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Environmental Health Recognized for Outstanding Public Health

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division received the Eastern District North Carolina Public Health Association's Outstanding Public Health Award during an educational conference April 27.

Environmental Health was recognized for its work with the Food and Drug Administration's voluntary Retail Program Standards, which it joined in 2014, and for its continued quality improvements to its Food and Lodging section.

The Retail Program Standards aims to achieve national uniformity among regulatory programs that are responsible for retail food protection. This can only be accomplished by enhancing the local retail food regulatory program.

Environmental Health has enhanced its Food and Lodging program by implementing aspects of Retail Program Standards including, holding an annual Food Safety Forum, providing Hazardous Analyses Critical Control Points training to Environmental Health specialists and updating its current data management system, allowing more data to be captured and analyzed.

"Environmental Health is proud of being awarded the Outstanding Public Health Award," said Cumberland County Environmental Health Director Daniel Ortiz. "We have worked hard to improve our food safety program in order to better protect the public and this award is acknowledgement that we are on the right path."

The EDNCPH award for Outstanding Public Health is presented annually to the agency or program that has health programming, which is considered creative, innovative, efficient, and effective as well as demonstrating community involvement, community impact, and has been, or is planned, to be an ongoing effort.

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