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Cumberland County Names New Health Department Director

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Cumberland County Board of Health has named Buck Wilson as the county’s new Health Department director. Wilson is currently the local health director for the Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Public Health District. His first day will be July 20.

The Board of Health started looking for a new health director in December after it was announced that director Wayne Raynor was retiring in January. Wilson’s salary will be \$110,000.

Wilson, 40, has worked in public health for more than 13 years. His first public health job was as a registered dietitian and nutrition director in Iredell County. He then served as the district nutrition director for the Department of Health and Environmental Control in South Carolina. He was the local health director in Madison County before accepting the job as local health director for the Rutherford-Polk-McDowell Public Health District in September 2005. Prior to his public health experience, he worked in the private sector for several years.

Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Science degree in nutrition from Winthrop University. He completed the Management Academy of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Southeast Public Health Leadership Institute at UNC Institute for Public Health.

In announcing the appointment to Health Department staff, interim director Jane Stevens said, “We look forward to Mr. Wilson’s arrival, a smooth transition to a new director and a new building.” The new Health Department facility under construction on Ramsey Street is expected to open this fall. The Health Department has 264 employees.

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