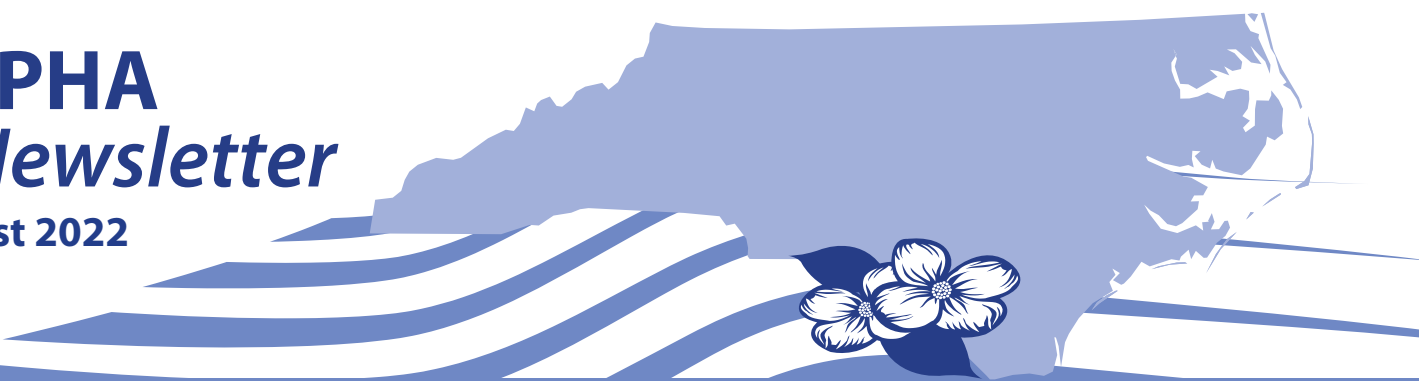


NCPHA E-Newsletter

August 2022



Newsletter from the NC Public Health Association and the NCPHA Public Awareness Committee

Message from the President

– Leah Mayo



Greetings, public health family! As the seasons start to transition, cool breezes become more common, and school buses are back on the roads, I hope you will take time for reflection and self-care. From monkeypox and mosquitoes to reproductive health, restaurant inspections, and immunizations (to name a few), there is never a slow day in public health nor a day when we are not helping others. While the rewards of working in public health are like no other, the work can be overwhelming. Therefore, I challenge you to block time each week to practice [self-care](#) and take steps to build a resilient organization.

In addition to the resource linked above, the Fall Educational Conference, *Connectedness, Collaborations, and Resilience: The Story of Public Health*, is the perfect opportunity to learn, network, share appreciation, and unwind. Continue reading the newsletter to learn more about the conference line-up, the BIPOC Caucus kick-off events, and the first annual pre-conference webinar with Rear Admiral Aisha Mix. Also, please don't forget to sign up by September 2nd for the [NCPHA Scholarship Endowment Walk](#) to honor Mr. Robert Parker.

Finally, thank YOU for your support and confidence during my time as NCPHA president. It's a true honor to serve such an incredible community alongside fabulous staff and leadership. The collective expertise of the Governing Council and Executive Committee members is unmatched. I appreciate you all with a special thanks to Kim Dittmann for keeping us organized, Past President Mike Zelek for showing me the ropes, and President-Elect Rod Jenkins for his consistent support. I am confident Rod will take NCPHA to the next level of success in the coming year. Again, it's been an honor to serve, and I will continue to stay dedicated to NCPHA and local public health as Past President and beyond.

I hope to see you at a conference session or walking along the riverfront in downtown Wilmington on September 14-16.

M. Leah Mayo, MPH, MCHES[®]
NCPHA President, 21-22



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— *erica l. hamilton*

It is estimated that one in 5 people in the United States (>12 years of age) live with a mental health condition, and suicide remains a leading cause of death, with the suicide rate climbing 30% since 1999. Additionally, over 300 more people seriously consider suicide for every person who dies by suicide annually. Globally, suicide occurs in more than 1 in 100 deaths, and for every death by suicide, there could be 20 attempts.

If you were paying attention to national mental health news this summer, you learned that U. S. crisis response services are being revamped. On 16 July 2022, the implementation of a new three-digit crisis response service - 988 - began so that individuals in need of mental health crisis services would have an easy-to-remember alternative to 911. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline essentially became the 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline. Throughout the history of 911, there have been reports of mishandling mental health crises via contact with that platform, including violence from police and unnecessary and involuntary hospital commitments, which have led to questions about human rights and autonomy. Like 911, 988 is a short number, making accessing crisis services specific to mental health care needs easier.

