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## Board of Health chosen as a N.C. Outstanding Board of Health

**Hendersonville, NC**—The Henderson County Board of Health has been selected as a N.C. Outstanding Board of Health by the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health. The board was recognized for its work in community involvement, citizen support, interagency collaboration, innovative approaches and impact on public health. The award was given at the 2015 N.C. Health Director’s Conference in Raleigh on January 22, 2015, to Steve Smith, health director for the Henderson County Department of Public Health.

At the February 10 regular Board of Health meeting, Smith recognized current and previous board members for their public health advocacy and presented them with the N.C. Outstanding Board of Health award. Previous board members included Larry Young, Elizabeth Todd and Phil Sellers.

“This board is very supportive of public health and its impact on our community,” said Smith. “Their advocacy for issues important to Henderson County will continue to benefit its citizens. We are very fortunate to have an amazing group who take their role seriously.”

According to the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health, this board was selected for demonstrating its leadership through engaging community stakeholders to define critical public health capacities; expanding the department’s school-based influenza vaccination campaign; collaborating with Henderson County Partnership for Health to increase efforts to prevent prescription drug abuse and advancing local tobacco use prevention policy discussions.

The Henderson County Board of Health consists of eleven members: one physician, Jerald Pyles; one dentist, Pete Richards; one optometrist, Craig Poole; one veterinarian, Beverly Hargus; one registered nurse, Barbara Stanley; one pharmacist, Robyn Sutton Bryson; one county commissioner, Bill Lapsley; one engineer, Jim Crafton; and three general public members, Graham Fields, Terry Hicks and Kris Peters. In N.C., the local board of health is charged with being the policy-making, rule-making and adjudicatory body for a county health department. The board meets the second Tuesday of each month at the health department.

For more information, visit the Board of Health web page at [www.hendersoncountync.org/health](http://www.hendersoncountync.org/health).

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