



North Carolina

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

What's the status of NC Local Health Department Accreditation?

With the passing of the NC state budget for fiscal year 2009-10, we received the amount of \$100,000 that we had anticipated – resulting in a cut of 86%. This funding will be shared between the DPH and the NCIPH. The suspend language remained in the budget. There are several staff changes based on the current funding. The clerical position for NCLHDA was cut and those duties were distributed among other staff. Brittan Williams Wood, State Accreditation Coordinator, is now funded through and working on other grant projects at the NCIPH. David Stone, Accreditation Administrator, is working 50% time on NCLHDA and 50% on other NCIPH projects.

We are currently fully funded for the fiscal year 2010-11. However, we are aware that revenues for next year are expected to be lower than projected and the budget allocations for next year are uncertain and will be reviewed during the short session. Should full funding be restored, Brittan and David will return full time to the NCLHDA program... This statement is continued at <http://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/status.htm>.

North Carolina Accreditation Learning Collaborative

Twelve LHDs are needed to volunteer in a project of the Multi-State Learning Collaborative III – a partnership of the DPH, NCLHDA, and NCIPH. This mini-project

is an Accreditation Standards Comparison comparing the proposed national standards with the NCLHDA Standards.

Volunteers Needed in Multi-State Learning Collaborative III Project

There will be two phases to the project, occurring simultaneously. One will be a desktop review with 10 Local Health Departments participating - 5 accredited and 5 unaccredited. This group will review 5 national standards and measures from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and self-assess the agency's ability to collect the required documentation. Compensation available to the participating LHDs will be \$1500 per participant. The second phase is a full review with 2 Local Health Departments participating - 1 accredited and 1 unaccredited. This group will review all of the PHAB Standards and Measures and self-assess the agency's ability to collect the required documentation. There will be a one-day site visit. Compensation available to the participating LHDs will be \$5000 per participant.

Participants for both phases will be asked to complete an evaluation/summary review for the process. The results of the project will be used to recommend changes to the NCLHDA standards, if indicated and to examine potential similarities and differences between the NC system and the proposed national system.

For more information, go to: http://nciph.sph.unc.edu/mlc/mlc3_projects.htm.

If interested contact David Stone at 919-843-3141 or david_stone@unc.edu.

Cabarrus Health Alliance Selected as a PHAB Beta Test Site



In an historic step toward the public health accreditation sites that will participate in a test test over the next 18 months. *We Health Alliance was selected as*

The health departments selected of health departments that exists local, eight state and three tribal size, structure, population served, degree of preparedness for



Helping raise the standard for public health.

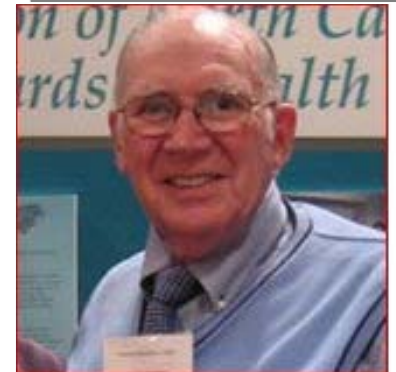
establishment of a national voluntary program, PHAB has announced the 30 of the program in a nation-wide beta *are proud to announce that Cabarrus one of the 30 sites!*

for the beta test represent the diversity across the country. There are nineteen health departments that vary relative to governance, geographic region, and accreditation.

Between fall 2009 and the end of 2010, the thirty health departments will complete the accreditation process. Throughout the test, they will provide critical, on-going feedback and evaluation that will inform the final accreditation process and standards to ensure that the accreditation program is logical, practical, and promotes continuous quality improvement in all health departments. For more information, go to: <http://www.phaboard.org/>.

Accreditation Board Vice Chair, Bob Blackburn, Receives NALBOH's Highest Honor

Accreditation Board Vice Chair, Robert Blackburn, Ed.D., was awarded the [National Association of Local Boards of Health's](#) (NALBOH) Everett I. Hageman Award on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at NALBOH's 17th Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The award, named for one of the founding members of NALBOH, is the most prestigious award given to a



current or past board of health member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership on a local board of health and commitment to, an enthusiasm for, local public health. For more information go to:

http://www.ncaahperd.org/2009_Hageman-Blackburn_pressrelease.htm

Congratulations Bob!! We are proud to have you as a member of our Accreditation Board!