988 is poised to be a different reaction to a given mental health crisis, with trained counselors handling calls,

connection to local community mental health resources, and (if needed) appropriate first responders. Calls are confidential, and geolocation is currently not utilized, as it is with 911 (although this may change).

Crisis support is available to anyone for suicide, mental health, and substance use reasons - whether working through these reasons themselves or for a family member. 911 is no longer the primary or "easiest" option for these situations. And although calls may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance and training purposes, those contacting 988 are not required to provide any personal data to receive services. This is reassuring, as most contacts with Lifeline are resolved within the platform and do not require additional intervention, such as coordinated contact with 911 (which could happen if an individual's life is at imminent risk).

The roll-out of 988 is a welcomed game-changer to many who hope that 988 will transform the way we think and talk about mental health and suicide in the U.S. As noted in the American Public Health Association's (APHA's) 2021 adopted policy statement on a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention within a public health framework, our country has long needed more formally integrated mental health care options for those experiencing crisis. The policy statement called for a strategic plan

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for implementing 988. A late-breaking APHA policy statement on optimal 988 implementations is underway and will be voted on at this fall's APHA Annual Meeting.

If you'd like to become more involved, over 200 call centers are now hiring caring volunteers and paid employees (training provided, of course). Or spread the word by utilizing partner toolkits and social media shareables in the Resource links! Everyone can play a role in suicide prevention.

Resources:

- www.samhsa.gov
- www.vibrant.org/988
- <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/about/what-is-988>
- www.fcc.gov/988-suicide-and-crisis-lifeline
- www.vibrant.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/988_two_pager_2021-2.pdf
- apha.org/Policies-and-Advocacy/Public-Health-Policy-Statements/Policy-Database/2022/01/07/A-Comprehensive-Approach-to-Suicide-Prevention-within-a-Public-Health-Framework

All Hands On Deck: Working Across Disciplines to Support Abortion

— Kelley Dennings, Center for Biological Diversity, on behalf of APHA, Sexual and Reproductive Health Section



[Originally posted on www.publichealthnewswire.org]

The Sexual and Reproductive Health section of APHA is horrified but not surprised by the recent SCOTUS decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. State lawmakers have been limiting access to abortion for years.

As APHA Executive Director Dr. Georges Benjamin [stated in a release](#) following the decision, APHA recognizes abortion as a right and a fundamental component of healthcare. As public health professionals we need to work to mitigate the harms that come with the fall of Roe v. Wade, just as we act in response to other public health crises.

According to a [new article](#) in *Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health* written by SRH section members, there are three things public health departments can do to help mitigate these harms:

- 1) In states where abortion is illegal, public health professionals should use local data to estimate how many pregnant people will be forced to continue a pregnancy. They should also increase public health capacity to care for the pregnant people, children, and families in the areas of highest need.
- 2) Public health professionals should provide resources on where and how to obtain an abortion for those requesting it; anticipate more self-managed abortions; and work to ensure these abortions are not criminalized in our areas.
- 3) In states where abortion remains legal, public health professionals should support and [strengthen the existing abortion care delivery system and facilitate access](#)

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to abortion. APHA has also [called on state and local governments](#) to allow health departments to continue engaging in activities related to abortion.

Additionally, legal experts [note](#) that cities in states that make abortion illegal can provide abortion care prosecution protection or possibly even provide abortion care directly. They recommend progressive local prosecutors use their discretion to decline bringing legal proceedings against medical staff, public health professionals or patients in these cases.

Also, staff working for government-owned hospitals or clinics should talk with their legal and administrative departments about how to document miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and other conditions that are likely to be scrutinized. The Big Cities Health Coalition recently [released a statement](#) pledging to combat all attempted criminalization of medical professionals who provide these services and pledged to work together to combat misinformation.

As the activist and poet Audre Lorde said, “There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.” We know from the [social determinants](#) of health that health equity is affected by healthcare access as well as education, economic stability, our environment, and our social and community ties. [Research](#) shows that denying people abortion has adverse impacts on the health and well-being of pregnant people, children and families.

Our section works to learn from and lift the values of the abortion justice framework in ensuring abortion access for all. We strive to reframe abortion within the public health context. Please visit the [Reproductive and Sexual Health section](#) of the APHA website for social media shareables, news releases, and these recent policy statements adopted by APHA on abortion:

- [Improving the Role of Health Departments in Activities Related to Abortion](#)
- [Recommendations for Pregnancy Counseling and Abortion Referrals](#)

- [Restricted Access to Abortion Violates Human Rights, Precludes Reproductive Justice, and Demands Public Health Intervention](#)
- [Renouncing the Adoption or Misapplication of Laws to recognize Fetuses as Independent of Pregnant Women](#)
- [Decriminalization of and Support for Self-Managed Abortion](#)

As the [APHA statement from Dr. Benjamin](#) noted, “States must take action to make the procedure legal for patients who seek it and abortion providers who offer the essential health care service. Further, states should fund and equip their public health departments to help people obtain comprehensive reproductive health services consistent with public health values and frameworks.”

