



FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

When your Planning Committee began preparing for the 2017 conference, the first priority was to decide on a theme. After discussing a variety of topics and issues that may be of interest to our association, the word “partnerships” seemed to rise to the forefront. Building partnerships was not new to public health. Therefore, this year’s theme relates more to the strengthening of community partnerships. Especially during disasters. Little did we know that in October, Hurricane Matthew would impact eastern North Carolina in such a devastating way.

So, join us as public health professionals gather to share experiences, to learn about the importance of fostering current partnerships as well as building new ones. Julie Gooding-Hasty has worked very hard in the development of this program and she is to be commended for her great work. Although it takes many volunteers to make this conference a success, we really need you to consider serving. Help us be a strong voice for public health.

See you in April,

Carolyn Moser



PRESIDENT ELECT’S MESSAGE

Greetings from your President-Elect! Welcome to the 57th Annual EDNCPHA Spring Conference – with the theme being “Strengthening Public Health Partnerships in Eastern NC”. The Section chairs, Program Chairs and Executive Committee have worked hard to bring you a dynamic and informative spring conference. We hope that you enjoy the opening session and the speakers we have lined up. Chris Hoke starts out the conference with a presentation on the State of Public Health in NC and he brings a wealth of Public Health knowledge and experience to share with us. The panel on Hurricane/Disaster Safety and Emergency Preparedness will bring timely information on how public health staff can prepare and deal with these events and share lessons learned from Hurricane Matthew. The Section chairs and program chairs have worked hard to bring you informative speakers and topics on Thursday. We all will have a great send off with Paula Hudson Hildebrand with her closing presentation on the importance of partnerships to get the work done- and as always in a humorous fashion!

Please take time to enjoy the exhibitors and the special Spotlight on Exhibitors on Thursday April 27 at 3:00pm. We need your help in keeping EDNCPHA vibrant and productive. Please fill out the interest survey and sign up for a committee to help with the work of our Association. During the conference, please reach out and make others feel welcome at the meeting- this is a great opportunity to network and form new partnerships! I look forward to serving as President in the new year. Please join me in thanking Carolyn Moser in serving as President this year and the Executive Committee for all their work!

Thank You,

Julie Gooding Hasty, RHEd, President Elect





**“Strengthening Public Health Partnerships in Eastern N.C.”
(April 25-28, 2017)**

**Double Tree by Hilton, Atlantic Beach, NC (\$119 per night/ocean view)
Call 252-240-1155 for reservations/deadline: March 25, 2017**

2016-2017 Leadership

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CONFERENCE AGENDA
57th Annual Eastern District Educational Conference
“Strengthening Public Health Partnerships in Eastern NC”
April 25-28, 2017 Atlantic Beach, NC

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Mixer
Sponsored by Allan Jones
Room 905

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration (Closed 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Vendor Set-Up
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting – TBD

Awards Luncheon and Opening Session - Ballroom

11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Presiding Carolyn Moser, President, EDNCPHA
Invocation Carteret County – Rev. John Carlisto, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Beaufort, NC
Welcome David Jenkins, Carteret County Health Director

The State of Public Health in North Carolina,
Speaker Chris Hoke, Director, Office of Regulatory and Legal Affairs NC
Division of Public Health, Raleigh, NC
Lunch
Awards Presentation Angela Lee, Awards Chair
Life Member Awards Djuana Register, Membership Chair
Scholarships Janet Clayton, Scholarship Chair
Special Awards Djuana Register, Special Awards Chair

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Break

Afternoon Session **Ballroom**

1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Hurricane/Disaster Safety and Emergency Preparedness-Panel Discussion**
Mike Sprayberry, Director of NC Emergency Management, Amanda Fuller Moore, Pharmacist, Public Health Preparedness and Response, NC Division of Public Health, Len Gilstrap, Environmental Health Program Specialist, Carteret County Health Department, Richard Bandy, Meteorologist-in-Charge, Morehead City office of the National Weather Service.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Business Meeting** Carolyn Moser President
Slate of Officers Yulonda McLean, Past-President
Door Prizes Melanie Harper

