

# Accreditation Journey

## Domain 4: Community Engagement

### PHAB Standards

4.2: Promote the Community's Understanding of and Support for Policies and Strategies that will Improve the Public's Health

4.1: Engage with the Public Health System and the Community in Identifying and Addressing Health Problems through Collaborative Processes



On April 25, BPHC demonstrated community engagement by collaborating with city agencies such as the Mayor's Office of Fair Housing & Equity and the Department of Neighborhood Development to host a community meeting on "Health & Fair Housing."

Data was shared with Boston residents on the connection of poor health outcomes to unstable and/or unsafe housing. Residents were then able to brainstorm and share their ideas and solutions to some of Boston's most pressing housing issues.

Nothing created without residents can truly be for residents. Check out the BPHC [Community Engagement Plan](#) to learn more best practices for your work.

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## ACCREDITATION STAR OF THE MONTH

### NEIL BLACKINGTON



(from left to right: Ann Henry, Neil Blackington, Osagie Ebekezian)

Deputy Superintendent Neil Blackington has served as the EMS representative on the AQI Committee since Oct. 2015. After 39 years of service, Neil is retiring!

Neil has long been a team member dedicated to quality improvement, initiating many projects and protocols to standardize procedures, adhere to standards, and improve the services provided to Boston residents. He has led many innovative programs at BPHC including the EMS Bike Operations Team.

Congrats on your retirement, Neil! Thank you for everything, you will be missed.