One way to support states in this endeavor is to recommend that President Biden’s Department of Health and Human Services declare this time a [public health emergency](#). This would ensure abortion clinics seeing a higher demand would receive support, federal funding could pay for travel expenses to receive an abortion out-of-state, registered nurses could perform abortions, doctors could practice outside their geographical jurisdiction, and patients could participate in other states’ Medicaid programs.

We call on all public health professionals to review the policy statements above and reach out to our task force chairs with any questions. Join us today in defense of bodily autonomy.



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Carolina*

For more than 30 years, the NCIOM has shaped health policy in North Carolina by identifying solutions to the state's health challenges. Our work has helped to improve the health and well-being of North Carolinians and positively changed how health care is delivered.

NCIOM ANNUAL MEETING 2022: *Building the Workforce for a Healthy North Carolina*

NCPHA is proud to announce we are a Friend Sponsor of the NC Institute of Medicine's upcoming Annual Meeting.

Here are details for the meeting and a link to register. We hope you will attend!

Theme: Building the Workforce for a Healthy North Carolina

Date: November 15, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: McKimmon Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

Registration: nciom.org/ourwork/annual-health-policy-meeting



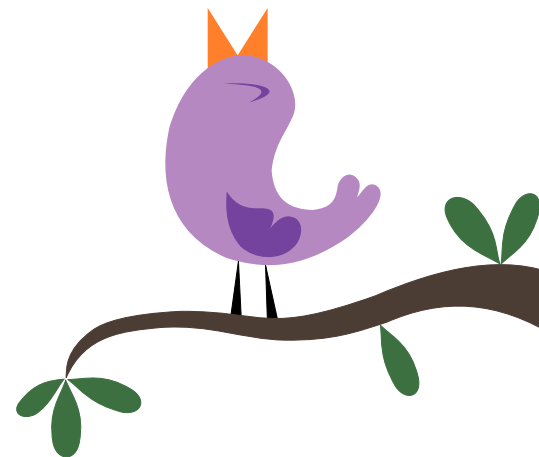
2022 Fall Educational Conference

Early Bird Registration



The final day to register for the conference at the early bird rate is Tuesday, September 6th.

Register here:
ncpha.memberclicks.net/fall-educational-conference-information-and-registration





Join us for the NCPHA Scholarship Fun Walk!

Last chance to register is Friday, September 2!

Registration: ncpha.memberclicks.net/fall-educational-conference-information-and-registration

This year we are honoring a special individual who did a tremendous amount of good for NCPHA in his time as our President and the years to follow - Bob Parker. Unfortunately, we lost Bob this past February. To honor his legacy and his hometown of Wilmington, please join us for the 1-mile Scholarship Walk taking place from 5:30 – 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 14th. We'll start at the Embassy Suites and walk along the Wilmington River Walk.

Registration is just \$15 and includes a t-shirt. Walk-on registrations will be accepted but do not include a shirt.



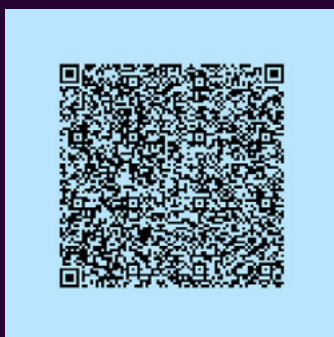
Academic Liaison Committee is proud to present
NCPHA's inaugural

2022 PRE CONFERENCE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Join us virtually as we converse with RADM Mix about her journey into public health, esteemed career and her perspectives on mentorship, collaboration and her vision for the future public health workforce.

REAR ADMIRAL AISHA MIX

DNP, MPH, RN, NHDP-BC
Assistant Surgeon General
Chief Nurse Officer
U.S. Public Health Service



**Monday,
Sept 12th, 2022**



10:00a - 11:00a



**Virtual (scan QR
code to register
for event*)**

* NCPHA membership or conference registration NOT REQUIRED



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Member

Introductions

This issue we meet Jessica Alexander, Communications Manager, NC Public Health Association.



NCPHA Member Introductions



Jessica Alexander

Communications Manager
NCPHA

Hometown: Reidsville, NC

Education:

- NC A&T State University – Journalism and Mass Communications
- University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG) – Nonprofit Management Certificate
- UNCG – Master of Public Affairs

How long have you worked in public health:

A little over a year.

What do you like most about your job:

I love having the freedom to be creative and to be a voice for an organization that makes a huge impact.

