



NC Citizens for Public Health

Promoting public health through advocacy

North Carolina Citizens for Public Health, Inc. (NCCPH), a 501(c)(3) organization, is the outgrowth of a 1976 Citizens' Conference on Public Health where conference participants expressed a strong need for citizen participation in public health and recommended the formation of a group or organization to promote citizens' involvement. This conference was sponsored by the NC Public Health Association (NCPHA), the Association of Local Health Directors (LHD), and the Alumni Association and Continuing Education Committee at the UNC School of Public Health (SPH) with support from Burroughs Wellcome, Milex Carolinas, Inc., and Rauch Industries.

MISSION: North Carolina Citizens for Public Health (NCCPH) is a non-partisan association of citizens of North Carolina who advocate for strong public health policies that have a direct impact on protecting the health of the public of our state.

VISION: Members from all 100 North Carolina counties to affect the impact of advocacy for the public's health.

VALUES:

- Function as a non-partisan organization
- Involve citizens and citizen advocates
- Build community through collaboration
- Strengthen and support all public health services
- Use available evidence-based research to support education and advocacy activities

MEMBERS: Voting members are citizen volunteers from across the state who, in addition to their time and talents, pay all of their own expenses. Individual members are involved in a wide variety of public health, volunteer, and community organizations and issues at state and local levels.

WHAT NCCPH OFFERS PUBLIC HEALTH:

- Statewide membership along with statewide professional affiliations.
- Citizen representation on public health issues with policy makers.
- Presentation of public health information to policy makers at all levels of government.
- Support for public health training programs and students including practical experience opportunities.

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Initiated and supported North Carolina Public Health Month, the first in the country, now national.
- Served as the catalyst for the organization of the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health, Inc. (ANCBH) and the NC Alliance for Public Health.
- Represented citizens on public health issues like separating environmental health from public health, criteria for state health director, and board of health education with state and local policy makers.
- Presented public health information on budgets, both operational and facilities, and board of health continuation among other topics to state and local policymakers.
- Monitored health-related state and federal legislation and supported legislative priorities of NC Division of Public Health, NCPHA, NCALHD, ANCBH, and SPH.
- Served in an advisory capacity to public health programs and related organizations such as the Institute of Medicine Task Force on Dental Care Access, Project ASSIST, Infant Mortality Task Force, NC Committee for Dental Health and several legislative study commissions.
- 2017 NCCPH received from Southern Health Association the *Howell Special Meritorious Service to Public Health Award*.

For information about NCCPH or to become a member go to our web site: <https://www.nccph.com/>