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Denise Coiner, Scott County Board of Health Chair and Dee F. Bruemmer, Scott County Administrator jointly announce that Edward Rivers has accepted an offer of employment as Scott County Health Director. The appointment was approved by the Board of Health at their meeting today. Mr. Rivers will start work on August 30, 2010.

Mr. Rivers has 24 years experience in Public Health. Mr. Rivers has spent the majority of his career in Catawba County, North Carolina. He currently serves as the Environmental Health Administrator for the county. Mr. Rivers was the recipient of the Best Leadership Project award by the Southeast Public Health Leadership Institute in 2009. He has a Master's in Public Health Administration from the University of North Carolina. The selection committee was impressed by the similarity of issues in the
communities and Mr. Rivers knowledge of Scott County. Ms. Coiner indicated that the selection panel and Board were pleased with Mr. River's recent work focus and projects involving program standards, quality assurance, public health accreditation, and the use of technology to increase program efficiency and improve customer service. They are confident that he will develop strong relationships with local leaders which will assure that the County maintains its quality services and regional leadership role.

Mr. Rivers was selected from a field of 24 applicants following a national search. He was the unanimous recommendation of an interview panel of 7 members representing the Board of Health, County Administration, staff and contractor of the Health Department.

The opening is created by the announced retirement of Lawrence Barker, Health Director in September

Additional questions can be directed to Edward Rivers at 828-320-3068 or Denise Coiner at 563-324-4384.

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