If you could have dinner with three people, who would they be:

Oprah Winfrey, Michelle Obama, and Steve Harvey.

If you could change one thing about public health, what would it be? (money is no object)

I would make healthcare free for every citizen.

FAVORITES:

Hobby: Brunching

Food: Jamaican

Movie: The Help

Song/Artist: Anything Beyoncé

Sport/Team: Basketball, Tarheels

Color: Yellow, Black (To Wear)

Book: Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Nursing Section

The nursing section is excited to present four incredible sessions on Thursday, September 15th at the Fall Educational Conference!

News from the Office of the Chief Public Health Nurse



Dr. Susan Little, North Carolina's Chief Public Health Nursing Officer, will provide national, state, and local updates on PHN practice trends and policy, share updates from DPH and DCFW, NCCPHN Program updates, and take questions from the audience during the Q&A.

Legal and Legislative Update



This session will be jointly presented by the Nursing and Women's and Children's Health sections. Jill Moore, Associate Professor of Law & Government at UNC Chapel Hill School of Government, and Tiffany Gladney, Policy Director of NC Child, will be presenting. Recent legislative developments and legal issues surrounding minor's consent, mandatory reporting, disclosures of health information and more will be discussed; along with a review of the budget bill and implications for women's and children's health and key pieces of legislation that impact the health of women and children.



#BackpackBeachChairLeadership for Nurses: Finding Your Voice and Getting it to the Table

In this presentation, Susan Little—Nurse, Author and Innovator-- will cover the #BackpackBeachChairLeadership Model she created when faced with the same issues many of you face: Getting Your Voice Heard. During the presentation, attendees will use the innovative My Leadership Backpack Worksheet to explore and build their personal influence toolbox (it's not just position or degree!) and learn how to use that credibility to get to the decision-making table and get their voice heard.



Wearing a Trauma Informed Lens: Healthcare and Community Settings Discussion Panel

This session will be jointly presented by the Nursing, Public Health Leadership, Social Work, and Wellness and Prevention sections. Trauma informed practices aim to recognize the pathways to health outcomes, integrate this knowledge into policy and procedures, and actively prevent re-traumatization. A trauma informed lens is shifting the focus from "what is wrong with you?" to "what happened to you?" However, a comprehensive, communitywide approach is needed. Panelists will discuss individual, interpersonal, clinical, community, and systems strategies that contribute to a comprehensive trauma informed approach that generates resilience for all. Panelists include:



Lorne Carroll, a PHN III from Alaska with a background in substance misuse and prevention as well as working with marginalized communities, who is the current president of the Alaska Public Health Association and a fellow at JHU School of Public Health.



Coty Brayboy, Lumbee nurse who comes with a background in understanding the health and needs of local tribal and native populations in our state and a graduate nursing student.



Dr. Jama Greene, medical practitioner and certified resilience educator in North with a background in ACEs, trauma and community resiliency.

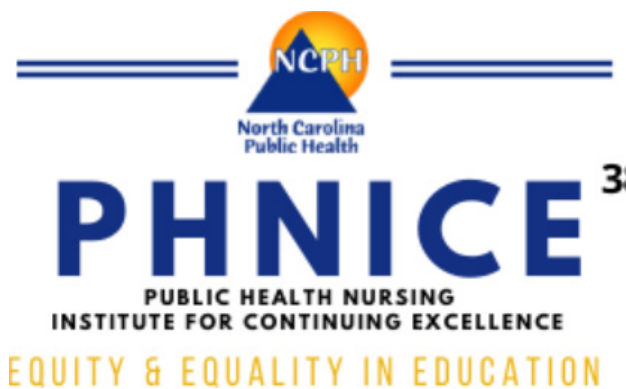


Clarissa Goding-Aytch, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate with 15 years of experience in public health and social work practice within local departments of social services, LHDs, and community-based organizations.

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We are pleased to announce that nursing contact hours are provided for these four sessions. This educational activity is being jointly provided by the Public Health Nursing Institute for Continuing Excellence and the North Carolina Public Health Association. The Public Health Nursing Institute for Continuing Excellence is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Aging Section

The NCPHA Aging Section will be presenting its inaugural program at the Fall 2022 conference. Our program sessions are inclusive of both research and practice perspectives related to public health and aging.

Our keynote address will be given by Rebecca Freeman, MPH. Rebecca works at the Division of Aging and Adults Services as staff liaison to the division's two legislatively authorized advocacy groups.