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Networking Social – Room 905

Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration

Environmental Health Section- Cape Fear Room

Environmental Health Update

Eastern District Environmental Health Section is gearing up for yet another great conference this year. With the EDNCPHA theme '*Strengthening Public Health Partnerships in Eastern North Carolina*', we are set to have an amazing line-up of speakers and presentations. Mr. Wilson Mize will begin our morning with a presentation titled '*Wake County Out-Reach Program/Well Permitting Decision Tool*'. Mr. Wilson Mize is the Groundwater Manager for Wake County Environmental Services and was previously a Private Drinking Water Well Protection Program Regional.

Ms. Stephanie L. Richards, MSEH, PhD, is an associate professor at East Carolina University and has graciously accepted our invitation to present at this year's conference. The title of her presentation '*Mosquito Risks in NC: Building Public Health Partnerships to Address Current and Emerging Issues*' promises to be very interesting and educational. We all are impacted by these vectors, either at our own homes or with dealing with questions, and concerns from the public we serve.

Ms. Terri C. Ritter, REHS, LSS, is an Environmental Health Regional Specialist with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. She has a great presentation in store for us. The Food and Lodging folks need to listen up!! Her presentation is titled '*On the Search for Specialized Processes: Introduce skills that will aid in menu review in retail establishments*'. Since the adoption of the Food Code, some are still a little unclear on certain issues and her presentation may help some of US better understand the importance of menu review/knowledge when inspecting an establishment. She will provide time for questions as all of our presenters will.

Mr. Andrew Haines is an Environmental Program Supervisor II with the Department of Marine Fisheries, Shellfish Sanitation & Recreational Water Quality Section. We are happy he can join us this year. His presentation, '*Shellfish Sanitation and Local Health Departments: A Collaborative Effort to Protect Shellfish Waters*'. It is extremely important for all of environmental health specialists to do their best to protect our environment. This presentation should be very informative.

We are working on finding one more speaker to fill our day. We will keep them a surprise!

Closing out our great day and prior to our brief business meeting, Mr. Larry Michael will be giving an Environmental Health Section Update. Mr. Michael is the Environmental Health Section Chief with the Department of Health and Human Services. Following Mr. Michael, we will have a brief business meeting. Keep in mind that our officers will be moving up in position and there will be an opening for a treasurer. Please consider volunteering to serve on this board. We usually hold about four to five meetings a year (most on conference calls) and this position does not take up too much time AND it guarantees you an invite to our next few conferences as you move up to the next position the following year!!! We need your participation and creative ideas to continue to have successful meetings and conferences. This year, we will be submitting to the RS Board for 5.75 continuing hours for this day, but will also be submitting for approval of additional hours for other section presentations. Possibly up to 9 continuing hours, like last year.

Lastly, do not forget about the silent auction!! We have GREAT items up for auction this year, including beautiful pottery, paintings, fishing items, CAPT Stacy fishing tickets, wine baskets, wood pallet art, Grizzly items, and we are working on much, much, more. This auction helps offset some of our costs at this conference. Come and participate in the auction. You do not need to be in Environmental Health to bid. We welcome all bids!!! Good luck and we hope to see you in Atlantic Beach!!!!

Officers:

