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Re: Project Public Health Ready Recognition Status

Dear Mr. Olivarez:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I am pleased to inform you that Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department has been awarded Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) recognition. PPHR recognition acknowledges your dedication and commitment toward public health preparedness. Congratulations on achieving this prestigious recognition!

Your final applicant review form has been shared electronically with your PPHR state lead. This form provides overall comments from reviewers on your application as well as criteria-specific feedback on areas of excellence or opportunities for further improving your agency's plans. NACCHO may wish to share some of the areas of excellence and procedures identified in your application with other LHDs. If that situation arises, NACCHO staff will contact your agency to seek permission to share your work.

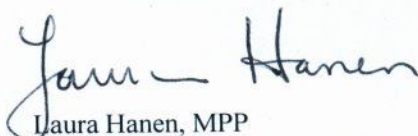
Take pride in your accomplishment! Promote your PPHR recognition status using the press release template that has been shared with your PPHR state lead. Additionally, please join us for the PPHR recognition ceremony at the 2018 Public Health Preparedness Summit, April 17-20 in Atlanta, GA. This ceremony not only acknowledges your exceptional accomplishments but also provides you with the opportunity to meet representatives from other newly recognized agencies. Additional information regarding the recognition ceremony will be forthcoming at a later date.

Once again, congratulations on achieving PPHR recognition. NACCHO strongly encourages you to continue with the PPHR quality improvement process by conducting routine assessments of your agency's public health preparedness plans, staff capacity and capability, and response activities.

Sincerely,



William M. Barnes, PhD, MBA
Interim Executive Director & Chief Program Officer



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