Congratulations to the following health departments that were granted Accreditation Status on December 20, 2013! There are now 82 Accredited health departments in North Carolina (96%).

Anson County Health Department
Burke County Health Department*
Catawba County Health Department*
Craven County Health Department*
Granville-Vance Health District
Harnett County Health Department*
Lenoir County Health Department*
Macon County Health Department*
Nash County Health Department
Stanly County Health Department*

*re-accreditation
Ten Year Celebration of Accreditation

As of June 2014, all 85 local health departments in North Carolina will have completed the accreditation process! You are invited to come celebrate this achievement on June 20th at 2:00 PM at the Wake County Commons Board Room. Refreshments will be provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lizzie Yates at eayates@email.unc.edu or 919-962-9919 by June 13th, 2014.

HDSAI electronic submission guidelines webinars

Beginning in fiscal year 2015, local health departments will be required to submit re-accreditation documentation electronically. To explain the process and provide tips for assembling electronic documentation, NCIPH will host two webinars, on July 21st and 22nd from 12:00—1:00 p.m. Registration information for the webinars will be sent to all agency accreditation coordinators later in June.

Tools for re-accreditation

Do you know about the re-accreditation tools available on the NC Division of Public Health’s website? There are seven tools available including templates, checklists, schedules and a timeline to aid local health departments in preparing for re-accreditation over a 4-year accreditation cycle. To download the tools, see: http://publichealth.nc.gov/lhd/

Tool Spotlight: Re-Accreditation Category and Assignment Tracking Tool (CATT) - Facilitates the assignment and tracking of re-accreditation benchmark activity evidence collection throughout the 4 year cycle.

Results of dual accreditation pilot

Under a contract with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), the NC Institute for Public Health led a pilot project to implement and evaluate a dual accreditation process in North Carolina. Thanks go to Burke County Health Department for agreeing to prepare for national and state accreditation simultaneously. Evaluation data from the pilot showed that a NC health department and the two accreditation programs can feasibly prepare for and implement a joint site visit. According to the health department’s review, there was direct alignment for 72% of PHAB measures with a NCLHDA activity. Among the remaining PHAB measures, potential alignments with most NCLHDA activities were identified.
Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Mahanna, MPH and Amy Lowman, MPH to the Accreditation team! Elizabeth and Amy help coordinate accreditation activities, including serving as site visit coordinators.

We also would like to welcome our new Accreditation Board members, Roxanne Holloman, Michael Case, and Monecia Thomas. We are delighted to introduce these new members to the Accreditation Board and know that they will bring much experience and dedication to the accreditation program.

Upcoming Site Visits

Cherokee County: September 9-11, 2014  
Greene County: September 23-25, 2014  
Pamlico County: September 30-October 2, 2014  
Johnston County: October 7-9, 2014  
RPM District: October 14-16, 2014  
Iredell County: October 21-23, 2014  
Union County: October 28-30, 2014

Official Notifications

Official Notification (90 Day Notice)  
August 1, 2014  
HDSAI and other materials due by November 1, 2014

- Albemarle Regional Health Services  
- Gaston County Health Department  
- Guilford County Health Department  
- Rockingham County Health Department  
- Robeson County Health Department  
- Jackson County Health Department

Official Notification (90 Day Notice)  
October 1, 2014  
HDSAI and other materials due by January 1, 2015

- Hertford Public Health Authority  
- Mecklenburg County Health Department  
- Pitt County Health Department  
- Wilkes County Health Department  
- Bladen County Health Department  
- Graham County Health Department  
- Montgomery County Health Department  
- Sampson County Health Department  
- Columbus County Health Department

If you need to know when your health department will be notified and when your materials are due to the accreditation program, please contact Dorothy Cilenti at 919-843-5427 or cilenti@email.unc.edu.