Stacey Harris (Beaufort County)-Past

Melanie Campen (Pender County)-Chair

Glen Shoemaker (Wake County)-Vice-Chair

Blakely Lyles (Carteret County)-Secretary

Rob Richardson (Wake County)-Treasurer

Environmental Health Section- Cape Fear Room

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Wake County Out-Reach Program/Well Permitting Decision Tool: Wilson Mize, Groundwater Manager Wake County Environmental Services
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Mosquito Risks in NC: Building Public Health Partnerships to Address Current and Emerging Issues: Stephanie L. Richards, MSEH, PhD Associate Professor, East Carolina University
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break – SILENT AUCTION-MAKE YOUR BIDS!!
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	On the Search for Specialized Processes: Introduce skills that will aid in menu review in retail establishments Terri C. Ritter, REHS, LSS Environmental Health Regional Specialist N.C. DHHS, Food Protection and Facilities
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Shellfish Sanitation and Local Health Departments: A Collaborative Effort to Protect Shellfish Waters Andrew Haines, Environmental Program Supervisor II Department of Marine Fisheries Shellfish Sanitation & Recreational Water Quality Section
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Methamphetamine Lab Presentation Chris Davis, Pamlico County Sheriff
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Break- SILENT AUCTION-CHECK YOUR BIDS!!
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Environmental Health Update Larry Michael, Section Chief DHHS, Environmental Health
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Business Meeting/Door Prizes

*****SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT 5:00PM!!!!*****

Health Education Section Summary

Last year, the 2016 Health Education Section of the EDNCPHA annual meeting covered a broad range of health education topics. Presentations included a jail based prevention program called “Helping Women Recover”, a mock teenage bedroom showing substance abuse signs called “Keeping Current”, “Active Routes to Schools” presentation and updates from the PICH Grant. All of the presentations were informative and engaging. This year the Health Education Section will combine with the Nursing and Communicable Disease Sections to host a dynamic program for spring 2017.

Eastern District Nursing and Physician Extenders Section: An Invitation from the Section Chair

Hi!

I wanted to take this time to let you know we really missed you at our last EDNCPHA conference. However, you get another opportunity to collaborate with others in the public health field this April in Atlantic Beach, NC. We are super excited about the combined section learning this year with Communicable Disease and Health Education. Topics including individuals with Access and Functional Needs, Diabetes, Opioid and needle use provide a small sample. As usual, there are a lot of social networking experiences being offered and of course the ocean and sand between our toes give us a wonderful backdrop for relaxed conversation. Included in the full conference fees are the availability of incredible beach sunrises, and ocean waves to destress with at the end of each day, a breakfast, a lunch, and of course the education on topics specific to our daily public health concerns. We cannot forget about awards, scholarships and door prizes that are presented and vendors that are eager to give a few free tokens to send you on your way. Our section raised over ninety dollars with our fundraiser which we will have again this conference. We voted for section dues and officers and will finalize our bank account decisions in April. If you have not served as an officer we recommend you volunteer to be an officer with us to learn the ropes and put your voice to change. We missed you this last time but you can join us this coming April. You deserve it!

Sincerely,

Michelle White, RN, BS, EMT-P

EDNCPHA Nursing and Physician Extenders Section Chair

Section Officers:

Chair-Michelle White

Vice Chair- Evelyn Coley

Secretary/Treasurer/Sgt. of Arms- Melanie Harper

Communicable Disease Section News:

The Communicable Disease Section Officers have been busily preparing for our 57th annual Eastern District NC Public Health Association Conference (EDNCPHA). The conference will be held at beautiful Atlantic Beach, April 25-27, 2017, at the Double Tree Inn. The Double Tree Inn is the old Sheraton. This year's theme is “Strengthening Public Health Partnerships in Eastern NC.”

In the theme of partnerships' the Communicable Disease Section will join the Health Education and Nursing Sections on Thursday, April 27th, 2017, beginning at 9:00am. We will present a variety of topics beginning with Mr. Robert Childs. Mr. Child's works with the NC Harm Reduction Coalition and will present on Prevention efforts on the new laws in NC dealing with needle exchange and Opioid overdoses, as well as the increase of Hepatitis among this population. We are so excited to have Mr. Childs with us and can hardly wait until April to expand our knowledge on this topic. After his presentation, we will continue our program with presenters from Nursing Section dealing with Communicating with individuals who have access and functional needs in public health. The Health Education Section will continue our learning opportunities by having speakers talking on the topic of Diabetes. Please reference the Nursing and Health Education Sections for more information on their presenters.

