

# Panhandle

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## Public Health District

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### ***Panhandle Situation Table receives Promising Practice Award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)***

On July 12, 2023, the Panhandle Situation Table received a Promising Practice Award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The Panhandle Situation Table is a deeply collaborative, multi-agency, risk-driven initiative, that allows agencies to work together and mobilize in new ways, to rapidly triage situations of Acutely Elevated Risk to connect individuals/families to the support they need.

The first situation was brought to the table in August 2022 and the table has had fifty situations brought to the table with 69% of the 45 closed cases connected to services. “The table is seeing such high success rates due to the amazing partners at the table each week,” stated Prochazka, Deputy Director of Health Promotions and Preparedness at Panhandle Public Health District.

The Panhandle Situation Table meets virtually on Tuesdays at 9 am and is open to community-serving organizations including but not limited to Law Enforcement, EMS/ First Responders, Behavioral/ Mental Health professionals, Social Service Organizations, Schools, Community Support Services, Hospitals, and Clinics. Please contact [etimm@pphd.ne.gov](mailto:etimm@pphd.ne.gov) to join the table and be on the lookout for additional opportunities to learn more about the situation table in September.

NACCHO Promising Practices are exciting approaches and strategies to local public health issues that are on track to becoming Model Practices. Model Practices are awarded to local health departments across the country for implementing programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable outcomes in response to an identified public health need.

The Panhandle Situation Table’s application went through a rigorous peer-evaluation process over the past few months by NACCHO’s Workgroup members and was selected from a competitive collection of applications. They deemed the program demonstrated exemplary and replicable initiative in response to a local public health need. Your program reflects the strength and positive impact local health departments have on our communities.

The Situation Table training was provided by [Operations 2 Save Lives & QRT National](#). O2SL & QRT National provide this training throughout the country as the sole authorized mentors for [Global Network for Community Safety](#).

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community. Visit our website [www.pphd.ne.gov](http://www.pphd.ne.gov).