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*From the Lodge to the Lighthouse
We're striving for a healthier Hyde*

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Hyde County Health Department was one of fifteen health departments awarded reaccreditation status by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board on May 19, 2017.

“Hyde County Health Department was initially accredited in 2013, and has just passed our first 4 year reaccreditation cycle. This is an achievement that exemplifies the agency’s commitment to serve our community by adopting and following performance standards ensuring best practices. I am very proud to say I am part of the Health Department team. Together we are working diligently to support the citizens of Hyde County,” comments Luana Gibbs, Interim Health Director.

North Carolina is the first state in the country to mandate accreditation for its local health departments. The purpose of the accreditation program is to assure a basic level of capacity and services in each of the local health departments across the state.

Since the pilot program involving six local health departments began in 2004, all eighty-five health departments have been accredited in NC and 79 have been reaccredited at least once. The process of accreditation includes three major components – a self-assessment completed by the agency, a site visit by a multidisciplinary team of peers to review performance standards, and determination of accreditation status by an independent Accreditation Board comprised of state and local public health officials, Board of Health members, County Commissioners, and public members.

The NC Local Health Department Accreditation program is a collaboration of the North Carolina Institute for Public Health (part of the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors, and the North Carolina Division of Public Health (part of the NC Department of Health and Human Services).