Now that you are aware of a few of the exciting events that will occur at our 57th annual EDNCPHA Conference, the Officers of the Communicable Disease Section would like to challenge you to mark your calendars, discuss the conference with your supervisors and make this Conference one of your educational credits for 2017! If you have further questions feel free to contact any of our Section officers: Rhonda Ashby-Chair; Patrick Church-Vice Chair; Secretary-Dee Fingar; Treasurer-Brenda “BJ” Judd; Sergeant-at-Arms-Sandy White; Scholarship Representative- Joy Mason and our Exhibitor/Sponsorship representatives-Amy Peebles or Susan Ardizzone. We are looking forward to networking with you at our Section Meeting. See you in April!

Your Section Chair: Rhonda Ashby

**Health Education/Nursing and Physician Extenders/Communicable Disease Combined Section
Program- Atlantic Room**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **North Carolina’s Harm Reduction Response to NC’s Opioid Overdose Epidemic**

Robert Child, Executive Director NC Harm Reduction Coalition

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **Communication Considerations Surrounding Individuals with Access and Functional Needs**

Lawrence Shockey, Interpreting Services Specialist for DSDHH Raleigh Regional Center

12:15 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Lunch and Section Business Meetings

2:00 p.m. -3:15 p.m. **Diabetes in NC and the Public Health Response**

Sharon Jackson, Diabetes Prevention Specialist, NCDPH

Diabetes Focus Groups, Lessons Learned, Challenges and Partnerships

Travis Greer Regional Worksite-Faith Coordinator, Robeson County Health Department

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Spotlight on Exhibitors Break

