



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 3.

DATE OF MEETING: October 1, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Carolyn Moser, Health Director

SHORT TITLE: Recognition of North Carolina Public Health All-Star Award Recipient

BACKGROUND: Every year health departments across the state are encouraged to identify that special, spirited someone that epitomizes "public health." Nominees are submitted to a selection committee where all identifying information is removed to ensure nominations are non-biased. Shirley Steele was one of twelve "All-Stars" to be recognized at the association's annual education conference held in New Bern, NC September 19-21.



NCPHA Public Health All-Star Award Nomination

Each public health agency is being asked to look through their ranks and identify that special, spirited someone that epitomizes "Public Health." All professions and positions are open for nomination to the All-Stars Team! All you have to do is complete a brief nomination form and submit it by the **July 31, 2012** deadline. (See Attached)

****Remember as always, all identifiers (example: county names and nominee names) are removed prior to the committee selection process to ensure the nominations are unbiased.***

All-Stars will be recognized at **North Carolina Public Health Association Annual Educational Conference in New Bern, NC** taking place on **September 19-21, 2012**. You can visit NCPHA's website to learn more about the specifics at: www.ncpha.com.

Requirements: Nominees must be a current member of the NCPHA and attend the ceremony for NC Public Health All-Stars ceremony on September 19, 2012. To verify membership status you may email Jennifer Park at jpark@ncapha.org.

Instructions for Nomination Form

This form was created in MS Word with insert fields. You may type directly on this form and save it. The gray shaded fields will expand as needed with what is typed in these fields.

These nomination forms must be by emailed to Brittan Wood at Brittan_wood@unc.edu

All forms must be submitted by July 31, 2012

If there are any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Brittan Wood at 919-843-3294 or Deborah Creed at 336-401-8548.

NCPHA Public Health All-Star Award Nomination Form

County: Pender County	Nominated By: Carolyn Moser	Phone: 910-259-1499
Agency Name: Pender County Health Department	Email: cmoser@pendercountync.gov	

- ★ **All-Star Nominee's Name:** *Shirley Steele*
- ★ **Position/Profession:** *Director of Nursing, BSN, MHA*
- ★ **Nominee's Years of Service:** *10 years*

Write at least 100 words which focus on FOUR qualities this employee uses to be a Public Health All Stars. Please limit narratives to no more than 2 typed, double spaced pages. Click on the gray box to get started.)

An evaluation of Shirley Steele's qualifications to be a Public Health All-Star would reveal four "D"s: **Determination, Dedication, Devotion, and Desire**. She has established herself as a strong professional with an outstanding work ethic. Her energy and enthusiasm is infectious.

Determination: Webster defines adversity as "a state, condition, or instance of serious or continued difficulty". Shirley Steele has experienced a great deal of adversity during her tenure with the Pender County Health Department. With a fierce amount of determination on her part, she has survived wrongful attacks personally and professionally in a public manner that few would have endured. Fortunately, as fire refines gold, Shirley has utilized her inner resolve to rise above the negativity with grace and class.

Dedication: It is not unusual to find Shirley at her desk at 7:00 a.m. to prepare for the day or to see her after 6:00 p.m. to "finish this one thing". She also exudes a sense of loyalty to her staff. They know she will always be there to support, guide and encourage them. Shirley leads by example and with a sense of fairness. She takes great pride in the health department, its staff and the high quality of health care services that are provided. She is committed to the Pender County Health Department and its mission of "*building a healthier tomorrow*".

Devotion: Shirley is the first to remind others that the health department is here to serve all the people of Pender County. Whether it is prevention or a response to public health preparedness she continuously looks for cost-effective ways to take public health outside the four walls of the health department. During the massive 2011 Holly Shelter Gameland wildfires, she spent long hours with staff helping to educate the public about the health concerns from the smoke. For natural disasters, she serves as a “go-to” person, helping to manage shelters during hurricanes and spending days in the Emergency Management Operations Center.

Desire: Any professional that has public health in their “blood”, practices not for fortune or fame but for a sincere desire to make a positive impact on their community. Shirley Steele displays that desire daily regardless of the challenges she may face. She is motivated to provide high quality service delivery through a highly qualified professional staff. Shirley Steele’s determination, dedication, devotion and desire have resulted in an unrelenting pursuit for excellence.

Supporting Signatures: *Minimum of 3*

Name: Carolyn Moser

Name: Jimmy Holland

Name: Tom Collins

Agency: Pender County Health Dept

Agency: Pender County Board of Health

Agency: Pender County Emergency Mgmt

You may use electronic signatures by simply typing in the supporting names.

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