Congratulations to the following health departments who were granted Accreditation Status on June 21, 2013! There are now 79 Accredited health departments in North Carolina (93%).

Appalachian District Health Department*
Beaufort County Health Department*
Brunswick County Health Department*
Cabarrus County Health Department*
Caldwell County Health Department
Cleveland County Health Department*
Cumberland County Health Department
Dare County Health Department*
Davie County Health Department*
Durham County Health Department
Hoke County Health Department
Hyde County Health Department
Jones County Health Department**
Orange County Health Department*

*re-accreditation
** conditional accreditation
Changes to the exit conference process

Effective July 1, 2013, local health departments will not receive a summary of NOT MET activities as part of the site visit exit conference. The lead site visitor will share general observations from the site visit team, but the actual recommendation from the site visit team to the Accreditation Board regarding accreditation status will be communicated through the written site visit report. The site visit report will be sent to the Local Health Director within two weeks of the accreditation visit.

Health departments will still have ten days from receipt of the site visit report to respond to any NOT MET activities if the agency is recommended for conditional accreditation status.

Congratulations to Cabarrus Health Alliance

We would like to recognize Cabarrus Health Alliance for achieving national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board! The national accreditation program, modeled after North Carolina’s Local Health Department Accreditation program, works to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of the nation’s Tribal, state, local, and territorial public health departments. Cabarrus Health Alliance is the only North Carolina health department to date to receive this honor.

Piloting dual accreditation

Under a contract with the Public Health Accreditation Board, the NC Institute for Public Health is leading a pilot project to implement a dual accreditation process in North Carolina. Thanks goes to Burke County Health Department for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to prepare for national and state accreditation simultaneously! Through Burke County’s experience, we hope to evaluate the degree to which accreditation preparation is similar for the state and national programs. Burke County will also host a joint site visit, with a site visit team from PHAB and a site visit team from North Carolina conducting their reviews at the same time. We will be collecting evaluation data from site visitors, health department staff, and other stakeholders which will inform the dual accreditation process for additional health departments in North Carolina. Stay tuned!

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**Staffing Update**

We are pleased to welcome Lizzie Yates to the Accreditation team! Lizzie will provide administrative support to the program, including handling site visit logistics. If you need assistance, Lizzie may be reached at eayates@email.unc.edu or 919-962-9919.

We would also like to welcome Dr. Robert Blackburn as incoming Accreditation Board Chair, replacing Dr. Betty Alexander. We are so fortunate to have Bob in this leadership role, and we appreciate the many years of service and leadership provided by Betty.

Finally, we would like to welcome our new Accreditation Board member, Connie Kelley-Sidberry. Many of you have worked with Connie in her previous role as Women’s Health Nurse Consultant in the NC Division of Public Health. Connie is now retired and will bring much experience and dedication to the accreditation program.

**Upcoming Site Visits**

- **Macon County**: July 23-25, 2013
- **Lenoir County**: July 30-August 1, 2013
- **Burke County**: August 6-7, 2013
- **Stanly County**: September 3-5, 2013
- **Catawba County**: September 17-19, 2013
- **Nash County**: October 15-17, 2013
- **Granville-Vance District**: October 15-17, 2013
- **Anson County**: October 29-31, 2013
- **Harnett County**: October 29-31, 2013
- **Craven County**: November 5-7, 2013

**Official Notifications**

**Official Notification (90 Day Notice) July 1, 2013**
- HDSAI and other materials due by October 1, 2013
  - Granville-Vance
  - Nash
  - Anson

**Official Notification (90 Day Notice) October 1, 2013**
- HDSAI and other materials due by January 19, 2014
  - Forsyth*
  - Madison*
  - Northampton*
  - Caswell*
  - Transylvania*
  - Wayne*

**Official Notification (90 Day Notice) January 1, 2014**
- HDSAI and other materials due by April 1, 2014
  - Moore
  - Randolph
  - Onslow

*Re-accreditation

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.