Aging Section Program:

- Panel Session Public Health Leadership Response to Aging
 - Formation of Aging Section: Ruth Little/Battle Betts
 - Local Health Department Aging Services: Shelia Davies/John Rouse
- Aging and Adult Services in North Carolina: Rebecca Freeman
- Covid 19 Pandemic & Aging: Rashmita Basu
- Poster Presentations

Epidemiology, Statistics and Laboratory Section

This year the Epi/Stats/Lab section will have sessions around data visualization, water topics in public health, and preparing for a CLIA inspection. Kyle Hiltbrunn, Epidemiologist at Union County Division of Public Health will discuss how making small changes to your charts and graphs can result in big impacts. The key to a successful CLIA inspection is not dread, but preparation and Tracy Shives will cover the steps to successful preparation, proper review of records, review of common pitfalls to avoid, and understanding the strategic role and

benefits inspections serve for compliance and quality work. Finally, our sessions will culminate with Water Topics in Public Health. This session is a joint effort with the Environmental Health section and will feature Dr. Jane Hoppin, Jennifer Redmon, and State Entomologist Michael Doyle discussing the GenX Exposure Study, the Clean Water for Carolina Kids program, and potential effects of climate change on vector-borne diseases in North Carolina, respectively.

Public Health Leadership Section

The Public Health Leadership section is excited about the upcoming Fall Educational Conference in Wilmington, NC. Our goal is to bring emerging leaders and seasoned professionals together for informative leadership sessions. We want our leaders to be engaged and leave feeling empowered. We are pleased to announce the lineup of speakers and topics for this year's conference.

Emerging Leaders in Public Health

The NCPHA Emerging Leaders Program is a year-long, leadership development program that provides participants the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of themselves as leader and learner. This year's cohort will be presenting the following:

Megan Hauser and Piper Yerger

Project Title: Assessing the Knowledge of ACEs & Resiliency in Haywood County's Public Health & Social Services Staff

Morgan Davidson and Elyssa Tucker

Project Title: Investigating the Effects and Success Criteria of Implementing Oral Health Education in Pregnancy Classes in North Carolina

Rebecca Oaks, Alexis Lambert, Miranda Keel, and Martina Sconiers-Talbert

Project Title: Exploration of Food Insecurities in Urban and Rural NC Counties

LHD Regional Workforce Programs (AA 621)

Panelists include:

- Doug Urland, MPA, LHD Operations Liaison
- David Stone, MS, CPTD, Public Health Workforce Program Manager
- Patrick Brown, PharmD, Public Health Workforce Program Supervisor

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act North Carolina Local Health Departments received funding to support the local public health workforce through regional collaborations. During this session, staff from the Division of Public Health and from Local Health Departments will highlight progress on these workforce areas, discuss future planning for supporting workforce initiatives beyond ARPA, and answer conduct a moderated Q&A on lessons learned in supporting the public health workforce.

Wearing a Trauma Informed Lens: Healthcare and Community Settings Discussion Panel

In a multisection collaboration with Nursing, Wellness & Prevention, and Social Work we thrilled to bring forth this panel discussion. Trauma informed practices aim to recognize the pathways to health outcomes, integrate this knowledge into policy and procedures, and actively prevent re-traumatization. A trauma informed lens is shifting the focus from "what is wrong with you?" to "what happened to you?" However, a comprehensive, communitywide approach is needed. Panelists will discuss individual, interpersonal, clinical, community, and systems strategies that contribute to a comprehensive trauma informed approach that generates resilience for all. **Panelists include:**

- Lorne Carroll, RN, BSN, President of the Alaska Public Health Association
- Jama Greene, MD, Certified Resilience Educator
- Coty Brayboy, MPH, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse Consultant with NCDHHS CD Branch
- Clarissa Gooding-Aytch, MPH, MSW, LCSW, LCASA, Licensed Clinical Social Work Associate with Carolina Outreach

Dignity for Women Who Are Incarcerated in North Carolina

Dr. Velma V. Taormini and Megan Canaday, MSW, MPH will join us for a discussion about the public health implications of the increased presence of women in carceral settings, including the provisions of the recently-passed Dignity for Women Who are Incarcerated Act. Velma V. Taormina, MD, MSE, FACOG served as Medical Director of the Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services for over fifteen years. She served as the clinical lead on several initiatives which reduced teen pregnancy rates, increased same day contraception initiation rates, and increased the use of medication assisted treatment for pregnant women with substance use disorders. She used the information from these initiatives to help expand a reproductive health program for women in the Gaston County Jail.

We are looking forward to a week of connectedness and collaboration with our peers and other public health professionals and hope that you will join us for this year's conference. We look forward to seeing you all in September!



