



**Association of
North Carolina Boards of Health**

Association of North Carolina Boards of Health (ANCBH)

History, Goals, Membership and Services

History

- 1985: The seed for the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health (ANCBH) was sown when a Steering Committee was appointed after a seminar on “The Future of Public Health for Local Boards of Health” held in Chapel Hill, NC
 - 1986: First Annual Meeting of ANCBH was held in September in Greensboro, NC, articles of Incorporation were signed in November
 - 1987: Staff was hired including Vaughan Upshaw, a founding member of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), second Annual Meeting of ANCBH was held in Fayetteville, NC
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History

- In 1993, as a way to invest in the education of new Board of Health members across the state, the General Assembly started a \$100,000 grant in aid to ANCBH
 - Cancellation of grant in 2001
 - Division of Public Health of the University of North Carolina applied for, and was granted \$70,000 from the state to continue training
 - A UNC Board of Health Proposed Training Plan was written on September 24, 2001
 - An agreement was made between the Division of Public Health and ANCBH to allow for the continued training of local Board of Health members
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History

- The agreement, signed on January 14, 2002, provided for employees to be appointed for a period of either 3 or 5 years to carry out this training from within the Institute of Public Health of the Division of Public Health of UNC
 - Carmine Rocco became a staff member of the Institute for Public Health and continued to conduct training of local board members
 - He tendered his resignation to become the Local Health Director for Warren County, North Carolina
 - 2003: Board of Directors reassessed the organization role with an all-volunteer structure
 - The Board of Directors meets quarterly and is committed to offering additional valuable services to its membership
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Goals

- To pursue excellence in public health in North Carolina by providing leadership and support for local Boards of Health and Consolidated Human Service Agencies in their efforts to protect and promote the public's health
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Achieve Goals by:

- ❑ Promoting high standards of comprehensive public health services for the citizens of North Carolina
 - ❑ Providing consultation and education for, and facilitate the exchange of ideas among, Board of Health members and Consolidated Human Service agencies
 - ❑ Supporting health policy and finance issues in support of public health in North Carolina
 - ❑ Promoting close working relationships between local Boards of Health, Consolidated Human Service agencies and other allied agencies
 - ❑ Promoting programs and projects deemed necessary to protect and promote the health of the citizens in North Carolina
 - ❑ Supporting public awareness of public health issues and dangers
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Meets Needs of our Members by Working with:

- Local health directors by attending their monthly meetings, supporting their advocacy efforts, and giving a monthly report of our activities
 - The N.C. Institute of Public Health local board of health training program by providing a trainer
 - The N.C. Local Health Department Accreditation Board with four members serving on the board, one as chair, two members as sub-committee chairs, and one member on appeals committee
 - Liaison groups such as N.C. Association of County Commissioners, N.C. Alliance for Health, and the N.C. Citizens for Public health
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Membership: Four Categories

- Institutional
 - Individual
 - Associate
 - Director Emeritus
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Individual Membership

- Voting privileges at annual meeting; open to North Carolina County or District Boards of Health, County or District Boards of Human Services, Consolidated Human Service agencies and Public Health Authorities, upon payment of dues
 - Institutional members have voting privileges at all Association's meetings
 - An institutional member shall designate one member of its current governing board to 1) vote on behalf of that institution on any matter to which a member is entitled to vote and 2) shall notify the association of the name and address of its designee
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Associate Membership

- Open to all former Board members and other persons who support the goals of ANCBH

Director Emeritus

- Open to duly qualified former members of the ANCBH Board of Directors who are elected to this honorary status by a vote of the Board of Directors
- Director Emeriti are entitled to:
 - Attend all Board of Director meeting and functions
 - Attend the ANCBH annual meetings
 - Be represented on the current Board of Directors

Some of What We Do

- Accreditation
 - Members serve on the NC Local Health Department Accreditation (NCLHDA) Board via the NC Institute of Public Health (NCIPH)
- Board of Health Training
 - Members train local Boards of Health via the (NCIPH)
- Direct Communication with Local Boards of Health and Consolidated Human Service Agencies on matters affecting NC public health
- Guidance for job description and interview process for Health Directors
- Liaison with other public health associations such as
 - NC Citizens for Public Health (NCCPH) www.nccph.com
 - NC Association of Local Health Directors (NCALHD) <http://www.ncalhd.org>
 - National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) <http://www.nalboh.org>

Awards

- Each year, the ANCBH recognizes individuals and groups for their contributions to, and accomplishments in, public health with four awards
 - Outstanding Board of Health or Consolidated Human Service Agency Award
 - Carl Durham Award
 - Robert Ed Strother Award
 - Vaughn Upshaw Award
 - Nomination forms can be found at <https://www.ancbh.org>
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Outstanding Board of Health or Consolidated Human Service Agency Award

- The nominee for this award must be an Institutional member of ANCBH
 - The board's leadership in public health accomplishments must be clearly evident
 - The accomplishment must either have documented results or be currently producing intended results
 - The activity may be accomplished through the health department, other agencies, or groups
 - 2017 recipients were Wake County and Iredell County Boards of Health
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Carl Durham Award

- The nominee must be an institutional, individual, associate, or emeritus member of ANCBH
 - The nominee has made significant contributions to public health
 - The nominee is an effective advocate for public health at local, regional, and/or state levels
 - The 2017 recipient was Janet Oakley Clayton, Person County Health Director
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Ed Strother Award

- The Nominee for this award has established and/or fostered a public-private partnership, which has improved public health for the community
- 2017 recipient was the Wake Human Services that partnered with the LGBT Center of Raleigh, received by Sue Ledford and Yvonne J. Torres

Vaughn Upshaw Award

- Presented to an outstanding graduate student in the Public Health Leadership Program
 - Selection based on applicant's demonstrated commitment to local public health agencies, leadership skills, academic excellence, and contributions to North Carolina
 - 2016 recipient was Steve Eaton, Gaston County Assistant Health Director
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Scholarships

- Up to five \$500 scholarships are awarded annually to assist Local Board of Health members or Consolidated Human Service Agency members attend the annual NALBOH conference
 - Up to four \$250 scholarships are awarded annually to assist local board of health members attend the annual NC Association of Local Health Directors meeting in January
 - The applications can be found at <https://www.ancbh.org>
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Finally.....

“Board of Health (and Consolidated Human Service Agency) members are the bedrock of local public health, a foundation for our future, and a strength on which we can build.”

— Carl Durham, ANCBH Founding Member and First President

“I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed, we will be remembered, not for victories or defeats in battles or politics, but for our contributions to public health.”

— Bob Blackburn; modification of quote from JFK Kennedy Center, Washington, DC
