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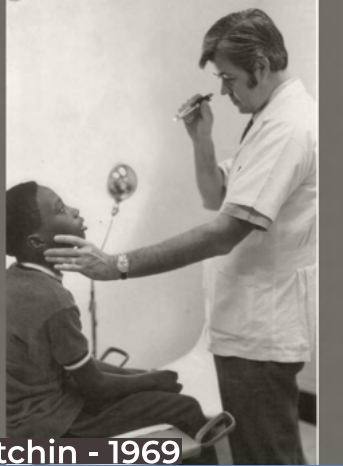
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Celebrating 50 Years of Service

WELCOME
to the Board

Lawrence Cutchin, MD,
joined the Tarboro Clinic
and established UNC
affiliations with
Edgecombe General
Hospital for training
Family Physicians and
Family Nurse
Practitioners.



Dr. Cutchin - 1969

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



- DR. DEBBY P. FUTRELL

In 1965, The University of North Carolina School of Medicine created a Division of Education and Research in Community Medical Care (the Division) under the direction of Dean Emeritus Dr. W. Reece Berryhill. Dr. Berryhill was charged with the task of developing a strong collaboration between academic medicine and the medical practices and hospitals in communities across the state. In 1969, the state legislature also appropriated funding for a chairman of the newly created UNC Department of Family medicine and appointed Dr. Robert Smith. At the same time, Glenn Wilson was named the associate dean of Community Health Services and the Director of Education and Research in Community Medical Care. Dr. Lawrence Cutchin (trained in both pediatrics and internal medicine), was an early member of Dr. Berryhill's Division while in training at UNC. Post training, Dr. Cutchin joined a group practice in Tarboro. With Dr. Berryhill's support and funding from the Duke Endowment and the UNC Health Services Research Center, he created a Department of Medical Education in the local hospital and established an affiliation with the UNC School of Medicine. This affiliation provided for local and regional health professional continuing education, and for off-campus rotations for medical students and residents. Similar affiliations were created in Wilmington and Charlotte. These relationships put the medical school in a strong position when AHEC funding was received from the federal government in 1972 to create regional medical programs for the first three AHECs in North Carolina and three of the first in the country, New Hanover Hospital, Charlotte Memorial Hospital, and Area L. The Edgecombe Hospital Department of Medical Education became the Area L AHEC Staff and Management Center, and programs were expanded to cover all five Area L Counties. Glenn Wilson became the director of the NC AHEC Program. By the late 1970's, the NC AHEC program had expanded to all 100 counties of NC. In September of 2022, AHEC will celebrate 50 years of service. We are thankful for all the support we have received the last 50 years and the partnerships that allow us to achieve our mission.



T. Pender Sharp, III



Michael K. Lynch

Employee Highlights

10 Years of Service



Lisa Renfrow
Director of Continuing
Medical Education

Promoted



Michaela Karriker
Director of Statewide
Projects and Housing
Coordinator

Welcome



Jose Guevara
Director of Technology
and Education Support

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Live Webinar



Mental Health First Aid	Sept 28
Identifying and Responding to Sex Trafficking in the US	Sept 29
Pediatric Sepsis and Dehydration	Oct 20
Radiation Updates for the Dental Office	Dec 2
North Carolina's Community Health Workers Summit	Dec 2
Mental Health First Aid Training for Pharmacy Professionals	Dec 13

In-Person

* Live Webinar Available



OSHA Laws: Annual Fall Bloodborne Pathogens and Hazcom Update	Sept 16 *
* Community Events Featuring Dr. Stephen Loyd	Oct. 16 - 18
* Substance Use Disorders (SUD): Proper Prescribing, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and the Connection to Trauma	Oct. 17
* SUD, MAT and Opioid Settlement Funds (Featuring AG Josh Stein and Dr. Loyd)	Oct. 18
31st Annual Wilson Medical Center Pharmacy CE Symposium	Nov 9 & 10 *
2022 Diabetes Update	Date TBD

Online, Self-Paced Educational Activities



- North Carolina's Guide to Diabetes Prevention and Management
- CGWEP: Falls Prevention Awareness: Advanced Training for Home Health Aides
- Pain Management and MAT

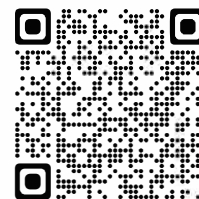
* FEATURED SPEAKER

STEPHEN
LOYD, MD



Dr. Stephen Loyd currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer of Cedar Recovery, an addiction treatment company headquartered in Mount Juliet, TN, servicing patients across Middle Tennessee. On top of his work for Cedar, he is currently a member of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners as well as serving as a federal expert witness. A nationally recognized thought leader and clinician, Dr. Loyd has decades of experience in internal medicine, mental health, and substance abuse services. His background includes serving as the Medical Director and Assistant Commissioner for Substance Abuse Services with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and he serves as the Chairman of the TN Opioid Abatement Council. Dr. Loyd has been in recovery since 2004. Experiencing addiction firsthand has allowed him to develop a unique approach to patient care that is passionate, effective, and impactful. Dr. Loyd served as a resource for the book *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America* by Beth Macy as well as the Hulu series entitled *Dopesick*. In the series, the character, Dr. Finnix, is based in part on the life story of Dr. Loyd. His daily goal is to help as many people as possible receive the quality treatment they deserve in order for them to feel better, get better, and stay better. Area L AHEC is thrilled to have Dr. Loyd in our region in October.

