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Pittsburgh Business Group, ACHD Partner on *Live Well Allegheny Workplace* Efforts Underway to Designate Employer-Members as LWA Workplaces

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department is collaborating with the Pittsburgh Business Group on Health (PBGH) to designate its members as new *Live Well Allegheny Workplaces*. Through a PBGH survey, 28 of its members have met the criteria to become a *Live Well Allegheny Workplace* and are working with those businesses to announce their designation in the near future.

“Our shared vision of creating America’s healthiest county can only be achieved through collection action,” said Dr. Karen Hacker, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department. “Through this unique partnership with the Pittsburgh Business Group on Health, we are able to rapidly advance the goals of *Live Well Allegheny* by working with its employer-members in a meaningful and highly impactful way.”

Through a survey of its members, PBGH was able to provide information on which organizations have implemented strategies to improve the health and well-being of their employees, which also allowed ACHD to determine whether the employer met the criteria to become a *Live Well Allegheny Workplace*. Companies have implemented a wide variety of health-promoting options including providing tobacco free workplaces, healthy snack and food options in vending machines and at meetings, private breast-feeding friendly spaces, annual health-risk assessments, opportunities for physical activity, and discounts for local fitness facilities to name a few.

“We are delighted so many PBGH employer members from across Allegheny County are making strides to make their workplaces healthier,” said Jessica Brooks, CEO and Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Business Group on Health. “Working alongside the Allegheny County Health Department helps drive the importance of a healthy workplace further, and increases the awareness of a healthy lifestyle all employees can realize.”

PBGH and ACHD are now working with the 28 individual members of the group to make formal announcements of their designation as a *Live Well Allegheny Workplace*.

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About Live Well Allegheny

Live Well Allegheny was launched in January 2014 by Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald to promote wellness across the county. Led by the Board of Health and Dr. Hacker, *Live Well Allegheny* highlights the need to increase physical activity, eat healthy, and be proactive in managing one's health.

About Pittsburgh Business Group on Health

Pittsburgh Business Group on Health (PBGH) is the region's leading employer-led coalition designed to drive transparency in health care data, cost and quality.

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