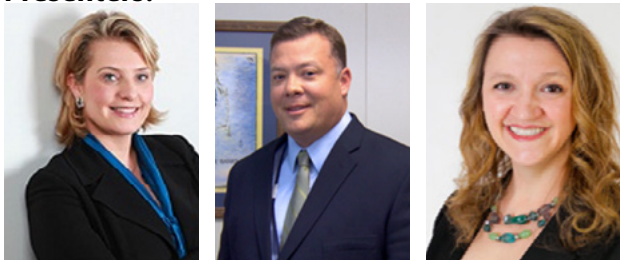
Dental Section

We are pleased to share our Dental Section Sessions for the Fall Educational Conference!

How are LHD Dental Clinics Structured? A Review of 3 Clinics Across the State

Three health department directors will provide an overview of their clinic's structure, populations served, and billing practices. Presentations will be followed by a panel discussion and Q & A session.

Presenters:



Lisa Harrison MPH, Granville Vance Public Health
Scott Harrelson MPA, Craven County Health Dept.
Amanda Stroud DMD, AppHealthCare

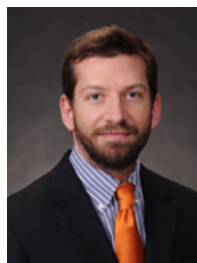
The Intersection of Dental Public Health and Precision Health: Insights from the ZOE 2.0 Study



The talk will revolve around the development of a NIH-funded community-based pediatric oral health research program in North Carolina. Between 2016-2019, the ZOE 2.0 investigators enrolled over 8,000 preschool-age children in a genetic epidemiologic study of childhood oral health/disease. Questionnaire, clinical, and biological data were collected during a 30-month period from participants attending 260 public preschool centers in 84 NC counties. The rich resulting information

from this multi-ethnic cohort of 3-5-year-old children has been used to answer epidemiologic, behavioral, and biological research questions, has stimulated new research including qualitative studies, and is informing program planning.

Presenter:



Kimon Divaris, DDS, PhD
Adams Distinguished Professor,
Pediatric & Public Health, Adams
School of Dentistry, University of North
Carolina-Chapel Hill

Geriatric and Special Care Dentistry: Preparing the Work Force

Geriatric and Special Care Dentistry: Community Engagement and Collaboration

The program will describe the oral health workforce needs in North Carolina to care for the growing population of older adults and those with special needs. ECU SoDM utilizes rural based clinical experience, telehealth and interprofessional collaboration in training fourth year dental students and AEGD Residents. The diverse patient population of the Community Service-Learning Centers includes patients with special needs. Students and residents serve as the primary dental care providers. The presentation will describe ECU SoDM trainee experience.

Presenters:



Dr. Ford T. Grant DMD, Faculty Director
and Clinical Associate Professor, ECU
SoDM Community Service-Learning
Center, Ahoskie, NC



Dr. Mark E. Moss, DDS, PhD, Associate
Professor, ECU School of Dental
Medicine

Finance, Administration, Management, Information Technology Section

The purpose of the Finance, Administration, Management, Information Technology (FAMI) Section of the NCPHA is to provide an opportunity to network with others throughout the state who are involved with financial reporting, budgeting, computer programming and technology, supervision, clerical support, billing, and all other aspects of the Administrative Support team to exchange ideas, experience, and professional skills, and to provide education and information on policies interpretations and procedures.

The executive team and planning committee is excited to welcome each one of you to our 2022 Fall Education Conference in Wilmington, NC, where the following topics will be presented:

Wednesday, September 14th

- **Billing and Coding Updates**
- **NC Local Health Department Accreditation: It's Back**



We are excited to have Amy Belflower Thomas, MHA, MSPH, CPH, NC Institute for Public Health, UNC-CH to present on accreditation. Ms. Belflower Thomas is the director of community assessment and strategy for NCIPH, serves as the Administrator for NC Local Health Department

Accreditation, works with staff to provide valuable technical assistance resources to state and local health agencies and health initiatives, and serves on the NCIPH Leadership Team. Ms. Belflower Thomas also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor and Faculty Mentor in the Public Health Leadership Program at UNC Gillings of Public Health.

Thursday, September 15th

- **Minor Opt-Out**
- **Overview of Health Information Exchange (HIE)**
- **Recruitment and Retention: HR Panel Discussion**

We are excited to be partnering with the NC Public Health Alliance and Catapult (Employers Association, Services Corp, and Benefits Solutions) Catapult serves over 2300 member organizations across the Carolinas and beyond. We provide employers with the confidence to navigate everyday operational challenges, making workplaces more effective and employees more successful. Catapult has been the go-

to resource for employers seeking practical solutions to help build engaged, well-managed, low-risk workplaces for over 60 years. Website: letscatapult.org



The Moderator/Speaker is Breni Malpass - a Catapult HR Advisor with over 20 years of experience in human resources management and recruiting. Breni brings an extensive HR career with roles at DAK Americas, Stanley Black and Decker, and IBM. Breni also had HR roles with Carolina's Healthcare, The ARC of Mecklenburg County, and Interactive Medical Systems. In her current role as an HR Advisor, she provides expert guidance for Catapult's Members on compliance, employee relations, recruiting, benefits, FMLA, training/coaching, and workers comp. Breni lives with her spouse and two children in the Wilmington, NC, area.

