

**Dr. Stephanie Harper, MD, MPP**, delivered the Fourth Annual Hylton Health Care Presentation on March 26th, 2009. Dr. Stephanie Lynne Harper is the Health Director for the Roanoke City and the Alleghany Health Districts. In this capacity she directs all medical, nursing, environmental and administrative public health services in Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Botetourt County, Craig County, Alleghany County, and the cities of Covington and Salem. She utilizes an interdisciplinary staff with efforts directed towards quality patient care, case management and care coordination, environmental protection, community assessment and health education, program design, program evaluation and resource allocation.

Dr. Stephanie Harper is a native of Washington, D.C. She attended the public school in there before going to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Spelman College where she graduated with a Bachelors of Science. After college, Dr. Harper moved to Boston, Massachusetts where she attended Harvard Medical School. She also attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and while there, she was awarded a Kennedy Fellowship. In 1994 she graduated from Harvard with a Medical Doctorate (MD) and a Masters of Public Policy (MPP). She remained at Harvard Medical School and completed residency and fellowship training.

After completing her formal training she worked as a private practitioner and an academic professor at Howard University. Dr. Harper served in the District of Columbia Government as the Chief of the Bureau of Chronic Disease Control, providing oversight and direction for chronic disease programs serving DC residents. She has also served as the President of a Community Development Corporation serving a historically underserved area.

Dr. Harper joined the Roanoke and Alleghany area 2.5 years ago with a commitment to providing services that add value to the community. The health department accomplishes this through direct service delivery and by partnering with community members, local officials, government and non-governmental agencies and private industry to provide support to Health District Residents. Dr. Harper serves on various boards and committees, efforts that are aligned with the mission of the Virginia Department of Health which is To Promote and Protect the Health of All Virginians. In addition to her official Health Department responsibilities, she is a physician volunteer at The Bradley Free Clinic.