

2025 NC Local Health Directors' Legal Conference
Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday, April 16, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Time	Topics and Speaker(s)
8:30	Registration and light continental breakfast
9:00-10:00	Legislative and Regulatory Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Niehaus, JD, MPH, Director of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, NCDHHS Division of Public Health • Jon Fowlkes, REHS, Deputy Environmental Health Section Chief, NCDHHS Division of Public Health
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Understanding Local Public Health Governance in North Carolina—Past, Present, and Future* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karl Johnson, Ph.D., Department of Public Health Leadership and Practice, Gillings School of Global Public Health
11:15-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	Working with DSS on Child Welfare Cases: Information Sharing and Consent to Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsten Leloudis, JD, MPH, UNC School of Government
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Environmental Health Update: Defense of Environmental Health Specialists; Use of Legal Remedies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Schaeffer, JD, Special Deputy Attorney General, NC Department of Justice
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:00	Legal Issues in the Public Health Response to Tropical Storm Helene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Urland, MPA, Program Manager, NCDHHS Division of Public Health • Jennifer Greene, MPH, Local Health Director and CEO, AppHealthCare • Wilson Mize, REHS, On-Site Water Protection Branch Head, NCDHHS Division of Public Health • Shane Smith, REHS, Food Protection and Facilities Branch Head, NCDHHS Division of Public Health • John Schaeffer, JD, Special Deputy Attorney General, NC Department of Justice

*Please note that CLE is not available for this session.

Thursday, April 17th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Time	Topics and Speaker(s)
8:30	Light continental breakfast
9:00-10:00	Artificial Intelligence: Balancing the Risks and Rewards of New Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kristi Nickodem, JD, UNC School of Government
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Introduction to Juvenile Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jacqui Greene, JD, UNC School of Government
11:15-12:15	Public Health Law in 2025: Updates in a Time of Rapid Change <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jill Moore, MPH, JD, UNC School of Government
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-3:00	NCALHD business meeting