CATAWBA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RE-ACCREDITED

HICKORY, NC – Catawba County Public Health has been officially re-accredited by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board.

Developed by North Carolina Division of Public Health, the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, and the North Carolina Institute for Public Health, accreditation focuses on a set of standards that must be met by local health departments to ensure the protection of the public's health.

The accreditation process is rigorous and includes a self assessment, a robust compilation of evidence, an on-site visit and facility inspection, staff interviews, and a final evaluation.

To earn re-accreditation, Catawba County was required to show evidence that it is continuing to meet program standards. These include working with local, state and federal policymakers to enact policies, laws, rules, and ordinances that support individual and community health efforts; engaging in surveillance activities and assessing, investigating and analyzing health problems, threats and hazards, maintaining and using epidemiological expertise; and developing strategies in collaboration with community partners to solve existing community health problems.

"We are constantly seeking to meet the highest standards of public health practice in order to serve our community in the best manner possible," said Doug Urland, Catawba County Public Health Director. "I congratulate our staff for this recognition, which shows they are working hard to meet these standards every day."

Located off Fairgrove Church Road behind Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, N.C., Catawba County Public Health provides health and education services to eligible men, women, and children in the community.

For more information, please call (828) 695-5800 or visit www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth

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