

# 2016

## Annual Public Health Report



**HalifaxCounty**

**PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM**

— CARING HEARTS, HELPING HANDS —

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# A Message from the Health Director

On behalf of the Halifax County Board of Health and staff, it is my pleasure to share with you the 2016 Annual Report of the Halifax County Public Health System (HCPHS). We are proud of serving our community since 1920! We are grateful for the support that the department receives from the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, the County Manager and his management team and our many community partners as we work toward ensuring health and well-being for all and creating opportunities for all to achieve and maintain optimal health.

This report highlights some of the department's programs and activities from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 to accomplish these ten essential public health services:

1. Monitoring health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnosing and investigating health hazards in the community.
3. Informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues.
4. Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve health programs.
5. Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Linking people to needed personal health care services and ensuring the provision of healthcare when otherwise unavailable.
8. Ensuring a competent public health workforce and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Conducting research.



We hope that this report will give you more insight into how our work positively impacts everybody, every day, and everywhere in Halifax County. For a more detailed look at our department and other services offered, please visit our website at [www.halifaxnc.com](http://www.halifaxnc.com).

Thank you for taking time to read this annual report. We hope that you are as proud as we are of the services we offer and the protections that we provide to each resident in our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Thomas".

Ms. Anne Thomas, MPA, BSN  
Interim Health Director

# 2016 Halifax County Board of Health

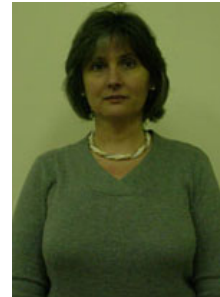
HCPHS is governed by the Halifax County Board of Health (BOH), which is composed of eleven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The BOH sets public health policy and priorities and each member can serve up to three consecutive three-year terms.



Dr. Raj Bhagwandass  
Chair/Dentist



Ms. Belinda Jones-Hill  
Vice-Chair/At-Large



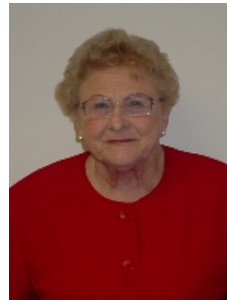
Dr. Delisha Moore-Turner  
Optometrist



Mr. Justin Blackmon  
Engineer



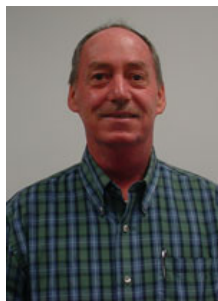
Ms. Carolyn Johnson  
County Commissioner



Ms. Eloise Hardee  
Nurse



Dr. Carol Rupe  
Physician



Mr. Donald Crowder  
At-Large



Dr. Melissa Woodruff  
Pharmacist



Ms. Kimberly Mack  
At-Large



Dr. Jamie Marshall  
Veterinarian

# Public Health Heroes!

## SuperStaff Award Recipients



**LaCarte Wilson**



**Betty Reese**

## 2016 Service Awards



10 years  
**Laura Ellis**



20 years  
**Kim White**

# Public Health IN ACTION!

## A Year in Review

HCPHS **Animal Control Division** maintained the highest quality of services to the community through Community outreach and education.



- ☺ Participated in several community outreach and education events.
- ☺ Pet adoption opportunities offered at various community events.
- ☺ Vaccinated 218 animals (202 dogs, 16 cats) against rabies.
- ☺ Three employees became certified rabies vaccinators. They can now provide vaccinations at the shelter at the time of reclaim or adoption. Reduced cost rabies vaccinations can also be administered at the homes of pet owners with 10 or more animals. This service is offered by appointment only.

Animal Control	
Calls	1199
Cruelty Investigations	119
Bite Investigations	164
Dangerous Dogs	3
Rabies Tests - Negative	7
Rabies Tests - Positive	2
Rabies Shots Given – CATS	5
Rabies Shots Given – DOGS	264
Animal Shelter	
Dogs In	701
Dogs Reclaimed by Owner	142
Dogs transferred to Rescue Org	216
Dogs Adopted Out	28
Dogs Euthanized	315
Cats In	975
Cats Reclaimed by Owner	21
Cats transferred to Rescue Org	12
Cats Adopted Out	11
Cats Euthanized	930

- ☺ In an effort to decrease euthanasia rates, animal control continued the collaboration with Rainbow Animal Rescue to allow them to operate the Animal Rescue and Adoption Center.



In 2016, the **Environmental Health Division:**



- ☺ Achieved a 100% food inspection rate.
- ☺ Responded to on-site waste-water services 5 days or less.
- ☺ Provided community education on various environmental health topics, taught 2 Serv-Safe food protection sessions, and conducted 4 personalized food handling trainings for child care workers.

