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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to All,

Our 59th Annual Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association (EDNCPHA) conference is scheduled for May 1-3, 2019 at the Shell Island Resort, Wilmington, NC. The Executive Committee is busy making preparations for another exciting conference. Many of our presentations will focus on social determinants of health; thus, we have selected the following conference theme:

Public Health "Riding the Wave – More than Medicine"

On behalf of the 2018-2019 Executive Committee, we look forward to you joining our upcoming conference; and we appreciate your support of EDNCPHA. Please check our website frequently for updates. Join us as we "ride the wave" and fully immerse ourselves into the ever changing flow of public health!



Melissa Packer, EDNCPHA President

PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

Hello, I am honored to serve as your Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association President-Elect for the 2018-2019 conference. This year the Executive Committee and I are working to present a conference focusing on social determinants of health. These topics will fall in line with our theme: Public Health "Riding the Wave-MORE than Medicine." We look forward to having you join us for our 59th Annual EDNCPHA conference, May 1-3, 2019 at the Shell Island Resort in beautiful Wilmington, NC. We look forward to having you "ride the wave" with us as we learn more about topics that effect and affect all of us daily. Our Sections Chairpersons will also be working to present topics relevant to your daily business activities. So feel free to reach out to us with any suggestions. The anticipation of seeing you all in Wilmington is so exciting so stay tuned for more detailed information on speakers and topics to come!



Rhonda Ashby, President-Elect



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 09/01/18:

Membership: 36

5 - new members

31- renewals

Finances:

Checking: \$11,700.87

Savings: \$7,181.38

**There is no better time than now to renew your membership or
become a new member of EDNCPHA.**

To download a member application [click here.](#)

**THE 59TH ANNUAL EASTERN DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCE**

“PUBLIC HEALTH: RIDING THE WAVE – MORE THAN MEDICINE”



[Shell Island Resort](#) May 1-3, 2019

Phone: 1.800.689.6765

reservations@shellisland.com

Hotel Reservation Group Code- *Eastern District NCPHA*

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SECTION REPORT

The Communicable Disease Section joined in partnership with the Health Education, Nursing and Physician Extenders Sections during the 58th Eastern District NC Public Health Association (EDNCPHA) spring educational conference. The educational conference provided great information on substance misuse with an emphasis on opioids. We began learning about opioids with Christie Caputo, Hepatitis Program Manager, who shared NC's current and future plans to address the Opioid epidemic in Western NC. From here we learned how Pitt County is working in collaboration with other community organizations to aid in the prevention efforts in this eastern county. Ms. Elizabeth Montgomery Lee who is Executive Director of Pitt County Coalition on Substance misuse. She is also the Director of ECU Regional Training Center gave this informative correspondence. After lunch we resumed our learning activities by hearing from Ms. Susan Kansagra. She is the Chief of the NCDHHS Chronic Disease and Injury Section. Ms. Kansagra spoke with us concerning NC's opioid crisis and progress made thus far for NC's plan to combat this crisis. Mr. Joe Williams who is a pharmacist in St. Pauls', NC gave a dynamic presentation on the role pharmacists play in working with local outreach and law enforcement officers to combat the plan to reduce opioid misuse. They can identify individuals who come in with multiple prescriptions from several doctors. He also shared how pharmacists can spot prescriptions from physicians in other states being filled in NC because it is known in their particular state that this doctor over writes prescriptions for opioids and patients cannot get them filled within their own state. The pharmacist in turn notifies local law enforcement, which come to the pharmacy to deal with the situation. Last but not least we had an exciting presentation on how substance misuse plays into the role of human trafficking. Dr. D.F. Duncan with Project No Rest from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work shared how both young and older individuals are tricked into trafficking activities. He also gave us several items to be aware of when working in the communities that could possibly be signs of human trafficking. These were all very informative presentations with information that will certainly help with awareness of the substance abuse problems NC and the nation are facing. It also improved ones awareness on how they can assist in the role to help reduce substance misuse and save lives!

During our business meeting a slate of new officers were voted on for the 2018-2019 Eastern District NC Public Health Association Communicable Disease Section. Your officers for this year are:

President:	Brenda "BJ" Judd	Vice President:	Sandra Smith
Secretary:	Dee Fingar	Treasurer:	Brian Garvlin
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Susan Ardizzone	Scholarship:	Robert "Bob" Winstead

The Communicable Disease Section is working to provide another wonderful learning opportunity. Please mark your calendars for May 1-3, 2019, to join us for a great networking and learning experience. See you in May at Shell Island.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Judd

HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION REPORT

Health Educators– Come ride the waves next spring in Wilmington for the 2019 conference! Our spring conference will have a focus on social determinants of health and we have exciting things planned for the Health Education section. We are busy working on awesome speakers, adding fun fitness breaks and having a strong NCPHA Young Professional presence! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the 2019 EDNCPHA Conference and support the Health Education Section!