Local Health Department Accreditation: Thoughts from NC

The Management Moment, *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, September-October, 2009

<http://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/MgtMomentSeptOct2009.pdf>

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Accreditation Plaques Awarded to Four Health Departments



*Forsyth County Department of
Public Health*



*Madison County Health
Department*



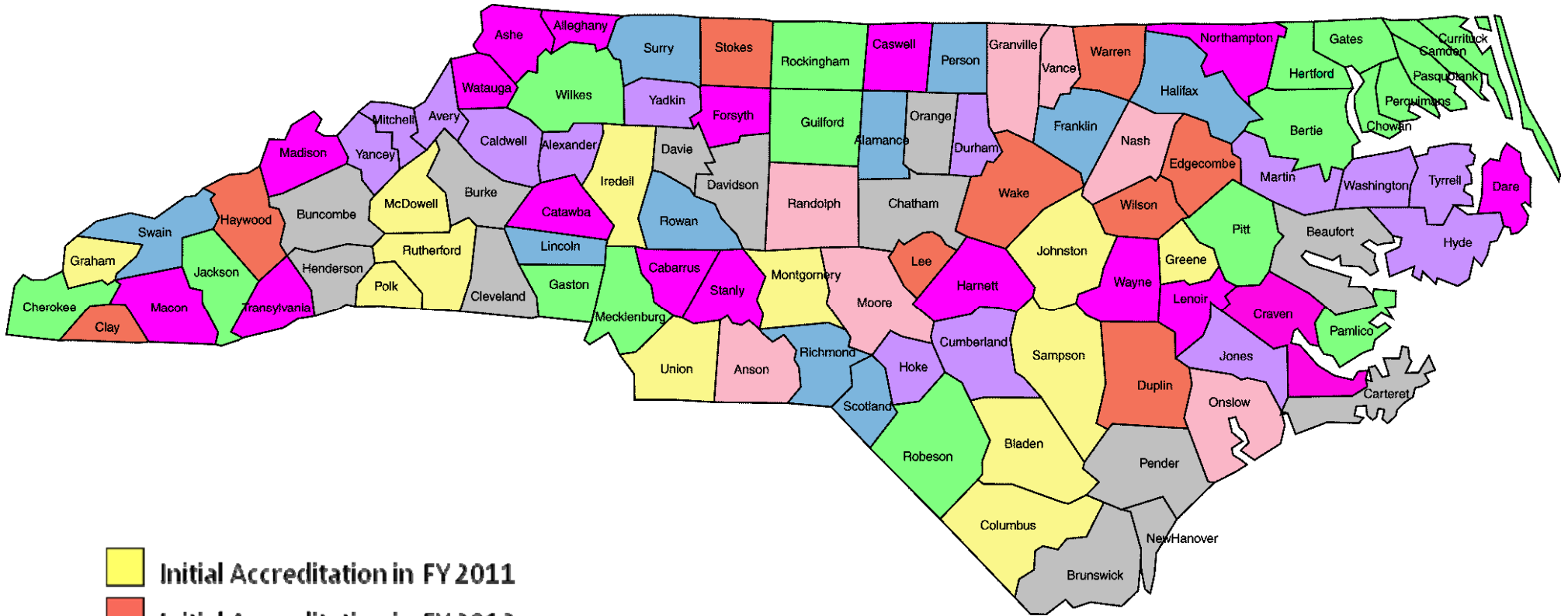
*Transylvania County Department
of Public Health*



*Wayne County Health
Department*

Accreditation Progress/Revised Map

Fifty (50) health departments have now been accredited!
 The revised map below shows the new schedule for accreditation through fiscal year 2014.



- Initial Accreditation in FY 2011
- Initial Accreditation in FY 2012
- Initial Accreditation in FY 2013
- Initial Accreditation in FY 2014
- Re-Accreditation in FY 2011
- Re-Accreditation in FY 2012
- Re-Accreditation in FY 2013
- Re-Accreditation in FY 2014

October 2009