

EDNCPHA Eastern District

Good Health Today & Tomorrow

FALL, 2023 EDNCPHA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear EDNCPHA Members,

As we stand on the brink of a new year, it is my privilege and pleasure to extend warm greetings to each and every one of you on behalf of the Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association. Commencing a new year signifies not just the passage of time but represents new beginnings, renewed commitments, and limitless opportunities.

Firstly, I sincerely thank our immediate past President, Travis Greer, for exemplary leadership and our outgoing President, Wes Gray, whose contributions have been instrumental to the board.

Reflecting on the challenges and triumphs of the past year, I am deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication and resilience demonstrated by our members and supporters. The global health landscape has presented unprecedented challenges. Still, our collective efforts have sustained and propelled forward our mission to promote public health and well-being...

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Our commitment to evidence-based practices, advocacy, and community engagement remains unwavering and remains the bedrock of our endeavors.

In the spirit of the new year, let us reaffirm our shared vision for a healthier, more resilient world. Through collaboration, innovation, and an unwavering pursuit of knowledge, we can effect positive change and make lasting impacts on the well-being of individuals and populations.

I am delighted to invite you to join us at our annual conference on April 24-26, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Atlantic Beach, NC. This year's theme, "EDNCPHA: Recruit, Develop, and Retain A Strong Public Health Team," emphasizes the importance of building a robust public health workforce. Your contributions and expertise are valuable, and together, we can contribute to the growth of our public health community.

In conclusion, I extend my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyful, healthy, and prosperous holiday season. May the new year be filled with achievements, learning, and moments of inspiration that fuel our collective pursuit of a healthier world.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and passion for public health.

Warm regards,

Andrea R. Freeman, MPA, NC-CLGFO

President, 2023-2024



PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall (or what some of us in North Carolina call a "slightly cooler summer"),

I am very excited to be serving as your President-Elect for the Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association for 2023-2024. I have been a member of Eastern District for several years, and cannot think of a finer group of folks to work with around the state. It was delightful to see everyone in Nags Head this past April.

Moving forward, I'd like to thank our Past Presidents, our current President, Andrea Freeman, and everyone who has worked so hard to ensure that Eastern District remains one of the best Public Health Organizations in the Nation. As we move past the pandemic, many of you all are facing a new "public health crisis." This crisis involves the recruitment of new talent, professional development, and retaining staff in a highly competitive market. At times, we find ourselves contending for some of the same applicants and even current staff. The Executive Committee and Section Chairs are beginning to plan our next annual meeting where we aim to discuss how we can train, retain, and recruit the best possible workforce

We invite you to meet with us at North Carolina's Crystal Coast on April 24-26, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. If there is a particular topic of interest around workforce development, please reach out to your Section Chairs or any Executive Team member with questions or suggestions for the upcoming annual meeting.



Without reservation, I cannot wait to see you there!

President– Elect 2023-2024

Fred "Trey" Wright III, MA, MPH

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 63rd Annual Conference in Nags Head has to be my favorite conference with EDNCPHA so far.

It was truly memorable due to the remarkable attendance and spirit that each attendee brought. Have you heard the saying before, "If you leave hungry, its your own fault." I can say that about our 63rd Annual Conference if attendees left physically or emotionally hungry it was their own fault.

The opening session speaker, Debra Farrington, Deputy Secretary/...



Chief Health Equity Officer with NCDHHS was practical and empowering. The take home message that I took home from her presentation: to foster health equity you need know yourself, be yourself, and serve other selflessly. Sharon Delaney McCloud, closing keynote speaker, was worth every penny invested in having her come to EDNCPHA to empower us as professionals to foster our professional and personal resiliency. Thank you all for your support and devotion to this wonderful professional association we call Eastern District.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlantic Beach, NC in April.

Travis Greer

Past-President, 2023-2024

MARKETING + MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In September, Julie Gooding and Travis Greer attended the NCPHA Fall Education Conference in Concord. The pair promoted Eastern District to conference goers in the vendors gallery to recruit membership and to represent one of the larger affiliates of the State Association. The race-themed displayed was unique and well-received. Thanks to Julie and Travis!



