

ANCBH President's Award 2024

Dr. Jean Douglas, President of ANCBH has recognized Dr. Ben Tillett for his many years of leadership.

The [President's Award](#) is bestowed upon any person, group, or institution whom the president of our organization feels has provided noteworthy, professional, and outstanding leadership in public health that is deserving of special recognition. The selection of Dr Ben Tillett means that he has made significant contributions to public health, and the proof includes:

- his annual representation of ANCBH, NALBOH, and NACCHO to advocate for public health during the Hill Day" meetings with our national congressional officials in Washington DC;
- his recent successful term as president of the National Association of Local Boards of Health while also carrying out key duties as past president of ANCBH;
- his representation of ANCBH on the NC Health Dept Accreditation Board;
- continuing his grass-roots work by assisting local private pharmacies with pharmaceutical assistance
- on a regular basis;
- serving as a member of the Person County Board of Health and speaking for public health from a local hands-on perspective.

Dr Tillett has applied his knowledge in Pharmacy, his major field of study and has also stepped up to be a big supporter of public health. He has a breadth of understanding how things work in our work and in our state. He has worked to help with rabies protocols, vaccines, emergency preparedness plans, and to advocate for services for those who provide services to our citizens. He is willing to talk to decision-makers and shows excitement in the work that he and our organization does. He does what he says he will do, attends meetings, and likes to talk and brainstorm ideas over lunch.

He has the hard skills and the soft skills to be the leader that he is today.

- He keeps going due to his resilience
- He knows that how you do anything is how you do everything
- He has emotional intelligence that leads to wisdom
- He is decisive and knows the risks involved
- He has learning agility—learns by doing and with a purpose
- He has vision to make it a reality
- He has influencing skills, such as listening, makes a person feel heard, and guides thoughts to the shared vision.

ANCBH and Public Health have benefitted from his service and leadership.