**NCPHA Fall Educational Conference**

**Theme:*****Resilient Communities, Thriving Environments: Public Health from Summit to Shore***

**Draft Agenda**

**All Sessions take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel and the Wilmington Convention Center  
The following meals are provided:   
Wednesday – Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
Thursday- Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner  
Friday – Continental Breakfast**

**At this time, the following sections will be offering CEUs at the FEC: Dental, Environmental Health, Nursing, and Wellness and Prevention (CHES).**

**Tuesday, September 16**

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Communications Pre-Conference **WCC** (separate registration required)

12:00 – 2:00 pm NCPHA Governing Council Meeting **Marina Room, ES**

2:00 – 5:00 pm NCALHD Monthly Meeting **Salons I&II, ES**

3:00 – 5:00 pm Conference Registration **River Concourse**

4:00 – 5:30 pm BIPOC Networking and Social **Salon E**

Dinner on your own

**Wednesday, September 17**

**Conference Registration:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm **River Concourse**

**Continental Breakfast 8:00 – 9:30 am River Concourse**

**Opening Session\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Salons A/B/C\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 am – 11:00 am Welcome, Amy Belflower-Thomas, MHA, MSPH, CPH, NCPHA President

Welcome, Patrick Brown, PharmD, ED, NCPHA

Welcome, Health Director, New Hanover County Health Department

Swearing in of 2026 NCPHA Executive Committee

*Long-term Response to Hurricane Helene*, Mike Bridges, Director of Population Health, AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina

Opening Session Keynotes – Kelly Kimple, MD, NCDHHS Division   
Director and ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, PhD, Chief Deputy and Deputy Secretary of Operational Excellence, NCDHHS

Advocacy Panel Discussion – Susan Polan, APHA, Jeffery Ekoma, ASTHO, Adriane Casalotti, NACCHO, Amy Belflower Thomas, Public Health Accreditation Board, and Rod Jenkins, Durham County Department of Public Health

11:00 – 11:30 amBreak/Visit Exhibitors

11:30 am – 1:00 pmNC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health **Exhibit Hall**Awards Luncheon

**Academic Practice-based Research Salon D\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pmPublic Health Foundation: Academic Health Departments and the Newly Released Toolkit

3:30 – 5:00 pmFinancing Academic Health Departments

**Aging\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Meeting Room 105**

3:30 – 5:00 pm Business Meeting

**Emergency Preparedness and Response\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Meeting Room 107**

1:30 – 3:00 pm Panel: Response to Hurricane Helene

3:30 – 5:00 pm Panel: Recovery from Hurricane Helene

**Environmental Health REHS will be offered \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ Meeting Room 106**

1:30 – 3:00 pm From Data to Decisions: Applying FDA Standard 9 for Long-Term  
 Public Health Impact

3:30 – 5:00 pm 37 Years in Environmental Health: From Perc Test to Privatization

**FAMI Salon F\_\_\_\_\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pmThriving in Chaos

3:30 – 5:00 pmBest Use for Unspent or Slow-Spent Funds

**Medical Directors\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Salon I&II, ES\_\_**

3:30 – 5:00 pm Legal and Legislative Updates with Public Health Leaders  
(Joint workshop with Public Health Leaders, Public Health Nursing and Women’s and Children’s Health)

**Public Health Leaders\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Salon I&II, ES\_\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pm Public Health Leaders- Stronger Together: Regional Strategies for Workforce Development in a Decentralized Public Health System

3:30 – 5:00 pm Legal and Legislative Updates with Public Health Leaders  
(Joint workshop with Medical Directors, Public Health Nursing and Women’s and Children’s Health)

**Public Health Nursing\_\_\_Nursing CEUs will be offered\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pm Allergy Policy in Public Schools in NW **Meeting Room 108**North Carolina  
(Joint workshop with Wellness and Prevention)

