Congratulations to the following health departments who were granted Accreditation Status on December 12, 2014 and May 15, 2015!

- Albemarle Regional Health Services
- Bladen County Health Department
- Cherokee County Health Department
- Columbus County Health Department
- Gaston County Health Department
- Graham County Health Department
- Greene County Health Department
- Guilford County Health Department
- Hertford County Public Health Authority
- Iredell County Health Department
- Jackson County Health Department
- Johnson County Health Department
- Jones County Health Department
- Mecklenburg County Health Department
- Montgomery County Health Department
- Pamlico County Health Department
- Pitt County Health Department
- Robeson County Health Department
- Rockingham County Health Department
- Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Health District
- Sampson County Health Department
- Union County Division of Public Health
- Wilkes County Health Department
In Memory of Barry Bass

Barry Bass, former local health director and accreditation site visitor passed away on Wednesday, January 21st 2015. Barry was a strong proponent of the accreditation program and a valued member of our site visitor corps. He will be missed by all.

Welcome New Board Members

Three new members have joined the NCHLD Accreditation Board:

Elaine Crittenton represents the NC Association of County Commissioners on the accreditation board. She serves on the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.

Ann Holton also represents the NC Association of County Commissioners on the accreditation board. She is currently a county commissioner in Pamlico County.

Benjamin Tillett represents the Association of NC Boards of Health and is a practicing pharmacist in Person County.

HDSAI Rule Changes

The Rules Review Commission adopted amendments to the Accreditation rules to respond to the counties with consolidated agencies. Corresponding changes to the HDSAI were approved by the NCLHD Accreditation Board on May 15, 2015. Changes have been made on Benchmarks 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41. These changes can be found on our website in the new HDSAI dated June 1, 2015.

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Staffing Update

We are saddened to announce that Dorothy Cilenti is stepping down from her role as Accreditation Administrator at the end of June as she moves fully into her faculty role in the MCH Department. NCIPH is currently in the process of trying to fill her shoes with a new Accreditation Administrator. In the meantime, Joy Reed, former Head of the Local Training and Technical Assistance Branch at NC DPH, will serve as interim administrator as of July 1, 2015. Luckily, Dorothy Cilenti will continue to work on the Accreditation contract for the next year to assist with the transition of the accreditation project to new leadership.

Upcoming Site Visits

- **Warren County**: September 1-2, 2015
- **Swain County**: September 8-9, 2015
- **Halifax County**: September 22-23, 2015
- **Wake County**: October 6-7, 2015
- **Edgecombe County**: October 13-14, 2015
- **Surry County**: October 20-21, 2015
- **Alamance County**: October 22-23, 2015
- **Richmond County**: October 27-28, 2015

Official Notifications

**Official Notification (90 Day Notice)**
*August 1, 2015*

HDSAI and other materials due by November 1, 2015

- Franklin County Health Department
- Lincoln County Health Department
- Person County Health Department
- Rowan County Health Department
- Scotland County Health Department
- Clay County Health Department
- Duplin County Health Department
- Haywood County Health Department
- Wilson County Health Department
- Stokes County Health Department
- Lee 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.