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National Association of City and County Health Officials Association Executive Director Visits Health Department

Public Health Month 2016 Kick-Off Event

BURLINGTON –National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) Executive Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH visited Alamance County Health Department April 6 to participate in the kick-off event for Public Health Month 2016. The event took place at the health department’s Environmental Health campus located at 209 N. Graham Hopedale Rd.

Members of the health department and honored guests commemorated the beginning of Public Health Month by walking a one mile loop highlighting the importance of the built environment and access to healthy foods as it relates to individual health and also the health of a community. The group also discussed the 2015 Alamance County Community Assessment including the three priority areas of Access to Care, Economy and Education.

The kick-off event included the reading of the recently approved Public Health Month proclamation by Alamance County Commissioner and Board of Health member Mr. Bob Byrd. The proclamation as read by Mr. Byrd stated that prevention efforts in Alamance County have resulted in an increase in life expectancy from 58 years in 1938 to 77.3 years in 2015. The proclamation also stated that public health professionals and partners dedicated more than 1825 hours to public health preparedness and response planning in the last year.

“Public Health Month is an opportunity for us to recognize the great work Alamance County has done over the years to improve the health of those who live, work, play and learn in our community,” stated Health Director Stacie Saunders. “Alamance County is fortunate to have dedicated and experienced public health professionals working each day to serve the needs of the county and also fortunate to have equally dedicated partners that share the same passion for improving the health and wellness of everyone in our community.”

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Health Director Stacie Saunders introducing honored guests Commissioner Bob Byrd (far left) and NACCHO Executive Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck (far right)



NACCHO Executive Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck addressing staff and guests at Public Health Month Kick-Off Event. (Also pictured Health Director Stacie Saunders)



Guests and staff participating in Alamance County Health Department's Public Health Month 2016 Kick-Off Event



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