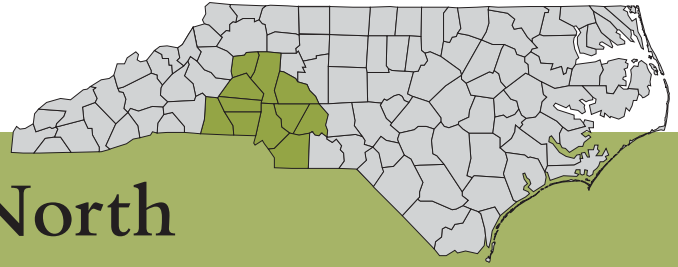


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Southern Piedmont North Carolina Partnership for Public Health



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Vision of the Southern Piedmont Partnership

Collaborating to Improve Public Health Practice

Mission of the Southern Piedmont Partnership

The Southern Piedmont Partnership for Public Health is a flexible, synergistic, innovative collaborative committed to improving public health practice

1 Addressing Clinic Efficiencies

This two-year project will provide an opportunity for each health department to work with paid or state consultants to identify, develop and implement effective medical models of clinical efficiency to improve public health practice, and ultimately, better serve our communities. A final report will be developed and disseminated to the other Incubator Collaboratives through the Incubator website and conferences.

2 Finance & Dental Work Groups

The Southern Piedmont Partnership will continue funding regular meetings of its regional Finance and Dental work groups. Future discussion will focus on issues related to 1) uncompensated care, 2) financing of clinical public health services, 3) analysis of family planning services outcomes, and 4) assessment and recommendations for local health department readiness for the new statewide Health Information System (HIS). Both workgroups will develop processes for generating revenue and sustaining financial independence, and propose to integrate their efforts with the clinic efficiency project (see Addressing Clinic Efficiencies).

3 Grant-Writing Work Group

In 2006, the Southern Piedmont Partnership established a grant-writing work group whose function was to increase regional collaboration and capacity for developing grant proposals to sustain the work of the partnership. This work group will continue for the next two years focusing specifically on funding opportunities including 1) technology-focused applications for public health practice, 2) infant mortality rate reduction, and 3) increasing Internet access for patients and providers in rural areas. This work group also will develop a regional application seeking the services of a CDC fellow. Products and processes developed by the work group will be shared widely with public health, academic, and private sector partners and colleagues.

4 Accreditation – Regional Support

Due to tremendous response to its initial accreditation support initiative, the Southern Piedmont Partnership will continue to collaboratively develop a “train the trainer” style model through which accredited health departments provide technical assistance to those agencies yet to undergo the accreditation process.