



## Jackson County Department of Public Health

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DIRECTOR

**To: Jackson County Board of County Commissioners**

**Subject: Board of Health Member Appointment Recommendation**

**Date: June 10, 2025**

Dear Members of the Board of County Commissioners,

North Carolina General Statute §130A-35 outlines the authority of the Local Board of Health and defines its required composition. As you are aware, members of the Local Board of Health are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Nine of the eleven current Board of Health members have terms that will expire in July 2025. Board members serve three-year terms and may serve up to a total of nine years.

At this time, I respectfully recommend the reappointment of the following individuals to serve another term on the Jackson County Board of Health:

Discipline	Name	Years Served
Licensed Physician	Dr. David Trigg	6
Licensed Dentist	Dr. David LeMay	0.5
Licensed Optometrist	Dr. Brandi Hicks	6
Registered Nurse	Emily Buchanan, RN	6
Licensed Pharmacist	Kim Cowan	6
Professional Engineer	Jerry DeWeese	6
At-Large Member	Kathy Farmer	6
At-Large Member	Ellerna Forney	6
At-Large Member	Kyle Clayton	2.5

Each of these individuals has demonstrated a strong commitment to public health and brings valuable expertise to the Board. Their continued service will greatly benefit our community.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Lippard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anna Lippard, Health Director

<b>HEALTH BOARD</b>			
<i><b>NAME</b></i>	<i><b>DISCIPLINE</b></i>	<i><b>APPOINTED</b></i>	<i><b>EXPIRES</b></i>
Mark Letson markletson@jacksonnc.org	Local Government		Term of Office
Kathy Farmer 65 Heirloom Drive Sylva, NC 28779 kathlynjfarmer@gmail.com 828-507-7678	At Large One	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
Ellerna Forney P.O. Box 33 Sylva, NC 28779 ellerna@partyinabox.biz 828-736-4697	At Large Two	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
Kyle Clayton 101 Fisherman's Lane Sylva, NC 28779 kyleclayton09@gmail.com 828-508-4503	At Large Three	Fill unexpired term 12-20-2022	07-31-2025
David LeMay 429 Bo Cove Road Cullowhee, NC 28723	Dentistry	Fill the unexpired term of D. McGuire 12-17-2024	07-31-2025
Jerry DeWeese 2293 Skyland Drive Sylva, NC 28779 jcdeweesejr@aol.com 828-284-4979	Engineer	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
Emily Buchanan 128 Elk Road Sylva, NC 28779 emilybuchanan9@hotmail.com 399-1705	Nursing	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
Brandy Hicks 400 East Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 HisHicks4@gmail.com 828-586-8080	Optometrist	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
Kim Cowan 93 Eastgate Drive Sylva, NC 28779 kimseycowan@gmail.com 828-586-4605	Pharmacist	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
David Trigg 71 Qualla Hills Road Whittier, NC 28789 triggda@gmail.com 828-497-9631	Physician	07-16-2019 07-20-2022	07-31-2025
Erin Aiken 287 Genesis Trail Sylva, NC 28779 erinaikendvm@gmail.com 828-506-7652	Veterinarian	05-20-2025	07-31-2028

NCGS 130A-35. 3-year terms for a maximum of nine years. All members appointed by Board of Commissioners.  
Anna Lippard, Health Director

Under usual circumstances, the Board of Health meets quarterly (March, June, September, and December) on the second Monday of the month. Dinner for Board Members starts at 6:00 PM with the meeting to commence at 6:30 PM. Meetings take place in Conference Room at the Jackson County Department of Public Health unless otherwise stated.

The Jackson County Board of Health formulates policies and procedures for the Jackson County Department of Public Health. The Board's authority is established by NC General Statute 135A-35: "The Board of Health shall be the policy making, rulemaking, and adjudicatory body for a county health department." The Board works with Health Department administrators, clinicians, staff, and our community to protect and promote the public health of Jackson County.