The Panelists are:

- Joanne Brassington, MS Human Resource Director, NC Alliance of Public Health Association
- Suzanne Ott, Director of Human Resources, Albemarle Regional Health Services
- Candace F Tyler, SHRM-CP, Human Resources Manager, Cumberland County Public Health Department
- Yulonda McLean, Personnel Officer, Robeson County Health Department

Don't Forget

During the NCPHA Fall Conference, the FAMI Section will hold a silent auction. Please look for the auction table outside the FAMI Meeting room on Thursday, September 15th.

**Silent
Auction
Fund Raiser**
Friday, September 15, 2022



Environmental Health Section



Cornhole FUNdraiser at the NCPHA Educational Conference

Make sure all those attending the Educational Conference in Wilmington that you play in the Cornhole Tournament. Come by and support the Environmental Health Section's fundraiser. Throw some bags, have a few beers, and show everyone that your team is best. Wednesday evening!!! More details to come.

Environmental Health educational offerings at the NCPHA conference

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

1:30 – 5:00 PM Legal Presentations & Panel Discussion for Environmental Health Practitioners - Presentation and joint panel discussion to include John Schaeffer from NC Attorney Generals' Office, Tim Crissman, NCDHHS, Regional Soil Scientist, Onsite Water Protection Branch, "An overview of various court proceedings and preparing you for your appearance in a deposition, at a hearing, or at trial."

Thursday, September 15, 2022

8:30 – 10:00 AM EH Section Business Meeting-All Environmental Health section please join us for our business meeting kick off, Thursday morning from 830-1000 for awards presentations, EH Section business meeting. We will be accepting nominations for the executive committee for the new year for Secretary position. Please consider volunteering your time in support of Environmental Health within NCPHA. If you want to submit for nomination in advance, please contact EH Section President, Tonya Zimmerman at Phone: 704-793-3057 **Email:** Tonya.zimmerman@dhhs.nc.gov

10:30 – 11:45 AM "Food Defense in Retail Food Establishments: Preventing Intentional Contamination" (Donna Wanucha, FDA)

Topics on Water

2:00 – 3:00 PM "The GenX Exposure Study" (Jane Hoppin)

3:15 – 4:15 PM "A Participatory Science Approach to Environmental Health – From North Carolina to Guatemala" Jennifer Hoponick Redmon, MSES, MPA, CHMM, Director, Environmental Health and Water Quality, RTI International

4:15 – 5:00 PM "Vector-borne Diseases: Things to Consider with New Weather Patterns" (Mike Doyle)

Environmental Health in the News

- Southern Environmental Law Center filed amicus brief in Superior Court on behalf of several community groups from across the state. "Unconstitutional legislative commission prioritizes polluters' interests over the people of North Carolina"-court filing
www.southernenvironment.org/press-release/unconstitutional-legislative-commission-prioritizes-polluters-interests-over-the-people-of-north-carolina-says-new-court-filing
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine released a report that offers health care guidance for physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other professionals treating those with a history of elevated exposure to PFAS.
www.thenewlede.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PFAS-Prepub-embargoed-RRv1-July-21.pdf
- Governor Roy Cooper announced that communities statewide will receive a record \$789.4 million in water and wastewater infrastructure funding to help pay for 385 projects statewide, including 140 construction projects.
coastalreview.org/2022/08/state-awards-789-4m-for-water-projects

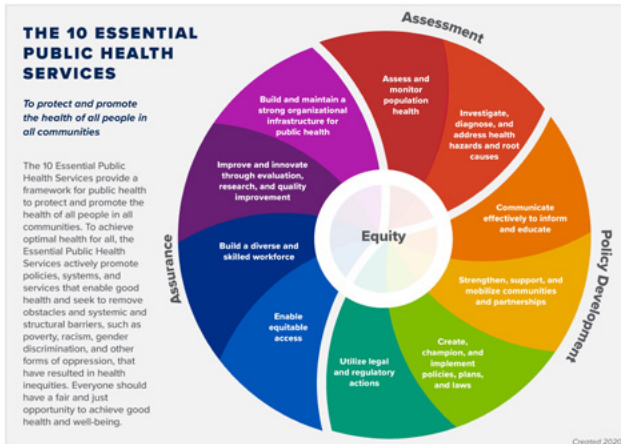


Academic Practice Based Research Section

Join us in September!

