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Lee County Health Department Honored for Excellence in Public Health

Lee County Health Department is One of 23 Nationwide to Receive "Model Practice Award" in 2009

Fort Madison– The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) honored Lee County Health Department at their 2009 annual conference for implementing a program that demonstrates exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a local public health need. Lee County Health Department's *Accreditation Preparation Demonstration Site Project* is one of 23 local public health programs selected from across the nation to receive NACCHO's Model Practice Award.

"I was very proud to accept the NACCHO's Model Practice Award at the annual conference on behalf of the Lee County Health Department. The award is evidence of our agency's commitment to develop responsive and innovative public health programs that improve the health of local citizens," said Michele Ross, Community Health Director at LCHD.

A committee of peers selected the Lee County Health Department's Accreditation Preparation Demonstration Site Project from a group of 116 local health department applications. The Model Practice Awards program honors initiatives – including programs, resources, and tools – that demonstrate how local health departments and their community partners can effectively collaborate to address local public health concerns. Lee County Health Department's Accreditation Preparation Demonstration Site Project will become part of an online, searchable database of successful public health practices in areas ranging from immunization and maternal and child health to infectious diseases and emergency preparedness. The database will allow NACCHO to share information about what is working across the country in local public health.

Lee County Health Department's Accreditation Preparation Demonstration Site Project joins a special group of health departments that exemplify the forward thinking, proactive attitude of our nation's public health system. NACCHO congratulates Lee County Health Department on this important recognition.

For more information about the NACCHO Model Practice Awards, go to www.naccho.org.

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