

Partnering with our communities to improve health



2015 Annual Public Health Report

A Message from the Health Director

The staff of Halifax County Public Health System (HCPHS) is pleased to present you with the 2015 Public Health annual report. Highlighted throughout these pages you will find examples of the many ways our dedicated staff works with you to improve health in our great county.

Based on 2015 Community Health Assessment survey results, 90% of our residents believe their health could be improved. With partnership, we conducted several listening sessions throughout the county to hear from our communities in order to focus more on a community-centered health approach.



In addition, we were successful in our reaccreditations through the Accreditation Commission for Healthcare and the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board.

We also continued expanding our teen pregnancy prevention programming through grants, opened an animal rescue and adoption center, and transitioned WIC services to our system.

The numbers in this report reflect many, but not all, of the accomplishments and services provided by HCPHS to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases, promote positive health behaviors, reduce poor health risks and provide for a safe, clean and healthy environment.

Finally I leave you with a quote from Mark Hyman, “The power of community to create health is far greater than any physician, clinic, or hospital”. I look forward to continuing to create health together.

Sincerely,

Cardra E. Burns

Dr. Cardra E. Burns, MPA, DBA, CLC
Health Director

2015 Halifax County Board of Health

HCPHS is governed by the Halifax County Board of Health (BOH), which is composed of eleven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The BOH sets public health policy and priorities and each member can serve up to three consecutive three-year terms.



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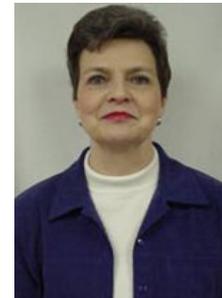
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Public Health Heroes!

SuperStaff Award Recipients



Tina Davis



Kristie Davis

HCPHS recognized employees for their outstanding work and years of service in 2015

10 years

Rebecca Stallings
Patricia Tann
David Turner

15 years

Elizabeth Buffaloe
Kristie Davis
Tina Davis
Caroll Newbern
Robert Rose

20 years

Gaynelle Byrd
JoAnne Daniels
Deborah Jordan
Carmella Martin
Robert Richardson

Public Health IN ACTION!

A Year in Review

HCPHS **Animal Control Division** maintained the highest quality of services to the community through:



- Entered into contract with Rainbow Animal Rescue for them to operate the County Auxiliary Shelter as a Rescue and Adoption Center. This marked the first time that the Health Department (or county) had entered into a joint agreement with an animal rescue group to help reduce the euthanasia rate and increase the number of animals finding homes.
- Participated in several community outreach and education.
- Pet adoption opportunities at community events.
- Vaccinated 188 animals (168 dogs, 20 cats) for rabies.



Animal Control	
Calls	1210
Cruelty Investigations	158
Bite Investigations	151
Dangerous Dogs	2
Rabies Tests - Negative	11
Rabies Tests - Positive	6
Citation Issued	17
Animal Shelter	
Dogs In	978
Dogs Reclaimed by Owner	128
Dogs transferred to Rescue Org	264
Dogs Adopted Out	20
Dogs Euthanized	431
Cats In	861
Cats Reclaimed by Owner	11
Cats transferred to Rescue Org	24
Cats Adopted Out	10
Cats Euthanized	756

In 2015, the **Environmental Health Division:**

- ☺ Achieved a 100% food inspection rate.
- ☺ Responded to on-site waste-water services 5 days or less.
- ☺ Provided community education on various environmental health topics, taught 3 Serv-Safe food protection sessions, and conducted personalized food handling training for churches, schools, and child care facilities.
- ☺ Planned, created, and hosted an all-day Onsite Wastewater Educational Session to provide free public health law updates and training for Environmental Health Specialists. This training was attended by our staff and a number of other Environmental Health Specialists from other counties.



- ☺ The BT/Preparedness Section planned and executed our first full scale medical countermeasure dispensing exercise. This exercise involved the entire Health Department, volunteers, and many other county employees.

On-Site Wastewater	
Applications Received	314
Site Visits	1084
Improvement Permits	82
Construction Authorization	96
Operations Permits	80
Existing Systems Renewed	81
Repairs	33
Food & Lodging	
Plans Reviewed	7
Establishments Inspected	662
Establishments Visited	422
New Permits	44
Establishments Closed	0
Water	
Applications Received	9
Well Permits Issued	11
Well Site Visits	116
Well Grout Inspections	9
Samples Collected	66

Other	
Child Daycare Inspection	57
Child Lead Exposure	24
Swimming Pool Inspection	
Applications Received	21
Swimming Pool Inspections	21
Tattoo Artist Inspections	
Applications Received	6
Tattoo Artist Inspection	6
Meth Lab Inspection	
Clean Up Applications Received	0
EH Community Education Contacts	
Training/presentations given (total)	13
Complaints	
Sewage	22
Food	30
Water	0

The **Health Department Division** contains the personal and population-based health services of HCPHS. In order to increase effectiveness, accessibility, and the quality of personal and population-based health services:



- ☺ Certified Application Counselors assisted the uninsured to understand their new health coverage options, apply for financial help with coverage, and enroll in private health plans through the ACA health insurance marketplaces.
- ☺ Cooking Matters at the Store is an interactive grocery store tour that is designed to help participants shop healthy while sticking to a budget. We led a total of six tours across Halifax County.
- ☺ Utilized Facebook and Twitter to share knowledge, express creativity, and market programs and services.
- ☺ Expanded Triple P programming through providing trainings on Level 2 Brief Primary care.
- ☺ Implemented a Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in partnership with the Halifax County Employee Wellness Program. DPP is a proven lifestyle change program to prevent Type II Diabetes. The program consisted of 16 sessions with weight checks every week & later in the program minutes of physical activity was also recorded.



