

## Institute faces in the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation process

Local health department accreditation focuses on the capacity of the local health department to perform, at a prescribed, basic level of quality, the three core functions of assessment, assurance, and policy development and the ten essential services detailed in the National Public Health Performance Standards Program.



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Based on legislation and working with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, the North Carolina Institute for Public Health has been designated the administrator of Local Health Department Accreditation. Who are the people who make the administrator role work?

Craig L. Michalak, state accreditation administrator, has an MBA from UCLA and has vast experience in the public and private sectors.

Craig is also co-chair of the 2006 North Carolina Public Health Task Force Accreditation Committee.

Among his honors, Craig has been listed in Who's Who in Finance and Business and Who's Who in America.

Rachel H. Stevens, senior advisor to the director of NCIPH, recently served on the national Exploring Accreditation initiative.

She has participated in North Carolina accreditation in many leadership roles since the pilot programs began in 2003.

Monecia R. Thomas, accreditation coordinator and research associate, earned an MHA from UNC-Chapel Hill and is responsible for a broad range of duties related to the planning, organization, marketing and implementation of local public health department accreditation.

Mary V. Davis, director of evaluation services, earned her DrPH from Johns Hopkins University and MSPH from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She designed and implemented the evaluation approach for the accreditation pilots and now oversees the accreditation evaluation process.

Molly Cannon, research associate, has an MPH from UNC Chapel Hill. She manages the day-to-day process of evaluations, including conducting surveys and interviews with site visitors, consultants, agency personnel, and DPH and Accreditation staff.



Mary Davis and Molly Cannon compare data.

Mary O. Fuller, accreditation assistant, has worked at UNC for over 20 years and provides administrative support for the accreditation program.

