



# News Release

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## Health Department Recipient of Public Health Association Awards

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health received several awards during the North Carolina Public Health Association’s Fall Educational Conference, held in Asheville last month.

**The Health Department’s Environmental Health Division received the Norton Group Award** for outstanding cooperation and service to public health in North Carolina during the past year. Environmental Health participates in the Food and Drug Administration’s Retail Program Standards and has worked toward achieving conformance with the recommended nine standards through continuous improvements and the development of innovative strategies.

**Daniel Ortiz, the Environmental Health Division director was awarded the W.A. “Bill” Broadway Award** for consistently improving the practice of environmental health in North Carolina. Under Ortiz’s leadership, the Health Department has entered into the FDA Program Standards and has met two of the nine standards; participated in Zika research; conducted quarterly Food Safety Forums open to the public on various topics and partnered with Yelp to have restaurant inspection scores available through their app in order to increase availability of scores and raise public awareness of food safety.

**Diana Blue, Environmental Health Program Specialist was the recipient of an All-Star Award** for her personal and professional qualities including her ethics, dedication, and determination. All-Star awards are presented to public health professionals who epitomize “Public Health.”



**Environmental Health Division Director Daniel Ortiz (center) stands with EH staff and Interim Health Director Rodney Jenkins (far left) after receiving the Norton Group Award in September at the NC Public Health Association’s Fall Educational Conference.**

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