- ☺ Strengthened the CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) program in every elementary and middle school in all three of our school districts. CATCH reached approximately 5,000 children and each district is making a shift toward the CATCH “culture of health” for the benefit of their students.
- ☺ The Fatherhood Efforts Program provided case management and group education services to fathers/male partners and who reside in Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, and Pitt Counties.
- ☺ Increased breastfeeding promotion and support through hiring a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor and designated a breastfeeding room in the clinical area.

- In partnership with Community Care of North Carolina, implemented Project Lazarus (overdose prevention) by creating drug overdose prevention programs and Naloxone training for PH nurses and first responders.

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015	Total
Front Desk Check-Ins/Patient Visits	6376
Clinical Services	
Adult Health	15
BCCCP	82
Family Planning	6612
Maternity	1030
Child Health	1779
Immunizations	3523
TB Skin Tests/Screening	1088
STD/HIV Screenings	6605
Total Services	20734
Home Visits	
Postpartum Home-visits	71
Newborn Home-visits	71
Nutrition	
Nutrition	98
DERP Individual	11
DERP Group	1
"Cooking Matters" Tours (Participants)	27
Total Nutrition Services	137
Laboratory	
Laboratory Services	8401
Social Work Services	
Pregnancy Care Management (PCM)	2813

Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)	789
Family Outreach Worker (Baby Love Plus)*	1418
Family Care Coordinator (Baby Love Plus)	219
Fatherhood Efforts Coordinator	239
Total Services	5478
Reportable Disease Cases	
TB (active cases)	3
TB (actual contacts/visits)	62
HIV/AIDS	6
STD's	521
Other	26
Total Cases	618
Outreach	
Outreach (Sites)	196
Industrial Screenings (contacts)	219
Transportation Assistance	
Van Pick-Ups	64
Gas Vouchers	666
Vital Statistics	
Births - In County	405
Births - Out of County	129
Deaths - In County	385
Deaths - Out of County	61

In 2015, the **WIC Program** transitioned under our public health umbrella.

- WIC stands for Women, Infants, and Children and is also called the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.
- WIC is a federal program designed to provide food to low-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children until the age of five.
- WIC participants received nutrition education, supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion/support, and referrals to community and health agencies to improve their diets and reduce their chances of health problems caused by poor nutrition.



WIC	
Patients Served	2432
Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (Caseload)	127

Home Health and Hospice has provided home health services for 46 years and Hospice services for over 30 years. In 2015, Home Health and Hospice faced many staffing challenges however, accomplished:

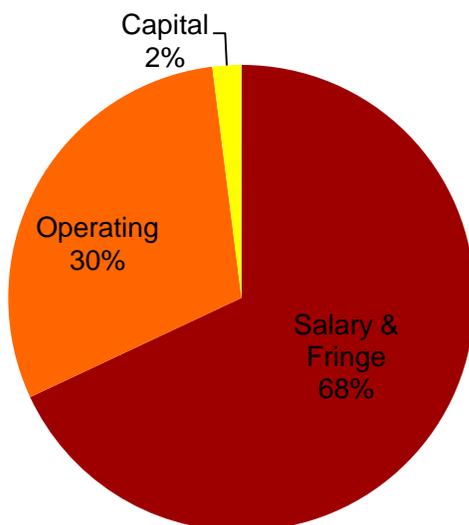
- ☺ Increased public awareness and advertisements of services.
- ☺ Decreased medical supply cost over 15%.
- ☺ Continued to educate high risk patients at the time of admission on the use of Care Plan Solutions (SmartCare) “call button” patient monitoring system.
- ☺ Successfully implemented our second annual 5K fundraiser which generated \$3,776 in additional funds for Hospice.



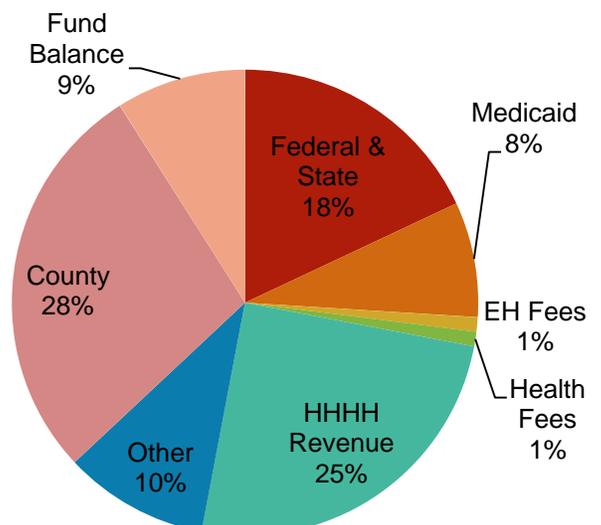
Home Health		Hospice	
Nursing Visits	2550	Nursing Visits	784
Speech Therapy Visits	1	Physical Therapy Visits	0
Physical Therapy Visits	2792	Social Work Visits	86
Occupational Therapy Visits	15	Aide Visits	896
Social Work Visits	4		
Aide Visits	554		
SmartCare	97		

Financial Snapshot

FY 14-15 Expenditures
\$7,068,332



FY 14-15 Revenue
\$7,068,332



This is PUBLIC HEALTH!

*Helping
Halifax be
healthy
since 1920*



Halifax County Public Health System

Halifax Clinic
19 North Dobbs Street
Halifax, NC 27839
252-583-5021

Animal Control Shelter
568 Dogpound Road
Halifax, NC 27839
252-583-1050

Home Health and Hospice
220 Smith Church Rd., Bldg C
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
252-308-0700

Environmental Health
15 West Pittsylvania Street
Halifax, NC 27839
252-583-6651

WIC Services
116 W 3rd St
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
252-535-4845