Your Health Education Section Chair, Kerrie Bryant kbryant@pendercountync.gov

FAMI SECTION REPORT

Many thanks to all the FAMI section members who attended this year's EDNCPHA Conference. We had 27 FAMI members attend this year's conference! The FAMI section met on Thursday, April 26, 2018 during the 58th Annual Eastern District NCPHA Spring Conference at Atlantic Beach, NC. We had a very informative agenda with great presenters. The morning started off with Ann Moore, NC DPH Administrative Consultant, updating us on the "Top Reasons Why Medicaid Claims Are Denied and How to Fix Them", with a follow-up on Billing Updates by Debbie Widener, with Patagonia Health. In the afternoon sessions we had a great and energetic presentation by Sherita Sutton, Health Educator in Hoke County, on how to conduct crucial conversations when dealing with co-workers and building the "A-Team", in your department. Our afternoon wrapped up with Ashley Stoop, Chairperson of the NC Public Health HIPAA Alliance Workgroup and Director of Policy, Planning, Preparedness, and HIPAA Privacy & Security Officer of Albemarle Regional Health Services, with updates on what the HIPAA Alliance workgroup has been working on this past year, and then ended with a group discussion on best practices and tips for tracking performance evaluations, job descriptions, orientation, credentialing and training for Accreditation.



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Please make plans to attend the 2019 EDNCPHA Conference at Shell Island in Wrightsville Beach and support the FAMI Section. Hope to see everyone there!! We are currently working on the program for 2019 so if you have any suggestions, please contact Jenny McDuffie at (910) 875-3717 ext. 2114 or jmcduffie@hokehealth.org.

Jenny McDuffie, Business Officer
Hoke County Health Department

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION REPORT

Greetings. The Environmental Health Section of EDNCPHA had a full day with educational opportunities. Our focus this year included the hot topics of Opioid Issues and how they affect Environmental Health. The State presented GenX contamination and updates, Chris Hoke spoke on Professionalism vs. Politics in Environmental Health, and Terry Chappell gave an update on Pools, Tattoos and Piercings regulations. Larry Michael ended our day with updates from the Environmental Health Branch. Special thank you to Melanie Campen for her creativity with another successful Silent Auction.

Plans are now underway for our 2019 Eastern District Annual Education Conference. The theme for this year certainly gives much thought to how all disciplines within Public Health are vital. Lexie Perillo and I are working on getting together a program that is timely, educational, and will be of interest to all.

We need your support recruiting new membership. Our section's attendance increased this year and we are looking for increased attendance for 2019. Encourage your EHS friends and co-workers to join the membership and to serve as officers! We need the up and coming generation of EHS's to get involved with creating educational programs and planning the conferences. There is significant work behind the scenes to make great conferences. Serving on a committee and as an officer is excellent experience that has given me a greater appreciation for our EDNCPHA and all of our public health professional community. If you are interested in serving, please contact me:

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HEALTH DIRECTORS' SECTION REPORT

The Health Directors section of Eastern District presented some quite thought provoking and relevant topics this past spring. The health director attendance was impressive and the section events had a full audience of attentive participants. The health director section has seen some notable growth over the past few years and we continue to look forward to more attendance going forward. It is important that public health leaders take advantage of the opportunity for educational growth and the nascent sparks of contemplation that build from engaging discussion. An opportunity that was capitalized on by the many health directors this past spring; an opportunity for exposure to things to come and the challenges they were facing.

In order to keep the measure in line with a thought provoking motif, the agenda was established to present diversified topics, all of which set a final note of improvement forward. The first presentation was a glimpse into public health's future in North Carolina under the Division of Public Health. Beth Lovette gave a somewhat prognosticated discussion on Medicaid reform, key focuses, population health perspective, and how will it measure up in a manner of measuring. This was followed by a jaunt back into the present to discuss the ongoing opioid crisis and how the partners of Public Health at the Gaston County Health and Human Services department navigated a broad group of key stakeholders into a community response initiative to address the growing epidemic. Stephen Eaton and Dr. Velma Taormina offered a candid glimpse into effective mission building through teamwork and collective buy in. Lastly, Stacie Saunders, Alamance County Health Department, gave a stalwart presentation on the novelty of modeling up academic health departments and how that integrated value can be used to build better presence within and without a local health department. The scope proffered how an intertwined health department and educational entity yielded an innovative design that could improve population study and effectiveness in developing program impact within a community.

As you can see, we had a very intense but exhilarating day with the Health Directors section. It was also great to be together in Atlantic Beach and I'm sure we all look forward to our next meeting in 2019. I know well this year's chair, David Howard, is exploring topics for our 2019 conference. Since health directors get exposed to a variety of subject matter each year, it is always an interesting challenge to seek out topics that are informative yet inspiring in their content. I am excited to see what adventure this year provides us all. If you have any suggestions please contact David Howard at dhoward@nhcgov.com or 910.798.6592.

