



2023 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Does PHAB Accreditation Feel Daunting? Move from Dread to Confidence

Sara Bosse, MBA, Public Health Director

Sara Bosse, MBA is the Director of the Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) since 2017. Sara has been a leader in upstream public health work in California since 1998, initiating and sustaining local and regional policy, systems, and environmental change interventions that create healthy equitable communities. Certified in Essential Facilitation and Crucial Conversations, she is known for her ability to engage partners, facilitate collaboration, and develop innovative strategies to address complex issues – within the organization and out in the community. Sara’s experience as a PHAB site visitor supported PHAB accreditation of MCPDH in February 2023.

Stephanie Nathan, MPH, Assistant Public Health Director

Stephanie Nathan, MPH is the Assistant Public Health Director for Madera County Department of Public Health since 2018. She oversees non-clinical department programs including the newly formed EPIC section which includes Equity, Emergency Preparedness, Quality Improvement /Accreditation, and Communication. Stephanie led department efforts towards accreditation and was active in the development of the department’s first strategic plan, community health improvement plan, and performance management and quality improvement systems. She has a combined 15 years of experience in the field of public health working in the non-profit, corporate, and local government settings with demonstrated expertise in management, strategic planning, grant administration, policy, systems and environment efforts, and equity-focused initiatives.

Gene Azparren, Quality and Compliance Manager

Gene Azparren is the Quality and Compliance Manager for Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) since 2005. He currently manages the department’s operations related to quality improvement, performance management, strategic planning, HIPAA compliance, safety, and other administrative functions. Gene also leads the department’s national accreditation efforts, with BCPH achieving initial PHAB accreditation in 2017 and is expected to be reaccredited by the end of 2023. Gene also serves as PHAB site visitor and has chaired multiple site visits for local health departments.

Lara Weiss, MPH, Deputy Branch Director

Lara Weiss, MPH is currently the Deputy Branch Director for Humboldt County Public Health, overseeing the Office of Performance Improvement and Accreditation. She just celebrated her 25th anniversary working in local public health in CA. Humboldt County initially achieved PH Accreditation in 2016.