

**North Carolina Association of Local Health
Directors 2024 Legislative Priorities**

1. Recurring Local Public Health Funding
Continue the overall effort to advocate for increases in recurring state-level public health funding that is flexible to meet the greatest local needs.
2. Public Health Interventions to address Mental and Behavioral Health Crisis
Seek \$15M in recurring appropriations to local health departments to enhance and spread public health interventions that address the mental health crisis in North Carolina.
3. Opioid Settlement Funding
Seek investment of available opioid settlement dollars to be invested in public health services to address the ongoing opioid crisis.
4. Health Director Educational Qualifications
Seek modifications to NC GS 130A-40 to update the minimum education and experience requirements to serve as a local health director.
5. Technical Correction to NC GS 153A-77(e)
Seek technical correction to note that in a consolidated health and human services agency, an individual must meet the requirements of GS 130A-40(a) to serve as the local health director.
6. Tobacco 21/Vape Sales
Support efforts to better regulate vape retailers to curtail the youth vaping epidemic.