EDNCPHA at the NCPHA
Fall Educational Conference in Concord, NC

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the annual business meeting, an annual report detailing the amount of funds received and disbursed for the previous year was presented. The funds continue to be robust because of excellent recruitment efforts by all of our Sections.



REPORT DATE	11-Aug-23	
ACCOUNTS BALANCE		
CHECKING	\$13,590.28	
SAVINGS	\$17,188.30	
MEMBERSHIP TOTALS		
	(END) 2022-2023	YTD 2023-2024
PAID MEMBERS	124	24
NEW MEMBERS	54	2
RENEWALS	70	22

WHAT'S NEW IN 2023-2024?

Renewing and new members will be accessing revised Awards and Scholarship nomination forms and additional upgrades to forms. We hope that these upgrades will encourage more participation.

How about a sneak Peak at EDNCPHA's new look? The Executive Committee voted recently on artwork and branding developed by Travis Greer. We look forward to showing it with spirit. Let us know what you think by emailing any Officer.



DOOR PRIZE COMMITTEE

The Door Prize Committee hopes that everyone enjoyed the door prizes from the last conference! We look forward to bringing some different items for the next years conference.

Karen Prince, Co-Chair

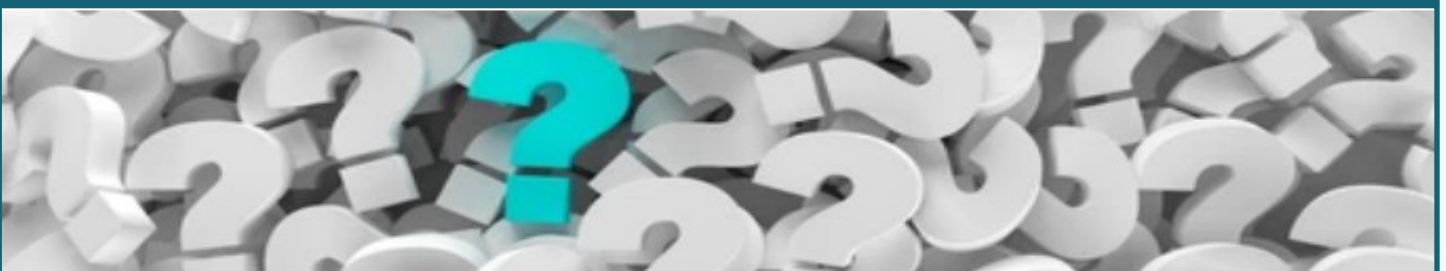
Barbie Britt, Co-Chair



HOW YOU CAN JOIN OR VOLUNTEER

Since 1961 EDNCPHA has been serving to provide professional development, mentoring, and networking for Public Health in the eastern part of North Carolina. We work to educate, promote, and improve the health of all North Carolinians. In addition to your valued membership, there are opportunities to serve on committees and special projects.

Each year, the Membership Committee and Nominating Committee must maintain the Association. If you are seeking a place with like-minded, dedicated, and creative folks to help keep this a great Association. Please consider this call for service. Membership questions can be directed to the Chair at edncpha@yahoo.com. The current year's members application is on page 4. Nominations for future leadership and committee appointments are being accepted by travis.greer@brunswickcountync.gov.





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

STAY INFORMED, VISIT www.easterndistrictpublichealth.org

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

ANNUAL DUES: \$35.00

NAME: _____

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

If new, name of person or organization you were recruited by: _____

Present Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please complete the Membership application and make check payable to EDNCPHA. To pay by credit card, please call 910-876-2510. You will need to scan and email your membership form to edncpha@yahoo.com

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EDNCPHA is composed of Six (6) Sections. An individual must be a member of EDNCPHA to qualify for membership in a Section. Please circle the Section or Sections to which you wish to belong.

Environmental Health	FAMI	Health Directors
Health Education	Communicable Disease	Nursing/Physician Extenders/Laboratory

Will you be eligible for Life Membership _____ Yes _____ No. (Life Membership requires retirement as of December 31, 2023, and twenty years of service in public health)

If you will be eligible, complete this section and return to the Treasurer by March 1, 2024

Signed: _____ Date: _____

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



Carol Lee

During the 2023 Annual Conference, the Membership Committee, was pleased to announce the following as new Life Members –Teresa Ellen, who retired from Wilson County Health Department, and Carol Lee from Northampton County Health Department. We are so happy to celebrate their careers.