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **NC Drug Card Program**

Michael Walker, Regional Manager

3:45 pm- 4:00 pm **Wellness Walk**

Management Support Section-Cape Lookout Room

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 am

Finance 101 and Billing 101 Mini Session

Administrative Consultants, NC Division of Public Health

10:00 am-10:15 am

Break

10:15-12:00 pm

Finance 101 and Billing 101 Mini Session continued

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost Reporting Updates

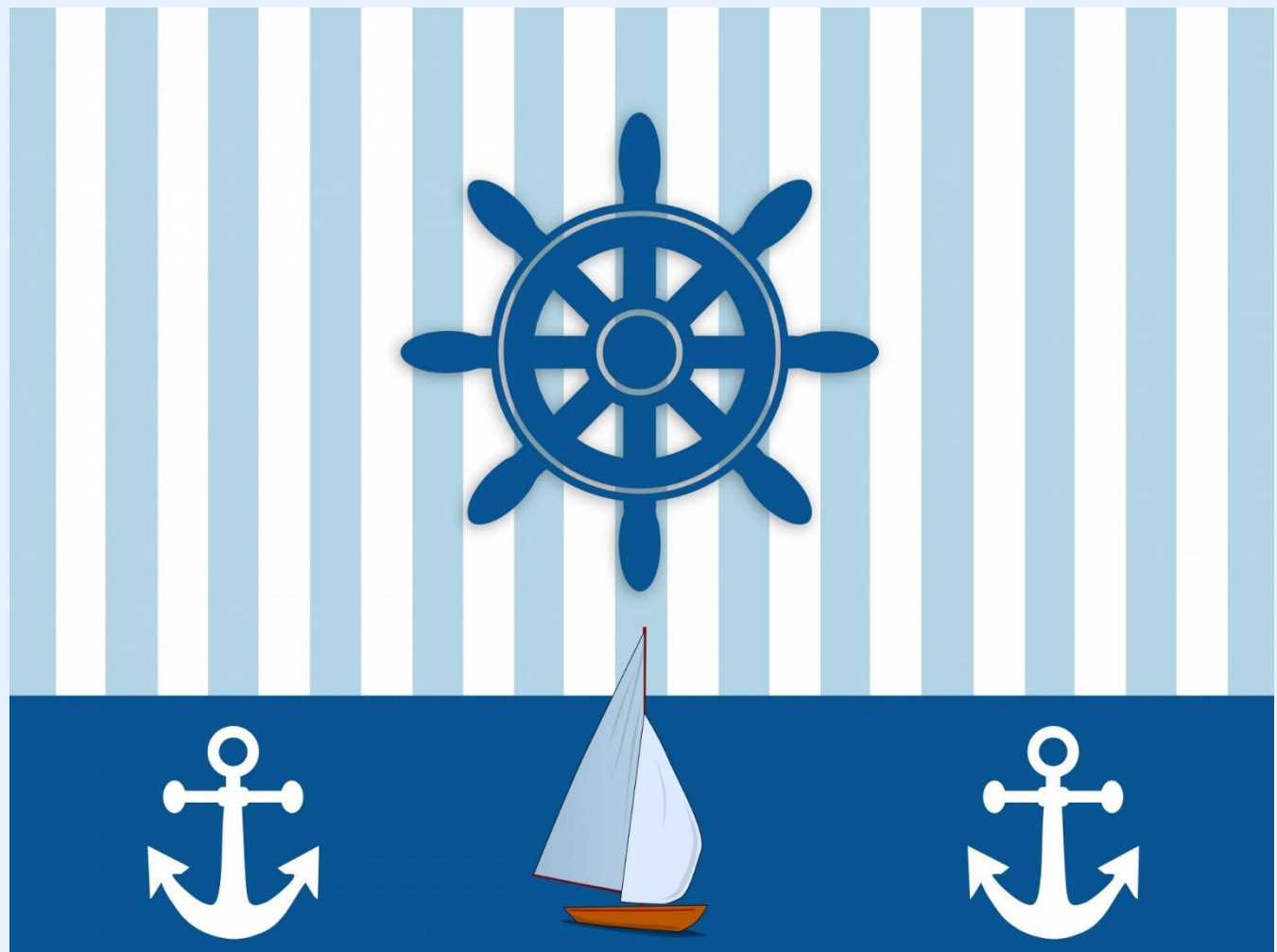
Steven Garner, Medicaid Consultant, NC Alliance of Public Health
Agencies

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vendor Spotlight

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Business Meeting



Health Directors Section- Bogue Sound Room

The Eastern District Health Director section has some really great speakers lined up this year. As we navigate our way through what continues to be uncertain times it is important that we keep ourselves educated on what the future might bring. Our first session will feature some of your colleagues who will share the lessons learned during Hurricane Matthew. They have all encountered some challenging situations and we can benefit from their experiences. Our second session will be a speaker from AHEC who will talk about clinical measurement tools. This will not be just about the traditional tools we think of when measuring things like productivity, but tools we need to measure outcomes. You will learn the meaning and usefulness of Acronyms like MACRA, QRUR, PCMH, and PQRS. Many of these currently relate to Medicare, however it is expected that Medicaid will soon follow with similar requirements. And last but certainly not least Pam Silberman will give a presentation on what we might expect as the new President and his administration make changes to the Affordable Care Act. We will also have a brief business meeting and then lunch on your own. I hope that you will join us in Atlantic Beach and support the Health Directors Section. We are stronger together!!

Your Section Chair, Teresa Ellen

Health Directors Section- Bogue Sound Room

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Panel: Effects of Hurricane Matthew and Lessons Learned**

Kim Smith, Davin Madden, Buck Wilson and Joey Huff

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Tools and Measurements Used to Manage Clinical Practices and patient outcomes**

AHEC (PQRS.MACRA, QRUR, and clinical productivity)

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. **The Future of the ACA under the new Presidential Administration**

Pam Silberman, JD, DrPH, Director, Executive Doctoral Program in Health Leadership, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Vendor Spotlight

Thursday Evening Activities

Dinner on Your Own

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Networking/Social, Room 905**

9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. **Dance – Jerry Newell, DJ**

Friday, April 28, 2017

Location: Ballroom

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast buffet

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Closing Session

Presiding Carolyn Moser, President

Recognition of Section Award Winners

Announcements Carolyn Moser, President

Installation of Officers Yulonda McLean, Past President

Plaque Presentation Julie Gooding Hasty, Incoming President

Past President Comments, Carolyn Moser

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Break and Hotel Check Out

10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

“Partners or Just Ships Passing in the Night”?

