# **SHAC Self-Assessment Cover Letter**

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 It is important for a District School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to periodically assess how well it works. SHAC members should ask themselves whether the SHAC does what it is supposed to; is it meeting its objectives, and if so, to what extent will the objective be accomplished by the target date? Questions have been developed to help evaluate how well a SHAC is functioning. Questions are divided into four categories: 1) Organization of a SHAC; 2) Goals and Activities; 3) Communication; 4) Role of the SHAC. An effective SHAC should be able to answer “yes” to each question.

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