Davin Madden, 2018 Section Chair

NURSING AND PHYSICIAN EXTENDERS' SECTION REPORT

Greetings Public Health Nurses and Physician Extenders!! Thank you all for coming out to the conference this past spring, our breakout sessions were fantastic. Please talk to your Health Director and consider joining Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association. We would love to have you join us. Come be a part of our section, collaborate with peers, and be inspired!

Preparations for the 59th annual EDNCPHA Conference are underway! The conference will be held on May 1-3, 2019 at the Shell Island Resort, Wrightsville Beach, NC. This year's theme is:

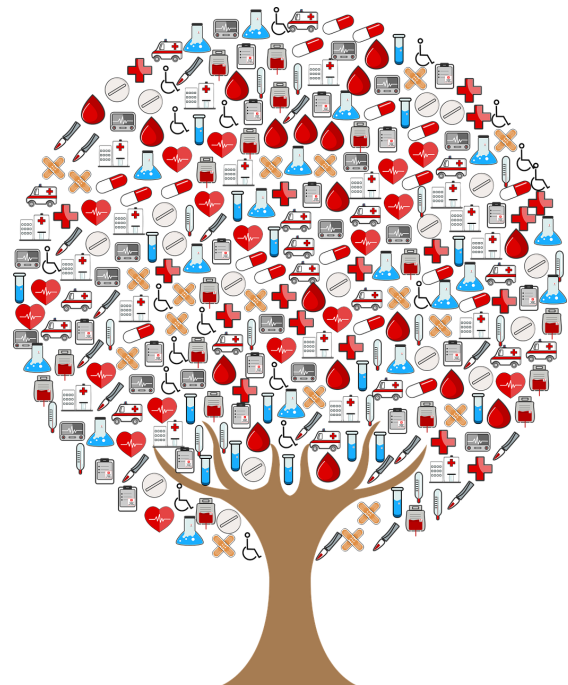
Public Health "Riding the Wave – More than Medicine"

This past conference the Communicable Disease, Health Education, and Nursing and Physician Extenders sections came together and formed a wonderful day of breakout sections that include the following topics: Opioid/Substance Abuse Epidemic in Western NC; Current Community Collaborations on Prevention; Opioid Crisis and Progress on NC Opioid Plan; What Public Health Can Do to Address Substance Misuse/Abuse "The Role of the Pharmacist"; and Project No Rest, Human Trafficking and Substance Abuse/Misuse.

We are hard at work planning the section breakouts for the conference in May. If you have any input, ideas or would like to assist please feel free to reach out to me.

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Barbie Britt -Section Chair



AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

It is TIME for EDNCPHA members to consider nominating a member worthy of recognition during the Annual Educational Conference being held May 1-3, 2019 at the Shell Island Resort in Wrightsville Beach. Eastern District has three awards that will be presented this year at the Awards luncheon on Wednesday.

There are many individuals and groups within the Eastern District Public Health Family that deserve to be nominated and there is no greater achievement than to be recognized by your peers for a job well done. We ask that you carefully consider potential candidates from your agency and submit a nomination for our consideration. Today, there are far too few opportunities to recognize our many public health professionals. Please take a minute to change that by taking time to nominate an employee or department.

CATEGORIES ARE:

STACY H. COVIL OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The EDNCPHA member nominated for this award should have demonstrated an outstanding achievement in a specific health related project, program or activity within the past two years. Priority will be given to selecting an individual who has been instrumental in providing significant local, regional or state impact, or the potential for such impact, as a result of implementing the project, program or activity.

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The EDNCPHA member nominated for this award should have significant achievements during a career that is characterized by exemplary and sustained service to public health.

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

The agency or program nominated for this award should have health programming that is considered creative, innovative, efficient and effective. The programming should have demonstrated community involvement and impact and has been or is planned to be an on-going effort.

The nomination should be submitted in narrative form not to exceed two single-spaced typed pages. The deadline for receiving nominations is **April 12, 2019**.

Submit to: Trey Wright, Chair of the Awards Committee for Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association or email to: trey.wright@carteretcountync.gov



NOTICE OF SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY

The Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association is again offering limited scholarships for continuing one's education. The scholarships will be available for the academic year 2019-20. One member and one Child of Member scholarship will be awarded in the following categories and amounts:

- Graduate (Master's and Doctorate) – Member \$500 /Child of Member \$500
- Undergraduate --Member \$500.00/Child of Member \$500
- Technical/Associate Degree or Certificate — Member \$250/Child of Member \$250

Applications can be found at:

<http://easterndistrictpublichealth.org/wp-content/uploads/Scholarship-Application-2018.pdf>

Potential applicants should complete the appropriate application with required materials and letters and return them to:

Patrick Church, Chair
1902 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1900



The deadline to apply is March 15, 2019. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed and awardees selected by April 12, 2018. Winners will be notified prior to the annual meeting, and scholarships will be available at the meeting. If you have any questions. Please email me at patrick.church@dhhs.nc.gov

Sincerely,

Patrick Church, Chair
Scholarship Committee
Eastern District NCPHA

SCENES FROM EDNCPHA SPRING CONFERENCE 2018



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