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To: NC Association of Local Health Directors
From: Anna Schenck, PhD, NCIPH Director
Re: NCIPH/SPH Update for NCALHD Business Meeting
Date: August 18, 2016

1. Training

- a. Please let your Directors of Nursing know that the next *Principles & Practices of Public Health Nursing* course will take place **November 7-9, 2016**. This course is mandated by NC Legislative Code within the first year of employment for any local health department nurses without a BSN.
- b. Registration is open for the annual School Nurse Conference which will take place in October. More information can be found at <http://sph.unc.edu/nciph/nciph-catalog/>.
- c. Reminder - registration is still open for Fall 2016 Child Health Regional Meetings. The 351 Child Health Agreement Addenda requires agencies to send a minimum of one participant to the regional meetings; this includes agencies that are not providing child health direct services. Registration information available at: <http://sph.unc.edu/nciph/nciph-catalog/>; agencies may use Title V/351 funds to send staff to the regional meetings.

2. Accreditation

- a. Over 165 staff representing at least 78 health departments attended the ***Achieving Success with Accreditation*** trainings in July. We received a wealth of valuable feedback on both how to structure future trainings as well as how to improve the NCLHDA program. We will share this information with you soon and appreciate your continued feedback.
- b. The *Standards and Evidence* Committee of the NCLHDA Board has been reformed. Chris Dobbins is Chair of the Committee with membership including Phyllis Rocco, Larry Michael, Teresa Ellen, Bob Byrd, Ben Tillett, and Roxanne Holloman. Their first task will be reviewing and taking action on the changes to the *HDSA I* and *HDSA I Interpretation Document* made by the Accreditation 2.0 Stakeholders Group. These changes, if approved, will NOT be approved in time to affect counties having site visits in Winter/Spring 2017.
- c. For additional information, contact Amy Belflower Thomas (amy.b.thomas@unc.edu)

3. Other

- a. NCIPH is currently hiring for three positions. Postings can be accessed at <https://unc.peopleadmin.com>.
 - i. Institute Director (closing 9/6/16)
 - ii. Project Director (leadership program)
 - iii. Research Associate (accreditation support and technical assistance projects; to be posted soon)