**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**

11:00 am – 5:00 pm Communications Pre-Conference

12:00 – 2:00 pm NCPHA Governing Council Meeting

2:00 – 5:00 pm NCALHD Monthly Meeting

3:00 – 5:00 pm Conference Registration

Dinner on your own

**Wednesday, September 17**

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

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

**Opening Session**

9:00 am – 9:30 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

Opening Session Keynote – Kelly Kimple, MD, NCDHHS Division Director

11:00 – 11:30 amBreak/Visit Exhibitors

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

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

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

3:30 – 5:00 pmFinancing Academic Health Departments

**Aging\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3:30 – 5:00 pm TBD

**Emergency Preparedness and Response\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

3:30 – 5:00 pm Panel: Response to Hurricane Helene

**Environmental Health REHS will be offered \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1:30 – 3:00 pmThriving in Chaos

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

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

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

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

**Social Work\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

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

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 Health  
 Outcomes

3:30 – 5:00 pm Legal and Legislative Updates with Public Health Leaders  
(Joint workshop with Social Work and Public Health Nursing)

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

3:30 – 5:00 pm Networking/Meet and Greet

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

**Thursday, September 18**

**Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 am**

**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

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

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

**Aging\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

10:30 am – 12:00 pm TBD

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

3:30 – 5:00 pm TBD

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

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

**Dental Dental CEUs will be offered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Fatality Management

**Epidemiology/Statistics/Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

8:30 am – 9:15 am Overdose Data to Action (OD2A): Opioid Surveillance and Initiatives  
in Mecklenburg County

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

10:30 am – 11:30 am Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in NC

11:30 am – noon Business Meeting

1:30 – 3:00 pm State Epidemiology Update from Zack Moore

3:30 – 5:00 pm State Lab Update from Susan Orton

**FAMI \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 TBD

10:30 am – 12:00 pm TBD

1:30 – 3:00 pm SAVE Act Update

3:30 – 5:00 pm TBD

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

8:30 – 9:30 am Business Meeting and Update from the Chief Public Health Nurse

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Collaboration Station

1:30 – 3:00 pm Answering the Call for Patient Care Through Collaborative Relationships in Public Health: Cumberland County, a Blueprint for Success

3:30 – 5:00 pm NC Autism Society Presentation (tentative)

**Public Health Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 Innovative Funding Ideas (Panel Discussion)

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

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

**Social Work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_**

8:30 – 10:00 am Business Meeting

1:30 – 3:30 pm Speaker from UNC-W

**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)

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

1:30 – 3:00 pm Haircuts and Healthy Conversations- Empowering Communities through Layleader Health Advocacy

3:30 – 5:00 pm TBD

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

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 –\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

10:30 – 12:00 pm TBD

3:00 – 6:00 pm Poster Presentations

6:00 – 11:00 pmReception  **Riverfront Grand Ballroom**

Heavy hors d’oeuvres and DJ

**Friday, September 19**

8:30 – 9:15 am UNC Gillings Speaker – Dorothy Cilenti, DrPH, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

9:15 – 9:55 am NCPHA Business Meeting, Memorials, Service Certificates  
APBR Awards Presentations, Passing of the Gavel

10:00 - 10:45 am Wood Lecture

11:00 am Door Prizes and Adjourn