Paula Hudson Hildebrand MHD, RHEd, is the President and CEO of N2 Health, Inc., Wake Forest, NC

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Closing Remarks, Julie Gooding Hasty, President

Door Prizes Melanie Harper

Adjourn Julie Gooding Hasty, Presiding

****Mandatory Training for New Officers will be conducted after the Conference**

The Door Prize Committee would like to remind each Health Department, as well as each Section, to provide a door prize for the conference.

Awards Announcement

It is TIME for EDNCPHA members to consider nominating a member worthy of recognition during the Annual Educational Conference being held April 26-28, 2017 at the Atlantic Beach Double Tree. 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.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to nominate a deserving person or group. Feel free to visit our website at: **Easterndistrictpublichealth.org**

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 ongoing effort.

The nomination should be submitted in narrative form not to exceed two single-spaced typed pages. The deadline for receiving nominations is **March 20, 2017**.

Submit to: Angela Lee, Chair of the Awards Committee for Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association or email to: Angela.Lee@onslowcountync.gov

EASTERN DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION **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 2016-2017. One member and one Child of Member scholarship will be awarded in the following categories and amounts:

1. Graduate (Master's and Doctorate) – Member \$650.00/Child of Member \$650.00
2. Undergraduate – Member \$650.00/Child of Member \$650.00
3. Technical/Associate Degree or Certificate – Member \$650.00/Child of Member \$650.00

The application deadline is February 24, 2017. Applications postmarked after deadline date will not be considered. Winners will be notified prior to the annual meeting, and scholarships will be available at the meeting.

Forms are available on the EDNCPHA website under Resources: <http://www.easterndistrictpublichealth.org/>

Applicants should complete the appropriate application form and submit with the required materials and letters to:

EDNCPHA Scholarship Committee
Attn: Janet O. Clayton, Chair
Person County Health Department
355-A South Madison Boulevard
Roxboro, NC 27573

If you have any questions, contact Janet Clayton by email, yclayton@personcounty.net or by calling (336)597-2204.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Membership Update

Membership recruitment is currently underway for the 2016-2017 year. As of January 17, 2017; there were 42 new members (4 new and 38 renewals). The membership application can be found on our website at <http://easterndistrictpublichealth.org/resources/>.

We will continue the incentive program for recruiting new members this year and hope that you will beat the bushes – the member who sponsors the most new members will be awarded a \$50.00 check.

If you are on the executive board, remember that you must be a paid member and if you have not paid your membership, please do so.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 17, 2017

- Checking - \$8,186.49
- Money Market - \$7,091.74
- Share Account - \$73.98

EASTERN DISTRICT NCPHA ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING
“Strengthening Public Health Partnerships in Eastern NC”
April 26-28, 2017
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 \$100.00 _____

FULL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$130.00 _____

FULL CONFERENCE ON-SITE REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$105.00 _____

FULL CONFERENCE ON-SITE REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$140.00 _____

ONE DAY PRE-REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$55.00 _____

ONE DAY PRE-REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$85.00 _____

ONE DAY ON-SITE REGISTRATION, MEMBER \$60.00 _____

ONE DAY ON-SITE REGISTRATION, NON-MEMBER \$90.00 _____

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

***LIFE MEMBER REGISTRATION – NO CHARGE** _____

****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 07, 2017
Refunds will not be available until 2 weeks after Annual Meeting.

REGISTRATION FEES:
MAIL TO:
Traci Bruce
Robeson County Health Department
460 Country Club Road
Lumberton, NC 28360

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$25.00
MAIL TO:
Djuana Register
Treasurer, EDNCPHA
P O Box 189
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

(Make all checks payable to: EDNCPHA)