



CCNC President and CEO Allen Dobson, MD, with NCAFP Outgoing President Dr. Rhett Brown

CCNC Honored by North Carolina's Family Physicians

Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) was presented with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award by the [North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians \(NCAFP\)](#). Outgoing NCAFP President Dr. Rhett Brown presented the award to CCNC President and CEO Allen Dobson, MD, at the organization's annual Winter Family Physicians Weekend at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville earlier this month.

Dr. Brown recognized CCNC for more than 20-years of support for primary care physicians and their patients, and praised CCNC's efforts for improving quality and lowering cost through on-the-ground care management, data analytics and other tools that help primary care physicians provide better care.



Partnership for Community Care Plays Key in Prescription Drug Disposal Effort

Jeff Pruett, Chronic Pain Initiative Coordinator for [Partnership for Community Care \(P4CC\)](#), was part of a coalition of Randolph County clinical leaders spearheading new options for the safe disposal of prescription medications. Jeff has been a leader in the local fight against opioid addiction and he has helped to keep prescription drugs out of the hands of kids. Jeff's efforts have led to the placement of multiple drop boxes in each county P4PP serves (Guilford, Randolph and Rockingham) and greater use of a new drug incinerator sponsored by Randolph law enforcement agencies. Kudos to Jeff for his efforts!

Don't miss the [local coverage on WFMY TV](#)



Large County Learning Collaborative

CCNC, DPH Kick Off "Large County Learning Collaborative" in Charlotte

On December 1st, quality improvement teams from across the state gathered for an all-day event focused on improving pregnancy care management service delivery. Over 130 Pregnancy Care Managers, QI Coordinators, OB Physician Champions, Local Health Department Leaders (directors, managers, supervisors), DPH and CCNC leaders took part in the year-long quality improvement initiative known as the Large County Learning Collaborative. The 16 participating counties represent more than 50 percent of all Medicaid births in the state.

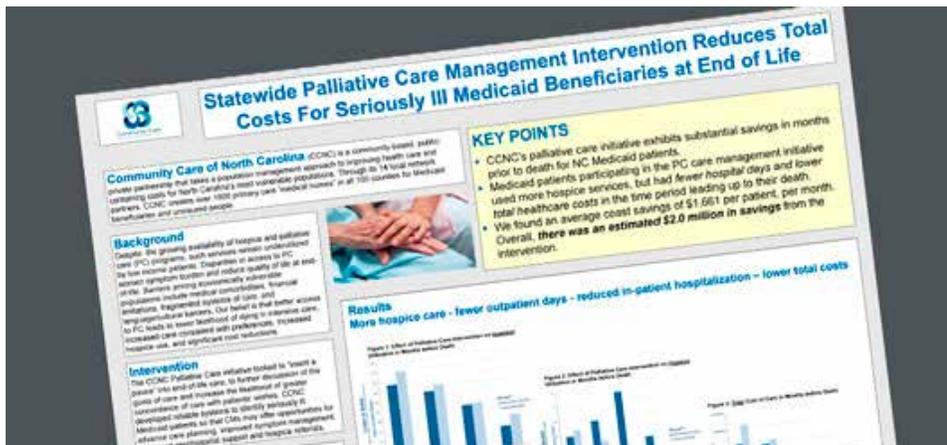
For the next twelve months, county teams will work together in a peer learning model to achieve the aims they set at the event. The group is planning virtual and in-person follow-up meetings to share best practices and learn from each other throughout the year-long collaboration.

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Palliative Care Project Receives Special Recognition at National Palliative Care Conference

Dr. Jonathan Fischer and CCNC received a blue ribbon and “special recognition” for a poster detailing CCNC’s Palliative Care Program at the [Center to Advance Palliative Care’s](#) (CAPC) National Seminar held in late October. [The poster](#) highlights key findings and results from the program, including fewer hospital days and lower total healthcare costs for seriously ill patients at the end of life.

The project confirmed that integrating a better

understanding of patients’ wishes into their care can generate savings to Medicaid. The study found an average cost savings of \$1,661 per patient, per month, or an estimated \$2.0 million in total savings attributable to palliative care in the population sample.

The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) is a national organization dedicated to increasing the availability of quality palliative care services for people facing serious illness.

CCNC’s Trista Pfeifferberger Wins Blanton Award

Congratulations to **Trista Pfeifferberger, PharmD, MS**, on receiving the Don Blanton Award from the [North Carolina Pharmacists Association](#) (NCPA). The award recognizes the pharmacist who has contributed most to the advancement of pharmacy in North Carolina during the past year.

Trista was cited for her work with the [Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network](#) (CPESN), Hepatitis C, and CCNC Care Management.

Happy Holidays from Community Care

Many thanks to CCNC employees, staff and leadership in Raleigh and in the CCNC networks. You have all done a lot of work this year, and we’ll have a lot on our plate in 2017. But I’m pleased to report that we have made great strides in “upping our game” and building a strong and rewarding future for Community Care. Thanks also to our many partners who work with us



to provide better care for some of our state’s most vulnerable populations. Working together, our mission continues!

Thank you again and Happy and Safe Holidays to all!

CCNC Media Links...

News coverage on CCNC, Medicaid reform and other relevant health care issues is noted below.

STATE GOVERNMENT

News & Observer: [Cooper is North Carolina’s next governor, but GOP controls legislature. What will change?](#)

ACCOUNTABLE CARE

Wilmington Business Journal: [CCNC Pact Brings Accountable Care](#)

PHARMACY

PR NEWSWIRE: [Lantana Awarded High Impact Pilot for North Carolina Pharmacies](#)