3:30 – 5:00 pm Legal and Legislative Updates with Public Health Leaders **Salon I&II, ES**  
(Joint workshop with Medical Directors, Public Health Leaders and Women’s and Children’s Health)

**Social Work\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Meeting Room 105\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pm Legislative Advocacy in Healthcare: A Political Social Work Perspective

**Wellness and Prevention – CHES/MCHES will be offered Meeting Room 108\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pm Allergy Policy in Public Schools in NW North Carolina  
 (Joint workshop with Public Health Nursing)

3:30 – 5:00 pm Business Meeting

**Women’s and Children’s Health\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pm The Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Women’s **Salon E**  
 Health Outcomes

3:30 – 5:00 pm Legal and Legislative Updates with Public Health Leaders **Salon I&II, ES**  
(Joint workshop with Medical Directors, Public Health Leaders, and Public Health Nursing)

**Young Professionals – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

4:00 – 5:00 pm Tour of Good Shepherd Center   
(If you RSVP’D to join the tour, meet at WCC registration desk to carpool to the center)

3:30-5:00pm Rooted in Impact: A Networking Night + Good Shepherd Tour (For those unable to join the tour, a dynamic networking session and meet-and-greet is available, where you can get to know fellow NCPHA Young Professionals in a relaxed and engaging environment)

5:00 – 6:00 pm NC Citizens for Public Health Meeting **Meeting Room 102**

5:30 – 6:00 pmNCPHA Scholarship Fun Walk **River Walk**

6:30 - 8:00 pm Public Health Nursing Section Social Hour **Palate Bottle Shop and**(Light bites provided, drinks on your own) **Garden**

**Thursday, September 18**

**Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 am River Concourse**

**Break times are:**

10:00 – 10:30 am

1:15 – 1:30 pm

3:00 – 3:30 pm

**Awards Luncheon**: 12:00 – 1:15 pm **Exhibit Hall**

**Conference Registration:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm **River Concourse**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm HNC 2030 Data Tour **Meeting Room 101**

**Advanced Practice Providers\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Answering the Call for Patient Care Through Collaborative **Salon A**  
Relationships in Public Health: Blueprints for Success  
(Joint workshop with Medical Directors and Public Health Nursing)

1:30 – 3:00 pm Managing HTN in Women’s Health: Bridging the **Meeting Room 107**Gap to Primary Care

**Aging\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Meeting Room 103/104**

8:30 – 9:15 am Bridging Aging and Health Equity: Social Vulnerability and Colorectal Cancer Screening in Immigrant and Non-Citizen Older Adults in the U.S

9:15 - 10:00 am Bridging the Gap: Evaluating the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) Among Immigrant Older Adults in North Carolina

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Crisis Response for Older Adults Through the Spirit of Motivational Interviewing

1:30 - 3:00 pm Loneliness in Aging: Adults and Older Adults as Caregiver for their Kids

3:30 – 5:00 pm Alzheimer’s Association Presentation

**APBR – Academic Practice-based Research \_\_\_\_\_\_ Salon D\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:00 – 8:30 am Business Meeting

8:30 am – 12:00 pm Podium Presentations

1:30 – 3:00 pm Podium Presentations

3:30 – 5:00 pm Podium Presentations

**BIPOC Caucus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Wellness and Prevention: What's the T? The Truth about **Salon B**  
Tobacco and the Black Community  
(Joint Workshop with Wellness and Prevention)

1:30 – 3:00 pm *Toxic: A Black Woman's Story* Documentary **Meeting Room 105**  
Showing and Discussion  
(Joint Workshop with Social Work Section)

**Dental Dental CEUs will be offered for morning workshops\_\_\_\_\_Salon C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Opioid Update

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Mental Health Awareness in Dental

1:30 – 3:00 pm Dental State of the State

3:30 – 5:00 pm Dental Mixer: Meet and Greet

**Environmental Health REHS will be offered \_\_\_Meeting Room 106\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Panel Discussion with the Quality Assessment Committee

