

NCACC Annual Conference – Hickory (Aug. 23 – 25)

Public Health Workshop Session Presentation – Planning Ideas

Possible time slots: 1:30-2:45pm on Thur. Aug. 23 or Friday Aug. 24

Request: Would like a public health session that focuses on Environmental Health so they can link and sponsor session through their Environment Steering Committee. They are flexible with other public health subject matter discussion as long as one or two focus on environmental health.

Past year's sessions/topics:

2016 Workshop Block I: Thursday, Aug. 11, 2:45 – 4 p.m.

Public Health Connections and Hot Topics

County public health agencies work to not only protect citizens against communicable diseases, but also to improve public health in general – something that can be utilized as a tool for economic development. This workshop will begin with an overview about the connections between public health and economic development, but will also provide speed sessions on some local public health hot topics: the availability of Naloxone through local health departments; allowing for syringe exchange to help reduce the spread of Hepatitis and HIV; the conflicts of national regulations and state law about post-exposure rabies animal quarantine; the Medicaid cost settlement and why it has made it critical to invest in billing staff; and, of course, Zika and what local health departments can do to combat its spread. Pose your public health questions to a panel of five local health directors!

Speakers and panelists: Colleen Bridger, Health Director, Orange County; Lisa Harrison, Director, Granville/Vance District Health Department; David Jenkins, Health Director, Carteret County; Dennis Joyner, Health Director, Stanly County; and Layton Long, Health Director, Chatham County

2017 Workshop Block I - Thursday, August 10, 2:45 - 4 p.m.

Public Health Hot Topics: Medicaid Reform, Communicable Diseases, and Opioids

Pose your public health questions to a team of local health directors that will offer presentations on Medicaid reform and its potential impact on county governments, health department services, and budgets; emerging communicable diseases; and local public health efforts regarding opioids and North Carolina law.

Speakers: Lisa Macon Harrison, MPH, Health Director, Granville-Vance Health District; Dr. Sue Lynn Ledford, BSN, MPA, DrPH, Health Director, Wake County; and David Jenkins, MPA, Health Director/Deputy Director of Human Services, Carteret County. Facilitator: Jim Bruckner, MSHS, Health Director, Macon County

Possible Topics for 2018:

- Public Health's role in responding to environmental health pollution: the GenX experience
- New legislation impacting local environmental health
 - o pasteurized milk de-regulation;
 - o environmental health consequences of HB 374
- Public health funding disparities: Fed/State/Local

- Public Health's impact on economic development
- Opioids: Where stand after a year of intense focus; What have we learned and where are the gaps?
- Other possible topics?