<b>On-Site Wastewater</b>	
Applications Received	343
Site Visits	1246
Improvement Permits	102
Construction Authorization	106
Operations Permits	91
Existing Systems Renewed	85
<b>Food &amp; Lodging</b>	
Plans Reviewed	6
Establishments Inspected	717
Establishments Visited	320
New Permits	37
Establishments Closed	7
<b>Water</b>	
Applications Received	11
Well Permits Issued	9
Well Site Visits	91

Well Grout Inspections	8
Samples Collected	42
<b>Other</b>	
Child Daycare Inspection	48
Child Lead Exposure	25
<b>Swimming Pool Inspection</b>	
Applications Received	27
Swimming Pool Inspections	21
<b>Tattoo Artist Inspections</b>	
Applications Received	11
Tattoo Artist Inspection	13
<b>EH Community Education Contacts</b>	
Training/presentations given (total)	9
<b>Complaints</b>	
Onsite Wastewater	23
Food/Lodging/Daycare	47
Water/Misc.	2

In 2016, the **Bioterrorism/Preparedness Program:**

- ☺ Conducted 2 shelter trainings with Halifax Community College and health department staff in conjunction with the Red Cross.
- ☺ Grant funding allowed the agency to purchase and install a back-up generator to provide power to the clinic in emergency situations.



**Health Department Division** contains the personal and population-based health services of HCPHS. In order to increase effectiveness, accessibility, and the quality of personal and population-based health services:



Continued the CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) program in every elementary and middle school in all three of our school districts. Our CATCH Program Coordinator, Abigail Hicks, won the poster ward for her presentation during the North Carolina Public Health Association Meeting in September.

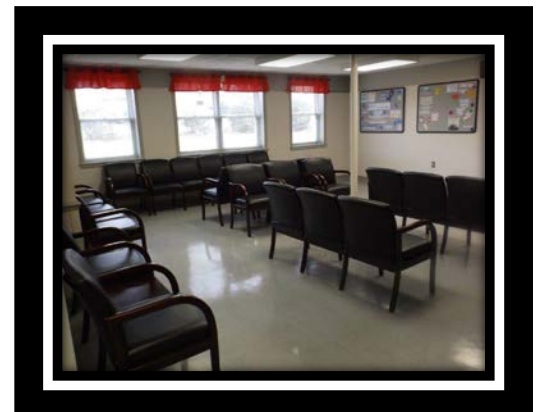
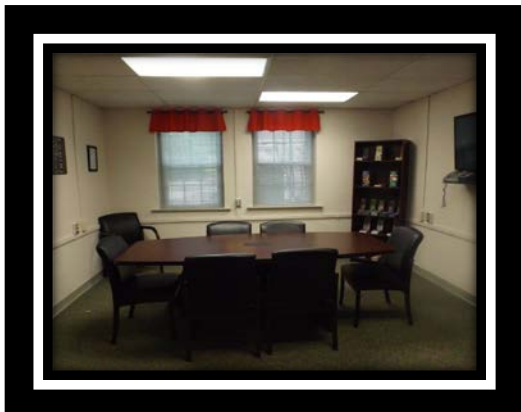
Continued the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in partnership with Halifax County Employee Wellness Program. DPP is a proven lifestyle change program to prevent Type II Diabetes. The program consisted of 16 sessions routine weight checks and maintenance of a food and physical activity tracker.

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016	Total
Front Desk Check-Ins/Patient Visits	5648
<b>Clinical Services</b>	
Adult Health	18
BCCCP	58
Family Planning	5673
Maternity	1571
Child Health	1946
Immunizations	2637
TB Skin Tests/Screening	1034
STD/HIV Screenings	5981
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>18918</b>
<b>Home Visits</b>	
Postpartum Home-visits	10
Newborn Home-visits	10
<b>Nutrition</b>	
DERP Individual	11
DERP Group	1
"Cooking Matters" Tours (Participants)	27
<b>Total Nutrition Services</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Laboratory</b>	
Laboratory Services	7233
<b>Social Work Services</b>	
Pregnancy Care Management (PCM)	2505
Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)	489

Family Outreach Worker (Baby Love Plus)*	1109
Family Care Coordinator (Baby Love Plus)	437
Fatherhood Efforts Coordinator	112
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>4652</b>
<b>Triple P</b>	
Triple P (Contacts)	<b>420</b>
<b>Reportable Disease Cases</b>	
TB (active cases)	3
TB (actual contacts/visits)	53
HIV/AIDS	5
STD's	431
Other	28
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	
Outreach (Sites)	180
Industrial Screenings (contacts)	172
<b>Transportation Assistance</b>	
Van Pick-Ups	91
Gas Vouchers	895
<b>Vital Statistics</b>	
Births - In County	420
Births - Out of County	177
Deaths - In County	398
Deaths - Out of County	63