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Continuing Education Calendar

The Story of Dr. Stephen Loyd



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PRACTICE SUPPORT SERVICES

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Area L Practice Support is committed to helping practices position themselves for new payment models, incentive programs, and other healthcare reforms while focusing on patient-centered care. For more information please visit our website and view the NC AHEC Practice Support Flyer located under Resources on the Practice Support page. - Shannon Cambra, Director of Practice Support and Public Health

Tailored Care Management (TCM)

✦ Tailored Care Launch Key Milestone Dates:

- June 15, 2022** Tailored Plan Member Services lines go-live
- Aug. 1, 2022** Beneficiaries will be assessed to confirm qualification for Tailored Plan. Beneficiaries that no longer qualify will receive a notice from the Enrollment Broker about their choices
- Aug. 15, 2022** Beneficiary Choice Period begins; Beneficiaries can choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP) by contacting their Tailored Plan
- Aug. 15, 2022** Tailored Plan Auto-Enrollment begins. Enrollment Broker begins mailing Enrollment Packets to beneficiaries
- Oct. 14, 2022** Last day for beneficiaries to choose a PCP before PCP auto-assignment
- Oct. 15, 2022** PCP Auto-Assignment (by Tailored Plan) for beneficiaries who have not chosen a PCP
- Dec. 1, 2022** Tailored Plan launch

✦ TCM Readiness Reviews:

Final Protocol



Evaluation Worksheet



Document Checklist



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Medicaid Managed Care

✦ Register for the 2nd Annual Virtual Statewide Quality Forum; August 11 at 12:30pm; The Forum is to help providers, practice managers, and quality managers succeed with Medicaid Managed Care quality initiatives. This informative session will cover:

- Statewide Medicaid Standard Plan Metric Outcomes
- AMH Metrics: Maximizing Data Capture
- AMH Support



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General Information For Providers and Staff

NCDHHS & CHWs: NCDHHS has long held a vision that Community Health Workers (CHWs), and other extenders, can play important roles in improving health. CHWs serve as important, trusted connectors to the community and propel equitable health outcomes. As the CHW workforce grows in North Carolina, NCDHHS seeks to emphasize the ways CHWs can be leveraged to improve health and health care for individuals enrolled in Medicaid. NCDHHS plans to release managed care guidance later this year describing NCDHHS's strategy to further integrate CHWs into NC Medicaid. This will include opportunities for stakeholder input and feedback to inform the strategy. In the interim, the guidance document provides important overarching information on CHWs to encourage broader use of CHWs in Medicaid. It summarizes the definition of a CHW, offers examples of how CHWs can serve Medicaid members, and provides information on current CHW training and certification opportunities in North Carolina. More information about integrating Community Health Workers into NC Medicaid is available in the Guidance Document and Provider Bulletin.

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Megan Griffin

Welcome to our newest Practice Support Consultant! Megan has worked in the Duke University Health System as a Care Coordinator, with Optum Insight of United Health Group as a Practice Performance Specialist, and with WakeMed Health and Hospitals as an Education Specialist. She is a graduate of East Carolina University. We are excited to have Megan on our team!

Happy 50th Anniversary!

Area L has contributed vastly, to RHG's long-view focus on workforce development, by providing educational activities, training, and offering CEUs & CMEs. Additionally, it is through the collaboration's focus on primary care activities and services, such as health access, equity and quality that the health of Halifax, Northampton and Edgecombe Counties' citizens have improved. RHG is grateful for this ongoing partnership.

Yvonne Long-Gee
CEO
Rural Health Group, Inc.

Congratulations Area L AHEC on 50 years of service to the region! With a total focus on the needs of the region, they are the essence of what an AHEC should be. The leadership past and present values bringing the highest quality educational programs to health care providers. I treasure the time I worked with you.

Diana McDuffee
Former Director of the NC AHEC
Library/Information Services Network

I first heard of a new endeavor in North Carolina in 1976, when I was in residency in Arizona. In medical school I had settled on practicing in a rural, underserved area. However worries about staying current abounded. Knowing about the AHEC system highly influenced my decision to come to NC. From the first day in my clinic, I was working with medical students; at the hospital I was pleased to have monthly lectures by UNC professors. I came for 2 years of loan repayment, but stayed for 35 years due to the collaboration with and support of Area L AHEC. From teaching to program development, AHEC has always enriched my professional life.

Dr. Jane H. McCaleb
Retired Medical Director of Roanoke Amaranth Community Health Group, Inc.
Former AHEC Director of Family Medicine Clerkship Teaching Program

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