Any attendee is welcome to attend any or all of our sessions in Wilmington. On Wednesday afternoon, the APBR section will have two engaging sessions:

ESPH and FC Alphabet Soup, Oh My! The Basics of the New 10 Essential Public Health Services and Foundational Public Health Services



1:15 – 3:00 PM This session will give an overview of the updated 10 Essential Public Health Services as well as the Foundational Public Health Services (areas and capabilities) and discuss the ways they are complementary, yet distinct in practice. The second half of the session will be a guided discussion of participant opinions on how local health departments are addressing the Foundational Capabilities and what gaps in capability may exist across the state.

Presenters:



Amy Belflower Thomas, MHA, MSPH, CPH
Director of Community Assessment & Strategy, NC Institute for Public Health at UNC-CH



Rose Byrnes, MPH, MSW
Qualitative Research Coordinator, NC Institute for Public Health at UNC-CH

Strengthening the Public Health Data Ecosystem: Follow-up from the NCIOM Taskforce on the Future of Local Public Health

3:15 – 5:00 PM During the work of the NCIOM Taskforce on the Future of Local Public Health, a data-focused workgroup was formed and facilitated in partnership with the NCAHLD. The purpose of the group was to gather information and thought from a diverse group of data stakeholder for the Taskforce (and broader ecosystem) work that supports population and performance improvement led by local public health. Heather Gates, strategy partner & facilitator, will share an overview of that process and update on learnings and next steps. This session will also include additional presenter sharing around data efforts, progress, and considerations in NC (stay tuned for more details). There will be space for facilitated dialogue and sharing across participants.

Presenter:



Heather Gates, MPH
Owner & Consultant, Human-Centered Strategy, LLC

On Thursday, section members are encouraged to attend our business meeting from 8:30 – 9:15 AM, where we will be selecting a new Practice Co-Chair for the section. After, all conference attendees are welcome to attend our slate of podium presentations throughout the morning and afternoon. Eleven 20-minute presentations will be given and attendees are welcome to check out the presentation topics in September and pop-in and out as you like. Lastly, while you attend the silent auction and reception during the evening, please stop by and review some awesome posters. Please support our practitioners and students as they share their great work!

Women and Children's Section



The Women and Children's Health Section is excited about the 2022 Fall Education Conference. The event provides a time to connect, communicate and come together with others who are passionate about the health and well-being of women, children, and their families across the state! The WCH Section has several sessions planned for the conference.

Connectedness, Collaborations, and Resilience in Women's and Children's Health: This session will include lightning round presentations, and panel discussion, from public health providers that have had successful connections and collaborations working to improve women's and children's health in their community.

Sneezes, Itches, and Germs: Preventing the Spread in Child Care and Schools: Subject matter experts during this session will discuss how public health, communities, child care facilities, and schools can work together to control the spread of communicable disease. Lessons learned from the past 2.5 years, current recommendations, and recent success stories will be shared

Vaccine Hesitancy: Vaccinations help protect women and children from many preventable diseases, but also remain

an ongoing challenge for professionals in public health especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this session, we will have local and state experts provide knowledge and offer strategies to help public health professionals address vaccine hesitancy occurring at the individual, interpersonal, community and policy levels.

The WCH and the Social Work sections are teaming to bring a session called, "**Happiness: A State of Mind?**" According to Abraham Lincoln, "Most folks are usually about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Come explore and delve into some of life's myths about happiness and strategies that will encourage joy in the midst of building resiliency in this session.

Finally, the WCH and Nursing sections are also partnering to provide a **Legal and Legislative Update**. This annual favorite is back with Jill Moore from UNC School of Government and Tiffany Gladney from NC Child.

Please come support the WCH Section by attending one of the sessions. You can also help by entering our silent auction of baskets to help raise money for our Ann Wolfe Scholarship.



Wellness and Prevention Section



Our section is pleased to join the WNC Health Network in offering a session on collaborative public health communications. This interactive session will focus on a regional approach to creating locally- tailored health messages. We are also excited to co-sponsor a session with the nursing, social work, and public health leadership sections. This session will feature a trauma-informed practice panel with four amazing speakers from nursing, medical, and social work backgrounds. Both sessions will offer CHES® credits! A third session will offer an introduction to the Community Resiliency® Model. We are thankful to J'vaneté Becton Skiba and Lauren Clark from the New Hanover County Resiliency Task Force for providing this opportunity.

Other excitement includes the Scholarship Walk on Wednesday, section business meeting on Thursday, and silent auction items! Come ready to bid on items and support the work of the Wellness and Prevention Section. We are excited to see you in Wilmington...it's just a few short weeks!

Above: Speakers for Collaborative Public Health Communications

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