

**Cover Sheet for Example Documentation
for PHAB Domain 5 Standard 1 Measure 1**

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Eli Avila Resigns as Pennsylvania Secretary of Health

Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary **Eli N. Avila, MD, JD, MPH, FCLM**, has resigned to pursue other interests and spend more time with his family. In a [press release](#) announcing Avila's resignation, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett said, "Dr. Avila's education and experience has been an asset to the department. He has been a strong advocate for the health and well-being of Pennsylvania's children, especially in his efforts to make sure our students have the required immunizations for schools. In addition, Dr. Avila was also vigilant in educating our citizens and monitoring and preventing the spread of West Nile and other viruses among the residents of our state. We are grateful for his contributions and wish him well in all his future endeavors." As Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, Avila supervised an agency of 1,700 employees with a \$1 billion budget. The department's Executive Deputy Secretary Michael Wolf, MBA, will serve as acting secretary of health. Please join us in thanking Avila for his service as a state health official, and extending a warm welcome to Wolf.

Have You Received the 2012 ASTHO Profile Survey?

On Oct. 1, ASTHO launched the 2012 Profile Survey, the third in its series of surveys collecting a variety of information on state, territorial, and freely associated state public health agencies. An invitation containing a link to complete the web-based survey was sent to primary senior deputies and state and territorial health officials from ASTHO Research. If you did not receive this email, please [contact us](#). We recommend that you forward this invitation to your human resources directors, chief financial officers, performance improvement officers, and public health informatics directors so they can complete specific sections of the survey. Primary senior deputies will receive an email next week that includes a unique PIN needed to submit the survey. If you have any questions, please contact [Rivka Liss-Levinson](#), director of survey research, or [Katie Sellers](#), senior director of research and evaluation.

ASTHO at APHA

Are you going to the [140th American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition](#) in San Francisco on Oct. 28-31? ASTHO will be there and would like to promote all posters and presentations by SHOs, state or territorial health agency staff, or ASTHO alumni before and during the event. If you are presenting, please send your name and session information by COB Tuesday, Oct. 16 to [ASTHO Communications](#). We encourage all members, alumni, and friends of ASTHO to visit us in the exhibit hall, booth number 2219, while at the conference.

Host Site Applications for Informatics Fellowship Due Nov. 6

ASTHO, in collaboration with CDC, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, the Public Health Informatics Institute, and the Association of Schools of Public Health, is pleased to announce the opening of host site applications for the Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship. Each CDC-funded fellow will be assigned to a designated host health agency for one year. During that time, fellows will address projects to strengthen the public health informatics capacity of the host health agency. Fellows will have a master's degree or doctorate, demonstrated expertise in public health informatics, and a commitment to working in applied public health. Applications are being accepted from Sept. 19 to Nov. 6. More information on fellow and host site requirements is available [online](#).

Virginia Department of Health Encourages Physicians to Use "See Something, Say Something" Approach to Disease Surveillance

Last week, Virginia Department of Health Commissioner **Karen Remley, MD, MBA** sent a [letter](#) to the state's clinicians urging them to adopt a public health version of the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. "If you suspect an unusual communicable disease or environmental exposure diagnosis, call your local health department," Remley [wrote](#). "An astute clinician who diagnoses a reportable illness and alerts the local health department may be detecting a bioterrorism attack or a disease outbreak and putting in motion actions that will save his or her patient and many others."

Oklahoma Holds Summit on Infant Mortality

On Oct. 1, the Oklahoma Department of Health hosted an [infant mortality summit](#) with more than 100 diverse partners from across the state, including mayors, tribal leaders, faith leaders, providers, payors, and large employers. The meeting, based on the department's "[Preparing for a Lifetime, It's Everyone's Responsibility](#)" program, was designed to educate residents, healthcare providers, policymakers, and clergy members about infant mortality in the state. ASTHO, AMCHP, and CityMatCH staff facilitated affinity group sections on interventions for providers, the workplace, education, and communities.

GAO Releases Report on Shale Gas and Oil's Public Health Risks

GAO released the report "[Information on Shale Resources, Development, and Environmental and Public Health Risks](#)" this week. As exploration and development of shale oil and gas have increased, questions have been raised about the estimates of the size of these resources, as well as the processes used to extract them. GAO was asked to determine what is known about the size of shale oil and gas resources and the amount produced from 2007 through 2011, as well as the environmental and public health risks associated with developing shale oil and gas. GAO reviewed estimates and data from federal and nongovernmental organizations and interviewed federal and state regulatory officials, representatives from industry and environmental organizations, oil and gas operators, and researchers from academic institutions.

Current and Upcoming Surveys

Name of Survey	Response Time	Recipients	Intended Respondents
ASTHO Profile Survey	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	SHOs and SRDs	SRDs, CFOs, HR directors, performance improvement officers, public health informatics directors

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