

NCPHA e-newsletter

E-Letter from the NC Public Health Association and the NCPHA Public Awareness Committee

JULY 2010

Annual Educational Conference Deadlines and More!

July 31st: deadline for abstracts, posters, and award nominations

September 1st: deadline for submitting scholarship nominations

October 1st: early bird special registration fee ends

October 5th: group rate at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside expires

October 27th-29th: time for great sessions, speakers, networking, and fun by the river

Register now at www.ncpha.com for the NCPHA Annual Educational Conference at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside. You must make your reservation by October 5, 2010 to receive the \$114 per night rate. These rates are good only for a limited number of rooms. Once the block of rooms is full, the rate increases per night. Book your room early to ensure this special rate.

The easiest way to reserve your hotel room is to use the [personalized group web page](#) the Hilton has set up for us. You can also dial the Hilton directly at 910-763-5900 or 888-324-8170. When booking your reservation, don't forget to provide the agent with our group rate code "PHN." This will ensure you get the lower group rate.

Details for submitting abstracts, posters, and award nominations are on the website, as well as registration details.



From Jones Street...

A legislative update from Executive Director Lynette Tolson

The General Assembly closed its doors July 10th in the wee hours of the morning. Thank you all for responding to the alerts and making calls during session. Your calls and e-mails really helped make a difference in public health this year.

Below are highlights to legislation that impact public health.

SB 897 – the budget bill included :

- \$3 million non-recurring for immunizations
- \$ 3.00 Medicaid co-pay that now includes health departments have to collect
- Transitions Maternal Outreach Workers (MOW) to service provided by Maternity Care Coordination (MCC) and Child Service Coordination (CSC). MCC & CSC will now be required to have a bachelors degree or be a licensed registered nurse
- Eliminates of 27 positions from DPH
- Reduces the local health department accreditation program by \$325,000
- Provides \$14 million to serve people in the AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)
- Provides \$100,000 to health departments for the Healthy Carolinians program
- Provides \$650,000 for adolescent and teen pregnancy prevention

For a complete listing of items in the bill:

Money Report: www.ncga.state.nc.us/sessions/2009/budget/2010/SB897_

[Joint%20Conference%20Committee%20Report%2006-28-10.pdf](#)

Special Provisions:

www.ncga.state.nc.us/sessions/2009/budget/2010/S897-CCSLExf-4.pdf

HB1766 included language to exempt old stores who have been in operation for 75 years who prepare uncooked food are now exempt from being permitted. NCPHA strongly opposed this exemption. We expect to see more discussion on this next session.

Thanks to your response, the move of Environmental Health (EH) to DPH was stopped. This issue is being reviewed by the DPH and DEH.

As we begin to prepare for the 2011-12 session, NCPHA is excited to announce we will be using a new tool for our advocacy program. Convio is a database-driven technology that can support our website, e-mail, fundraising and online advocacy efforts. NCPHA is thrilled to have this tool for next session!

Welcome Jennifer Park, the new NCPHA administrative assistant. Contact her at jpark@ncpha.org or 919-828-6205.



Open Mike

By NCPHA President Mike Reavis

Local health departments, it is time to submit applications for a **Wolfe Mini Grant** to fund a worthy Child Health / Infant Mortality project. The grants will be awarded at the NCPHA Annual Educational Conference in Wilmington on October 28, 2010. The amounts and number of grants are undetermined. In the recent past, there have been (two-three) \$5,000 grants each year. Applications will be available online soon. Applications are due **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17, 2010**.

Requirements

1. Must be a Local Health Department in North Carolina as the primary applicant.
2. Successful applicants must present a project report during the NCPHA Annual Educational Conference following project completion.
3. Project Year begins November 1, 2010 through an 18- month period.
4. Application is limited to the pages provided. Supporting documentation and letters of support are not necessary, and additional materials will not be considered.
5. Grant funds cannot supplant local contributions.



Where are they now?



Randall Turpin was the 1997 recipient of the NCPHA **Reynolds Award** for his contribution to public health as health director of Jackson County. Today, he serves his community on the Board of Directors of Healthy Carolinians of Jackson County, co-

chair of the Healthy Aging Action Team of Jackson County, and chair of the Board of Directors of Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority. He is also very active in his church and other community activities, such as building ramps for medically indigent individuals.

Says Turpin, "I enjoy spending time with family (new grandson!) and friends while also fishing the lakes in not only NC but the surrounding states. I bought a rocking chair for retirement but have not found time to use it yet."

Paula Carden, current Jackson County HD, wrote, "He is a wonderful supporter of public health His leadership and support mean so much to me and this agency. I give him total credit for the great agency we have today."

Nominate someone today for the 2010 Reynolds Award. Go to www.ncpha.com and click *Membership* at the top, then *Awards* in the drop-down box. The deadline is July 31st.

Salute!

Congratulations to the Gaston County Health Department and Gaston Family Health Services, Inc. on the grand opening in July of the Highland Health Center (HHC) in Gastonia. The center will provide low-income, uninsured, underinsured, and underserved residents of Highland and nearby communities with high-quality family-centered primary medical care and health services. HHC will integrate public health, primary medical care, and urgent care services to deliver a full-range of clinical and ancillary health services. HHC will use a sliding-fee scale for clients to receive care, regardless of their ability to pay.

Planning for the Center was part of a Gaston County team business plan for the Management Academy for Public Health in Chapel Hill. In explaining the need, they wrote: "This community is greatly underserved as it has no clinical practices, is geographically isolated from community health resources by the lack of convenient public transportation, and an estimated 26.7% of its 5,708 residents are uninsured (BRFSS, 2006). Extrapolated health data also points to significant health status deficits across the lifespan ... teen pregnancy, low birthweight babies, infant mortality, diabetes, and coronary heart disease.

Based on past visits, the estimate is for over 20,000 clients to be served per year in the new 10,000 square foot facility.



Funding Opportunity

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust's Health Care Division announced its September 15th fall grant cycle application deadline. See www.kbr.org/news-room.cfm?nid=67