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Health Department Selected For CDC Health Associate Program

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Health has been selected as a 2017 host site for the Centers for Disease Control’s Public Health Associate Program. The program will bring an associate to work in the Health Department’s Environmental Health Division for two years to learn how to complete follow-ups, complaint visits and collect water samples.

The associate is expected to begin work in October through a paid internship from the Centers for Disease Control. The associate will complete in-depth training and assist with the collection and analysis of data related to language barriers in regulated establishments. The effort will help educate inspectors in cultural competency and develop educational materials to be utilized during visits at the establishments. The public health associate will have the opportunity to complete abstracts and present at the local, state, regional and national level.

“It is important that we invest in the next generation of public health professionals,” Public Health Director Buck Wilson said. “We are excited to partner with the CDC in this effort, while strengthening our capacity to improve the health of our citizens.”

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 submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.

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