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## **NACCHO Announces the 2017-18 Officers and Board of Directors**

**Washington, DC, June 19, 2017** —The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is proud to announce the 2017-2018 election results for NACCHO Officers and Board of Directors. Starting July 1, 2017, the following public health leaders will serve as NACCHO's Officers:

- Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health (HCPH), will become NACCHO President.
- Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, Health Officer and Director of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, will become President-Elect.
- George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District, will become Vice President.
- Claude-Alix Jacob, MPH, Chief Public Health Officer and Director of the Cambridge Public Health Department, will become Immediate-Past President.

As the governing body, the Board of Directors establishes NACCHO's strategic direction and initiatives, ensures that annual goals are met, sets the annual legislative agenda, and provides financial oversight. The Board is NACCHO's public face, and represents its members in matters of policy, public health practice, and collaboration with health partners in the public and private sectors.

Dr. Umair A. Shah has served as Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) since 2013. HCPH is the county public health agency for Harris County, Texas - the nation's 3rd largest county with 4.5 million people. Under his

leadership, HCPH has won numerous national awards for its transformational work including recognition as a recipient of NACCHO's Local Health Department of the Year award in 2016. Prior to joining HCPH, Dr. Shah served as the Chief Medical Officer at the Galveston County Health District and as an emergency department physician at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center since 1999. Dr. Shah earned his BA (philosophy) from Vanderbilt University, his MD from the University of Toledo Health Science Center, and his MPH (management) from the University of Texas School of Public Health.

Kevin G. Sumner, MPH is the Health Officer and Director for the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, a local health agency providing public health services to five municipalities in Somerset County, New Jersey, with a population of 45,000. Over the last 30 years, he has held served in various roles at the Commission, including environmental health specialist, health educator, and health officer. Sumner received his MPH from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and his BA in Biological Sciences and Classical Humanities from Rutgers University.

George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District since November 2006. Services provided by the Health District include the Center for Healthy Living, Community Outreach, Environmental Health, Immunizations, Tuberculosis Control, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Regional Laboratory, Vital Statistics, and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program. The Health District primarily serves Tyler and Smith County, but also provides some services in 21 counties in East Texas. The WIC Program serves a 20-county area and Public Health Emergency Preparedness serves a seven-county region. Roberts received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and a Master in Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO.

NACCHO thanks Immediate-Past President Claude-Alix Jacob for his outstanding leadership during a transitional period for the organization. Jacob is the Chief Public Health Officer and Director of the Cambridge Public Health Department, which serves a population of 110,000 residents and hundreds of businesses in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Jacob has over 20 years of experience in public health and has led the operations of the

department since 2007. Jacob received a master of public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health.

The complete list of the NACCHO Board of Directors is noted below. This esteemed group of public health leaders will begin their official responsibilities on July 1, 2017.

- Dawn Allicock, MD, MPH, CPH, Director/Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in St. John's County, St. Augustine, FL
- Claudia Blackburn, MPH, RNC, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Leon County, Tallahassee, FL
- Brian Bowden, MSc, Associate Legislative Director for Health, National Association of Counties (NACo), Washington, DC (*Ex Officio*)
- Muntu Davis, MD, Public Health Director & County Health Officer, Alameda County Public Health Department, Oakland, CA
- Muriel DeLavernne-Brown, RN, MPH, Public Health Director, Crook County Health Department, Prineville, OR
- Christopher C. Dobbins, MPH, Director, Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services, Gastonia, NC
- Pramod Dwivedi, DrPH, Health Director, Linn County Public Health Department, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Sandra Elizabeth Ford, MD, MBA, District Health Director, Dekalb County Health Department, Decatur, GA
- Andre Fresco, MPA, Administrator, Yakima Health District, Union Gap, WA
- Joseph Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District, Las Vegas, NV
- Jennifer C. Kertanis, MPH, Director of Health, Farmington Valley Health District, Canton, CT
- Jeff Kuhr, PhD, Public Health Director, Mesa County Health Department, Grand Junction, CO
- Crystal Miller, DrPH, MPH, Public Health Director, Wedco District Health Department, Cynthiana, KY

- Gretchen Musicant, RN, MPH, Commissioner, Minnesota Health Department, Minneapolis, MN
- William S. Paul, MD, MPH, Director, Metro Public Health Department, Nashville, TN
- Denisha Porter, Director of Creating Healthy Communities Program, Cincinnati Health Department, Cincinnati, OH
- Scott Sjoquist, MS, RS, Director of Health, Mohegan Tribal Health, Uncasville, CT  
(*Tribal Health Department Representative*)
- Joey Smith, Public Health Director, Montgomery County Health Department, Clarksville, TN
- Crystal D. Swann, MS, Assistant Executive Director for Health and Human Services, United States Conference of Mayors, Washington, DC (*Ex Officio*)
- Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH, Executive Director, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston, MA

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### **About NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).