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To:

NC Association of Local Health Directors From: Anna Schenck, PhD, NCIPH Director

NCIPH/SPH Update for NCALHD Business Meeting Re:

June 16, 2016 Date:

## 1. Training

In the last quarter, NCIPH closed out its 2015-16 public health training contracts with the NC Division of Public Health and reported annual data including:

- Delivery of 21 total trainings for NC Boards of Health, 3 of which were co-sponsored with local AHECs
- Provision of core training in public health nursing to 86 new public health nurses from 48 counties
- Training 48 new local health department supervisors from 40 counties in core management skills in a faceto-face course and delivery of 3 webinars to experienced supervisors from 47 counties
- Delivery of 3 different cohorts of Enhanced Role RN training in physical assessment and STD screening to local health department nurses from 32 counties.

Upcoming trainings:

- Local Boards of Health trainings by request (contact rachel.wilfert@unc.edu)
- Physical Assessment of Adults and STD Nurse Clinician Training Course August 23, 2016 August 20, 2017. For more information: http://sph.unc.edu/nciph/paa-std/

## 2. Accreditation

- a. A new Site Visitor orientation, was held on June 14th for eight new applicants. Their training will continue in the fall as they shadow site visits and participate in knowledge assessments.
- b. Annual Update and Skills Building training was also held for all site visitors on June 14th.
- c. Remember to register through AHEC for upcoming Achieving Success with Accreditation trainings in July in Raleigh, Boone and Greenville. Detailed information can be found on the Accreditation website. https://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/
- d. The NCLHDA Board is re-forming their Appeals, Evidence and Standards, and Policy Committees and will start work soon.
- e. For additional information, contact Amy Belflower Thomas (amy.b.thomas@unc.edu)

## 3. Technical Assistance

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust recently awarded NCIPH a contract to support a project titled "Data Assessment, Resource Mapping and Gap Analysis in Nash/Edgecombe Counties" with Amy Belflower Thomas leading a team of Institute staff working closely with the communities to support the Trust's Healthy Places NC initiative.

## 4. NCIPH Review

A university required review of NCIPH has been completed. NCIPH was recognized for many successes during the five year review period, including: offering 602 continuing education activities which reached 167,740 people; supporting the NC local health department accreditation program, through which all 85 NC LHDs were accredited; and promoting scholarly engagement through partner events, 237 presentations and 76 published articles. NCIPH's primary focus on North Carolina was reaffirmed. Based on suggestions from the review, resources have been allocated to support a full-time director position for NCIPH.