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**Moore County Health Department Achieves Accredited Status**

The Moore County Health Department is pleased to announce that they have achieved accreditation status with the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation (NCLHDA) Board. Accreditation is designated to local health departments and districts that undertake and meet a series of stringent standards outlined in current state statutes and administrative codes to ensure the protection of the health of the public.

An accreditation site visit team assessed the Moore County Health Department on April 15-17, 2014 and recommended the Department for accreditation status. At their June 20, 2014 meeting, the 17 member NCLHDA Board voted unanimously to award the Moore County Health Department with official accredited status.

Moore County Health Director Robert Wittmann states, "Being an accredited local health department assures our residents that we are meeting or exceeding established performance standards set for all North Carolina local health departments. I am extremely proud of our staff, our Board of Health, and our community partners for all of their valuable contributions, not only to the accreditation process, but to public health each and every day."

The focus of North Carolina's Local Health Department Accreditation is on the capacity of the local health department to perform at a prescribed level of quality the three core functions of assessment, policy development, and assurance in delivering the essential services of public health. Essential public health services include services such as monitoring the county's health status to identify community health problems, enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety, and linking people to needed personal health services and assuring the

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provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. It is required by legislation that all health departments be accredited.

In 2018, Moore County Health Department will be due for reaccreditation. While the Moore County Health Department is pleased with what has been accomplished thus far, quality assurance and quality improvement efforts are ongoing.

For more information on North Carolina local health department accreditation, visit [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health) .

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