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**Moore County Health Department & Partners Conduct
Community Health Assessment**

The Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. (the local Healthy Carolinians Task Force) are currently teaming up to conduct the 2009 Moore County Community Health Assessment. A key component of the Assessment is a community health opinion survey. On June 18th-20th, Public Health staff will conduct randomly selected door-to-door surveys throughout the County to get your thoughts on the most pressing health needs in our community. If you are approached by County Health Department staff members with proper photo identification, please take the opportunity to participate in the 30-minute survey to share your thoughts on current health issues and how the community is addressing them. The surveys will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, June 18th and 19th from 9:00am-7:00pm, and Saturday, June 20th from 9:00am-4:00pm.

The Community Health Assessment process takes place every four years and is required of all health departments in North Carolina. In addition to the health opinion survey, other components include collecting state and nationally maintained data such as leading causes of death and incidence of chronic diseases. Additionally, the Community Health Assessment Steering Committee is collecting data about community services, utilization of those services, and locally driven public health initiatives. Key community leaders of Moore County will also be asked to provide their input regarding the health of Moore County.

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This year, utilizing resources and expertise from the North Carolina Public Health Regional Surveillance Team 3 and Moore County GIS Department, a new cluster sampling methodology will be employed to complete the health opinion survey. This is a key piece to the Assessment since it allows for resident input. Using tax mapping and GIS information systems, households will be selected at random to participate in this survey. Questions asked on this survey will include identifying the major health problems in the County and access to healthcare. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and will not be linked to any individual. This is an accepted data collection practice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization. In addition, this method has been employed during state and national disasters by the North Carolina Public Health Regional Surveillance Teams and will provide an opportunity for local staff to practice using this method to prepare for potential disaster situations in the future. The Moore County Amateur Radio Society will be providing supplemental communication support for this survey.

Moore County Health Department will continue its partnership efforts over 2009 and present a comprehensive report to the community in late 2009. At that time, utilizing input from community residents and local leaders, community health priorities to address major community health issues will be selected to focus on for the next four years.

For more information about the Community Health Assessment, please contact the Health Department at 947-3300.

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