

Benchmark Activity 34.5: The local board of health shall evaluate the need for the adoption or amendment of local rules or ordinances.

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: April 9, 2015

Agenda Item Subject: e-cigarettes

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch (Sally Herndon or Jim Martin)

Purpose: _____ Action
_____ Information only
X Information with possible action

Objectives: To update the BOH on e-cigarettes and provide policy recommendations

Summary Information:

The Durham County BOH Smoking Rule went into effect in August 2012 and do not cover e-cigarettes. Since that time, e cigarettes have become more prevalent. E-cigarettes are tobacco products which are battery-powered devices that provide doses of nicotine and other additives to the user in an aerosol, often referred to as vapor. More research has been done on e-cigarettes now, but significant questions remain regarding their safety and impact on the patterns of traditional tobacco use. This presentation will provide an update on the latest research and trends related to e-cigarettes and provide policy strengthening recommendations for the BOH Smoking Rule.

Recommended Action: _____ Approve
_____ Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
_____ Approve & forward to _____
_____ Accept as information
_____ Revise & schedule for future action
X Other (details):__Set separate date to discuss or vote on recommendation related to e-cigarettes