Seven Health Departments Receive Accreditation Status

Congratulations to the following health departments who were granted Accreditation Status on May 20th, 2011! There are now 56 Accredited health departments in NC.

- Albemarle Regional Health Services
- Greene County Health Department
- Guilford County Department of Public Health
- Jackson County Department of Public Health
- Pamlico County Health Department
- Robeson County Department of Public Health
- Rockingham County Department of Public Health

Farewell Message from Accreditation Administrator, David Stone

As of July 5th, I will begin work with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) as the Director of Education. In this new role, I will be responsible for the development of orientations, training, and support materials for the national accreditation process. The decision to move from the NC program to the national level was difficult. Working with the NC Accreditation program and with our public health family has been rewarding. Your support, feedback and love of public health have been continual and amazing.

Having worked at the State Laboratory of Public Health, the Winston-Salem Regional Office, two local health departments and now the NC Institute for Public Health – I have seen multiple sides of the delivery of public health services around our state. Each one has been different, but all contribute towards a healthier life for our residents. As I mention frequently, every time I talk with public health employees, I sense how much they love their departments and their communities. Public Health folks truly want to make a difference in the lives of those they serve. I hope that accreditation has helped with that to some degree.

As I now move on to the next phase of my career, please know of my respect for you and for what you do each day. You are more than just colleagues, but also friends. I do have to state my sincere appreciation for Ed and Anna at the NCIPH and the opportunity they gave to me – along with many others in the past. So thank you for many wonderful years and experiences. However, I won’t be disappearing. I plan on staying in touch with our accreditation system – and my plans are to be the NC voice at the national level for all things accreditation.

Thanks,

David Stone

NC Local Health Department Accreditation

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This training will provide a broad overview of the accreditation process for both health departments preparing for initial accreditation and those preparing for re-accreditation. We encourage, at minimum, the health director and agency accreditation coordinator (AAC) to participate. However, feel free to invite your agency management team and/or other staff as you deem necessary. Some of you may have participated in previous accreditation trainings, however, we still encourage you to participate on July 20th since some of the information has changed since the last training and it’s very important that we are all on the same page.

Please note that this training will not get into the details of Activity requirements and documentation interpretation.

This webinar will be recorded and archived on the accreditation website for those that are unable to attend.

Click here to join the meeting.

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NCIPDH awards the Craig Michalak Award for Excellence to Robert Blackburn and Eunice Inman.

In honor of the former Accreditation Administrator, Craig Michalak, the NC Institute for Public Health has awarded the 2011 Craig Michalak Award for Excellence to Robert Blackburn and Eunice Inman. The award is given to individuals to recognize the efforts and support of the Local health Department Accreditation system throughout NC.

Accreditation Website Updates

The Health Department Self-Assessment Instrument and the Interpretation Document have both been updated to include recently revised documentation requirements/interpretation for Activity 30.9 and 30.10 as well as guidance for district health departments as adopted by the Accreditation Board on May 20, 2011. Both documents are located at http://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/health_depts/materials/index.htm.

Also added to the website is the Protocol for Conditional Recommendation adopted by the Accreditation Board on May 20, 2011. The protocol is located at http://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/board_members/3policy/ProtocolCondRecom5-20-11.pdf.