 507-4203.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Pestronk
Executive Director

cc: Lewis Ibaugh