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Health Department Releases 2014 State of the County Health Report

BURLINGTON – The Alamance County Health Department has completed and the Alamance County Board of Health has adopted the 2014 State of the County Health (SOTCH) report. The report provides updates on health statistics and reviews information on progress in the last year on priority health areas as determined in the 2011 Community Health Assessment.

Community health priorities highlighted in the SOTCH include obesity, substance abuse, mental health and access to health care. The SOTCH details various initiatives, activities and strategies employed to improve the health of the community related to those four priority areas. Additionally, the SOTCH highlights emerging issues in public health work such as communicable diseases and public health preparedness.

The SOTCH is a collaborative effort between the Alamance County Health Department, Alamance Regional Medical Center, Healthy Alamance, United Way and other community partners. The SOTCH report is an annual report required by the North Carolina Division of Public Health from all local health departments in the years between Community Health Assessments. To view the SOTCH, please visit <http://www.alamance-nc.com/health/> then choose Health Reports and Statistics.

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