

Healthy Communities Through Public Health Collaboration

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What is the Northeastern North Carolina Partnership for Public Health?

The Northeastern North Carolina Partnership for Public Health (NENCPPH) is a partnership of health departments in Northeastern NC which have come together to collectively address the community's health by sharing best practices and resources. Currently the NENCPPH represents nine health departments and 15 counties.

Neighboring Counties Collaborate to Apply for Community Transformation Grant

Health Departments in Northeastern North Carolina have come together to apply collectively for three \$400,000 annual grants aimed at supporting local and regional public health efforts to reduce chronic diseases, promote healthier lifestyles, reduce health disparities, and control health care spending. The grant is being administered by the NC Division of Public Health (DPH). DPH will work with state and local partners to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes related to tobacco-free living, active living, healthy eating, and high impact evidence-based clinical and other preventive services. Grants will be awarded to the Regions identified within the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors (NCALHD).

Three such regional grants have been applied for which include the Northeastern North Carolina Partnership for Public Health counties or Region 9 of the NCALHD. One grant, being spearheaded by the Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS), includes the seven counties of ARHS: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans; as well as Dare, Edgecombe, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, Washington, and Northampton counties. A second regional group is being led by Pitt County which includes the following counties: Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, Pitt, and Wayne. A third group includes: Franklin, Granville-Vance, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Wake, Warren, and Wilson, with Johnston as the lead agency.

All three regional collaboratives intend to focus on increasing smoke-free regulations of local government buildings and of indoor public places, increasing the number of communities that support farmers' markets, mobile markets, and farm stands, increasing the number of community organizations that promote joint use/community use of facilities, and increasing the number of health care providers' quality improvement
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HC Infant Death Rate Drops.... Hope Rises!

(submitted by Nikki Moore)

The Hertford County Public Health Authority (HCPHA) is pleased to announce a major decline in the infant mortality rate (IMR) for Hertford County according to statistics recently released through the NC State Center for Health Statistics (NC SCHS). In 2010 Hertford County's IMR rate was 4.0 per 1000 live births (NC 7.0); a dramatic drop from the rate of 20.0 in 2009.

For the past seven years Hertford County has been known to have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the State, but 2010 data suggests a significant turn in the state of the county's health. In 2010 Hertford County ranked #83 in the State for infant deaths. The county had 253 live births, only one of which resulted in an infant death (6 deaths in 2009).

Thanks to the combined efforts of various county agencies and task forces, we can proudly say that more children in 2010 lived to see their first birthday. Efforts to implement Preconception Health initiatives to combat infant mortality in Hertford County have been aggressively implemented to improve women's and children's health, some of which include: the Hertford County Preconception Coalition; Family Planning Clinics, Pregnancy Care Management (PCM) Program and Community Health Advocacy for preconception health education and prevention; Care Coordination 4 Children (CC4C) Program; Family Care Coordination (FCC); extended hours for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program; "First Time Mothers" preconception program; Promoting multivitamin consumption to women and men of childbearing age; preconception health care coordination and intensive case management services; Promotion of Reproductive Life Plan Counseling; prepared childbirth classes to expectant mothers; Period of Purple Crying Program; and educational campaigns to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

"This is a major victory for Hertford County and for the Public Health Authority" says Diane McLawhorn, Director of Nurses and Co-Interim Health Director for the Hertford County Public Health Authority. "We have been working to see a rate drop of this magnitude for several years now. It's encouraging to think that our efforts are having an effect on the statistics."

Congratulations to Edgecombe, Warren, and Halifax County Health Departments!

Congratulations to the following health departments who were granted Accreditation Status on December 16, 2011!

- Edgecombe County Health Department
- Warren County Health Department
- *Halifax County Health Department

There are now 64 Accredited health departments in North Carolina (75% of health departments in the State).

*re-accredited

Next NENCPPH Board Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2012
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

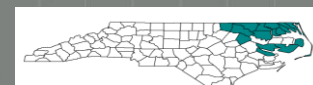
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systems for clinical practice management of high blood pressure and high cholesterol, weight management and tobacco cessation.

The project period for this funding will begin March 1 and end September 29, 2012. The State has requested that initial local efforts for the CTG should be to: (1) establish the core CTG staff of at least two CTG Coordinators and a .5 FTE Fiscal Manager; and (2) conduct regional strategic planning using an outside facilitator.

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Calendar of Events

March 13	CTG Kick-Off, Chapel Hill
March 15	Health Directors' Meeting
March 20, 2:00pm	Finance Cmte Conference Call
March 22, 10:00am – 3:00pm	Board Meeting, Edenton
March 29, 10:00am – 3:00pm	Public Awareness Task Force, Edenton
April 19	Health Directors' Meeting
April 24, 2:00 pm	Finance Cmte Conference Call
April 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Executive Cmte Conference Call
May 17	Health Directors' Meeting and Incubator Steering Cmte Meeting
May 22, 2:00pm	Finance Cmte Conference Call
May 24, 10:00 am – 12:00pm	Executive Cmte Conference Call

Link to your partners at NENCPPH
Add a link to our website www.nencpph.net

**Public Awareness Task
Force Kick-Off
March 29 10:00 am
NC Northeast Commission,
Edenton**

Save The Date:
Eastern Regional Stroke
Conference
May 18, 2012, Hilton, Greenville.

Just For Laughs

A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help notice how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long and happy life?" "I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise." "That's amazing," the woman said. "How old are you?" "Twenty-six."

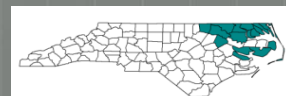
<http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/jokes.aspx>

Banner of Support

Show your support of the NC Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program by adding a HDSP/SWYH banner to your website and encourage your partners to do so, too. To Download banners, go to:
<http://www.startwithyourheart.com/Default.aspx?pn=SWYHBanners>

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