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David Jenkins named Henderson County Health Director

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (March 15, 2024) – The Henderson County Board of Health has named David Jenkins as the new Henderson County Health Director beginning May 6.

Jenkins currently serves as director of Stanly County Health and Human Services, a position he has held since 2018. Jenkins has over 23 years of public health experience, working through the ranks as an environmental health specialist and supervisor in New Hanover County. He also served as health director of Carteret and Scotland counties before assuming the role in Stanly.

"My family and I are genuinely excited for the opportunity to work, live and be part of a community we have spent time in and grown to love over the years," said Jenkins. "It has been a long-standing career plan of mine to work with a larger and very well-respected organization such as the Henderson County Department of Public Health.

"I am looking forward to building a long-term career with Henderson County and will do all I can to help build on the excellent reputation of the Department of Public Health," he added.

During his tenure in 2023, Jenkin's health department earned reaccreditation with honors status. In 2022, he was the recipient of the Ronald H. Levine Public Health Award, which recognizes exemplary contributions to public health in North Carolina. Jenkins has also served as president of the North Carolina Public Health Association and the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors as an executive member.

"David is a personable and strong leader," said Board of Health Chairperson Dr. Maggie Hayes. "He has the experience, enthusiasm and knowledge base necessary to continue the important work of the Henderson County Department of Public Health. The Board of Health is delighted to welcome him as our new health director, and we look forward to working with him in the years to come."

Jenkins received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Master of Public Administration from Walden University.