1:30 – 3:00 pm Life After Helene

3:30 – 5:00 pm Environmental Public Health Tracking Program in Collaboration with the Private Well and Health Program

**Emergency Preparedness and Response\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Room 107\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Fatality Management

**Epidemiology/Statistics/Laboratory Meeting Room 108\_\_**

8:30 am – 9:15 am Building and Expanding Overdose Surveillance Infrastructure in Mecklenburg County

9:15 – 10:00 am Updates on NC Opioid Initiatives

10:30 am – 11:30 am PFAS Exposure in the Cape Fear River Basin: Long-term Health Implications

11:30 am – noon Business Meeting

1:30 – 3:00 pm State of the State: Epi Edition from Zack Moore

3:30 – 5:00 pm NC State Lab Update

**FAMI Salon F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am The Art of Reinventing Our Public Team

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Creating a Brave Space

1:30 – 3:00 pm AI – How to Use it Safely

3:30- 4:30 pm Electronic Health Record: Are You Getting What You Pay For   
(Billing, Patient Portal)

4:30 – 5:00 pm Business Meeting

**Medical Directors\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting **Salon B**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Answering the Call for Patient Care Through Collaborative Relationships in Public Health: Blueprints for Success **Salon A**  
(Joint workshop with Advanced Practice Providers and Public Health Nursing)

**Public Health Nursing Nursing CEUs will be CEUs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Salon A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting and Update from the Chief Public Health Nurse

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Answering the Call for Patient Care Through Collaborative Relationships in Public Health: Blueprints for Success  
(Joint workshop with Advanced Practice Providers and Medical Directors)

1:30 – 3:00 pm Collaboration Station

3:30 – 5:00 pm NC Autism Society Presentation

**Public Health Leadership \_\_Salons I&II, ES\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Breaking the Silence: Haywood County's Commitment to 988 and Mental Health (Joint Workshop with Wellness and Prevention)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm TBD

1:30 – 3:00 pm Organizational Behavior – Culture, Trust, Leadership

3:30 – 5:00 pm Accreditation – Past, Present, and Future

**Social Work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Meeting Room 105**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

1:30 – 3:30 pm *Toxic: A Black Woman's Story* Documentary Showing and Discussion  
(Joint Workshop with BIPOC Caucus)

**Wellness and Prevention – All Workshops will offer CHES/MCHES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Breaking the Silence: Haywood County's Commitment to 988 and Mental Health (Joint Workshop with Public Health Leaders) **Salon I&II, ES**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Wellness and Prevention: What's the T? The Truth about Tobacco and the Black Community **Salon B**  
(Joint workshop with the BIPOC Caucus)

1:30 – 3:00 pm Haircuts and Healthy Conversations- Empowering Communities through Lay leader Health Advocacy **Salon B**

**Women’s and Children’s Health \_\_\_\_\_\_Salon E\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Development and Validation of the Preconception Care Health  
Knowledge Scale

1:30 – 3:00 pm Exposure to and Update of Heated Tobacco Products in the US

**Young Professionals –\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Room 105\_\_\_\_**

9:00 – 10:00 am Tour of Good Shepherd Center   
(If you RSVP’D to join the tour, meet at WCC registration desk to carpool to the center)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Gather & Grow: Monthly Meeting + Media Moment (Join us for our NCPHA Young Professionals monthly meeting!)

3:00 – 6:00 pm Poster Presentations **River Concourse**

6:00 – 11:00 pmReception  **Riverfront Grand Ballroom, ES**Heavy hors d’oeuvres, Photo Booth, and DJ

**Friday, September 19**

**Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45 am Exhibit Hall**

8:45 – 9:30 am UNC Gillings Speaker – Dorothy Cilenti, DrPH, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

9:30 – 9:55 am NCPHA Business Meeting, Memorials, Service Certificates  
APBR Awards Presentations, Passing of the Gavel

10:00 - 10:30 am Wood Lecture – First Lady Anna Stein

10:45 am Door Prizes and Adjourn