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.

Volunteers Needed in Multi-State Learning Collaborative III Project

Twelve LHDs are needed to volunteer in a project of the Multi-State Learning Collaborative III – a partnership of the DPH, NCALHD, and NCIPH. This mini-project is an Accreditation Standards Comparison comparing the proposed national standards with the NCLHDA Standards.

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.

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In an historic step toward the establishment of a national voluntary public health accreditation program, PHAB has announced the 30 sites that will participate in a test of the program in a nation-wide beta test over the next 18 months. We are proud to announce that Cabarrus Health Alliance was selected as one of the 30 sites!

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

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