

**Benchmark Activity #24.2**

**The local health department shall have a staff development plan that includes identifying and addressing the training and continuing education needs of the staff.**

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

Meeting Date: June 14th, 2018

Agenda Item Subject: REHS Week and Event(s) Review

Attachment (s): Power Point

Staff or Board Member Reporting: J. Christopher Salter

Purpose:  Action  
 Information only  
 Information with possible action

**Objectives:** Educate the BOH about the origination of *REHS Recognition Week* (Registered Environmental Health Specialist) in North Carolina. Review how Durham County Environmental Health celebrated the week. Explain benefits and positive outcomes.

**Summary Information:** Durham County Environmental Health played a key role in the official recognition/proclamation process. Durham County Environmental Health recognized staff members and the important work they do for several years prior to the statewide proclamation (DCo EH DAY). For 2018, DCo EH staff organized a committee who developed an agenda full of week-long activities. The activities promoted internal team building, education and development, departmental relationship building combined with staff education that helped tear down, at least in part, some of the silos we operate in as divisions.

**Recommended Action:**  Approve  
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action  
 Approve & forward to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accept as information