Teresa Ellen

The 2023 Scholarship winners were announced by Trisha Tant, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, The students were represented by their parents as Child of Member winners. Mackenzie Clayton is the daughter of Janet Clayton, Health Director of Person County. William (Will) Strickland, is the son of Steve Strickland, Assistant Health Director for Johnston County. Congratulations to the student winners and their parents.



Will Strickland



Mackenzie Clayton

CONGRATULATIONS!

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Special Projects Committee still has EDNCPHA spirit items for sale. The sales of these items raise funds to help the Association with costs associated with planning a big conference. The Committee is offering bucket hats and a 20oz. travel cup. Please contact Rhonda Mushaw, Chair, to purchase or reserve a couple of cups and hats by emailing rhonda-mushaw@warrencountync.gov. They are awesome spirit wear and make great gifts.

Attendees can expect other fundraising opportunities at the 2024 conference.



Richard Clayton modeling a bucket hat at the April 2023 Annual Conference. Be like Richard.

REGISTRATION TEAM



Let's talk about recruitment, development, and retaining public health professionals. This year's conference will be held at the Double Tree at Atlantic Beach! **Save the Date! April 24-26, 2024**

The annual conference team is working on another awesome conference. We want you to get your reservations early and at the conference pricing.

Double Tree by Hilton Atlantic Beach
2717 West Fort Macon Road

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina 28512 USA

For reservations, please call the hotel directly at 252-240-1155.

Ask for the conference room rate for "Eastern District NC Public Health Association" which is \$159.00 per night.

Reservation deadline is by March 22, 2024

EASTERN DISTRICT NCPHA ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING
"EDNCPHA: Recruit, Develop, & Retain A Strong Public Health Team"
April 24-26, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton, Atlantic Beach, NC

NAME: _____

(Please print name as preferred on Name Tag)

AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

POSITION: _____

SECTION AFFILIATION: _____

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All registration fees include Wednesday lunch, Friday breakfast, and all other conference-sponsored functions

FULL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$130.00 ☐

FULL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$170.00 ☐

FULL CONFERENCE ON-SITE REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$135.00 ☐

FULL CONFERENCE ON-SITE REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$175.00 ☐

ONE DAY PRE-REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$85.00 ☐

ONE DAY PRE-REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$130.00 ☐

ONE DAY ON-SITE REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$90.00 ☐

ONE DAY ON-SITE REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$135.00 ☐

*STUDENT REGISTRATION – ONE-HALF THE ABOVE FEES \$ _____ ☐
(Full-Time Students)

*LIFE MEMBER REGISTRATION – ½ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION \$ _____ ☐

Special Lunch Request-Vegetarian ☐

BREAKFAST & LUNCH TICKETS (available for one-day registration or guests) \$25.00 ☐

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Registration Forms MUST be mailed no later than April 17, 2024. [Credit Cards Payments – 910-876-2510](tel:910-876-2510)
Refunds must be submitted in writing and will not be available until 2 weeks after the Annual Meeting

REGISTRATION FEES:

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MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$35.00

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(Make all checks payable to: EDNCPHA)

2023-2024 CHECKLIST



- **R**enew your membership or complete your membership to join.
- **L**ook at the service awards up for nomination: Individual Achievement, Outstanding Career, and Outstanding Public Health for Health Departments or Programs. It is an honor to nominate a deserving colleague as much as it is to be nominated. Most deadlines are in the Spring.
- **R**evue the scholarships that are available to current practicing members or their eligible children, from the fifty-five counties comprising the Eastern District of NCPHA for qualified graduate study, undergraduate study, or technical/associate degree or certificate in a public health discipline for the next academic year.
- **S**tart your conference preparations. Reserve your room early. Think of who you can invite who might be new to public health or has never attended a multi-disciplinary conference.
- **L**ook out for conference fundraisers.
- **S**ubmit an article or advertisement to the newsletter.
vhudson@orangecountync.gov
- **L**et the Executive Committee know if you want to join a committee, to donate a door prize, to suggest a great presentation for our professional development, to submit proclamations for retired and recently deceased public health folks, or to get answers to your questions. We are here for you. edncpha@yahoo.com

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