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Health Department's STD Clinic Complies With State Standards

FAYETTEVILLE – A report outlining a state monitoring visit at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's sexually transmitted disease/communicable disease program was released last month. The visit, conducted by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, evaluated the County's compliance with state requirements, evaluated the skills and competency of STD Enhanced Role Registered Nurses and audited medical records.

The monitoring visit determined the County STD/CD program was in compliance with all state requirements. According to the report, "Cumberland County Department of Public Health staff worked diligently to assure lab reports were acknowledged, investigated, and reported to the NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System State Registrar within the required timeframe."

The report also acknowledged the staff's timeliness and high-quality STD clinical services despite the high-volume demand of the clinic as well as the clinic's up-to-date and easy to use policies and procedures.

In 2016, the Public Health Department STD Clinic provided more than 56,980 services to patients including exams, lab testing, treatment and counseling. Cumberland County is ranked fourth in the state for both gonorrhea and chlamydia, sixth for HIV and primary and secondary syphilis and fifth for early and latent syphilis.

No significant issues were noted with the STD ERRNs. The report stated the nurses demonstrated good to excellent client-centered interviewing skills, physical examinations and implementation of standing orders.

Several recommendations were made during the medical record audit including standardizing where signatures are placed and clarifying ERRN billing.

The STD Clinic provides services to anyone interested in screenings, diagnosis, treatment and counseling for STD including HIV. HIV/AIDS testing and counseling are free. Screening, treatment and counseling for gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and other STDs are also free.

All services are confidential and available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although appointments are strongly encouraged, walk-ins will be accepted. Call, 910-433-3600 for more information.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be

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