



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/4/2022

Good News

Department: Health & Human Services

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Subject: Dr. Sarah Morrow Health Department of the Year (Large County)

Brief Summary: BCHHS-Department of Health was awarded the **Dr. Sarah Morrow Health Department of the Year (Large County)** by the North Carolina Public Health Association (NCPHA)! The award was presented at the NCPHA Fall Educational Conference in Wilmington, NC. The Dr. Sarah Taylor Morrow Health Department of the Year award is given to two health departments (two health departments based on the county's population size: less than 59,999 and greater than 59,999) for outstanding programs and efforts. BCHHS – Department of Health was recognized for the following:

- Building on history of integrating equity through other service outreach, Community Health Assessment and staff trainings
- Establishing equity as part of the Incident Command System (ICS) operational structure of the COVID-19 response
- Integrating equity into COVID-19 vaccine outreach and at-home test kit distribution initiative
- Creating Mobile Team with focus on 3 domains of equity: historically marginalized populations, low-income areas, and rural communities