

Jones County Health Department

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Jones County Health Department Awarded Reaccreditation Status

Jones County Health Department was one of fifteen health departments awarded reaccreditation status by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board on May 19, 2017.

“It is a tremendous accomplishment for our agency to be awarded reaccreditation at the completion of the 4 year reaccreditation cycle, and is a testimony to the hard work and dedication of our staff to meet the requirements of the reaccreditation process. Through the process, our agency demonstrates a strong commitment to continuously improve the quality of services provided to the citizens of Jones County,” comments Wesley P. Smith, Health Director.

North Carolina is the first state in the country to mandate accreditation for its local health departments. The purpose of the accreditation program is to assure a basic level of capacity and services in each of the local health departments across the state.

Since the pilot program involving six local health departments began in 2004, all eighty-five health departments have been accredited in NC and 79 have been reaccredited at least once. The process of accreditation includes three major components: a self-assessment completed by the agency, a site visit by a multidisciplinary team of peers to review performance standards, and determination of accreditation status by an independent Accreditation Board comprised of state and local public health officials, Board of Health members, County Commissioners, and public members.

The NC Local Health Department Accreditation program is a collaboration of the North Carolina Institute for Public Health (part of the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, and the North Carolina Division of Public Health (part of the NC Department of Health and Human Services).

For more information about the accreditation process, please contact Amy Belflower Thomas, NCLHDA Administrator at NCIPH, at 919-843-397, via email at amy.b.thomas@unc.edu, or at the following link: <https://nciph.sph.unc.edu/accred/>