



Eastern District
NCPHA

Summer 2026 Newsletter

President's Message

Eastern District NC Public Health Family,

Wow! The 66th Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Conference (EDNCPHA) was fantastic! For those that were not able to attend, we missed you and hope you will be in attendance for the 67th EDNCPHA in New Bern NC in 2027.

For those who attended, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and were able to walk away feeling rejuvenated. Excellent feedback was received about the conference. Some of the feedback included folks enjoying the combined Health Directors and FAMI section; a review of Agreement Addendums given by DPH Deputy Director Stacie Saunders; a robust billing panel discussion moderated by Jenn Green from AppHealth; engaging conversations in the environmental health and health education sections; music bingo and hospitality; and of course, the high energy keynote session given by Mr. James Epps Jr. The conference was well attended with almost 160 attendees. The breakdown was: Health Ed – 47; EH – 41; FAMI – 32; Health Directors – 24; Nursing – 13; Unaffiliated – 2.



As we start planning for the 2027 conference, we welcome you to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback on what you want your next conference experience to include. A great conference should consist of engaging content, highly relevant presentations, and spark inspiration in order for you to walk

away with renewed motivation, a clearer vision, and innovative solutions. Please reach out to me or President-Elect, Robert Bowen with your ideas.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize the 2026 conference! Another big thank you to all those who are involved with planning the 2027 conference. Lastly, a big appreciation goes to public health-ers who serve the people of eastern NC. Our work is never done yet we continue to serve with grace, pose, purpose, and gratitude.

Respectfully,

Nina Oliver, President, Carteret County Health Director

Treasurer’s Report

We appreciate all of the recruitment and advertisement efforts of the membership. Please remember the address for EDNCPHA has changed. The correct address is 3361 Obsidian Court, High Point, NC 27265. Please also remember to update the [W9 form](#) with your local finance personnel.

Report Date	June 2026
Checking	\$15,675.86
Savings	\$35,197.02

Become a Member of Eastern District NCPHA

For information to join, please see this [membership information link](#).

Local Arrangements and Hospitality Committee

The Local Arrangements and Hospitality Committee needs your help!

As we plan for 2027 Eastern District NCPHA, we ask that you all complete this feedback survey with recommendations and suggestions for what you would like to see. Even if you did not attend, you can still fill out the survey. See the QR code or use this link: [Local Arrangements and Hospitality Feedback Survey](#)



Should you have any ideas or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lizzy Betts at lizzy.betts@cartercountync.gov or Hunter Hijma at Hunter.Hijma@waynegov.com

We look forward to seeing you next year! 😊

Save the Date for the 2027 Conference

Please see below for the preliminary details for the spring 2027 conference. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date

67th Annual Eastern District
North Carolina Public Health
Association Conference

April 28-30, 2027



DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern

For more information, visit our website or Facebook Page
www.easterndistrictpublichealth.org
www.facebook.com/EDNCPHA or search Eastern District NCPHA

Conference Hotel

The conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern with a conference rate of \$199 per night. The link to reserve your room: [2027 EDNCPHA Annual Conference](#).

Pictures from the 2026 Conference

Please enjoy some pictures from the 2026 Conference.





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