- ☺ Certified Application Counselors assisted the uninsured to understand their new health coverage options, apply for financial help with coverage, and enroll in private health plans through the ACA health insurance marketplaces.
- ☺ Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) previously served Halifax, Northampton and Hertford Counties. In 2016, the program expanded to include Edgecombe, Nash, Vance-Granville and Warren Counties. Halifax County was chosen as the lead agency for this expansion effort.
- ☺ Continued to utilize Facebook and Twitter to share knowledge, express creativity, and market programs and services.
- ☺ The Fatherhood Efforts Program provided case management and group education services to fathers/male partners and who reside in Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, and Pitt Counties. In partnership with the Child Fatality Prevention Program, the Fatherhood Program provided safe sleep training and pack-n-plays to participating fathers/male partners.
- ☺ Provided safe sleep education through the Baby's Easy Safe Sleep Training (BESST) to greater than 360 expecting mothers or mothers with children  $\leq$  one year old.
- ☺ The WIC Program had its first successful audit in June 2016. The Breastfeeding Peer Counselor continues to provide program promotion and support for breastfeeding mothers.
- ☺ Thanks to child health program funding deliverables in an effort to make the environment more "teen friendly", the clinic was able to get a much needed renovation which included painting, new furniture and other décor.



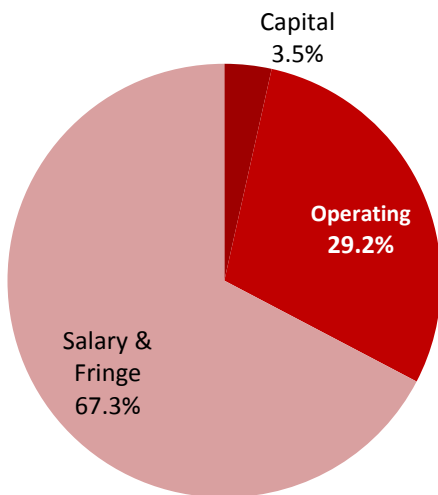
**Home Health and Hospice** has provided home health services for 45 years and Hospice services for over 30 years. In 2016, Home Health and Hospice faced many staffing challenges however, accomplished:

- ☺ Increased public awareness and advertisements of services.
- ☺ Continued to educate high risk patients at the time of admission on the use of Care Plan Solutions (SmartCare) “call button” patient monitoring system.
- ☺ Successfully implemented our second annual fundraiser which generated over \$4,000 additional funds for Hospice.

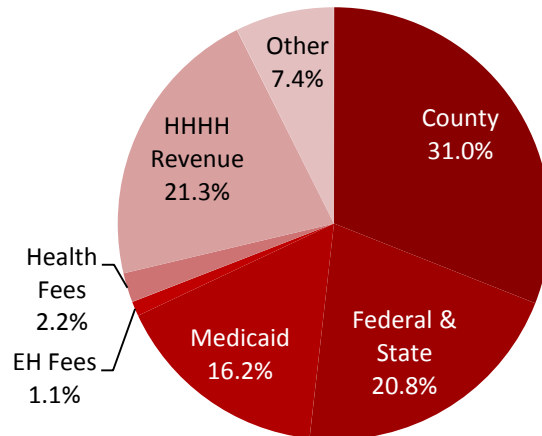
Home Health		Hospice	
Nursing Visits	2556	Nursing Visits	768
Speech Therapy Visits	0	Physical Therapy Visits	7
Physical Therapy Visits	2853	Social Work Visits	88
Occupational Therapy Visits	0	Aide Visits	711
Social Work Visits	8	Chaplain	110
Aide Visits	429		
SmartCare	106		

## Financial Snapshot

**FY 15-16 Expenditures**  
\$5,993,888



**FY 15-16 Revenue**  
\$6,973,003





# This is PUBLIC HEALTH!

*Helping  
Halifax be  
healthy  
since 1920*



## Halifax County Public Health System

**Halifax Clinic**  
19 North Dobbs Street  
Halifax, NC 27839  
252-583-5021

**Animal Control Shelter**  
568 Dogpound Road  
Halifax, NC 27839  
252-583-1050

**Home Health and Hospice**  
220 Smith Church Rd., Bldg C  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870  
252-308-0700

**Environmental Health**  
15 West Pittsylvania Street  
Halifax, NC 27839  
252-583-6651

**WIC Services**  
116 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870  
252-535-4845