Connecticut Public Health Official Jennifer C. Kertanis
Is the New Board President-Elect of the
National Association of County and City Health Officials

Washington, DC, July 23, 2019 — The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has announced that Jennifer C. Kertanis, MPH, Director of Health for the Farmington Valley Health District, will serve as Board president-elect on its 2019-2020 Board of Directors. NACCHO is the voice of the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments. As president-elect, Kertanis will continue to serve on the Board of Directors’ Executive Committee in 2019-2020 before assuming the position of president in 2020-2021. Kertanis began her year term as president-elect on July 1, 2019.

“NACCHO is an invaluable resource for local health departments and the work we do to improve the health of our communities. It is my pleasure to serve in this capacity,” said Kertanis.

About Ms. Kertanis

Jennifer Kertanis is the Director of Health for the Farmington Valley Health District serving a population of approximately 110,000 in ten towns west of Hartford, Connecticut. Ms. Kertanis has 30 years of public health experience serving in multiple capacities in non-profit, state, and local public health agencies. She was appointed Director of the Farmington Valley Health District in September 2012. Prior to joining the Health District, Ms. Kertanis served for ten years as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH), a SACCHO affiliate of NACCHO. During her tenure at CADH
she co-established the Connecticut practice-based research network and was a contributing architect of the Health Equity Index, a tool that measures the relationship between social conditions and health outcomes. Prior to her position at CADH, Jennifer worked for eleven years with the Connecticut Department of Health in environmental epidemiology working with communities to assess the health implications of hazardous waste sites. During this time, she wrote several peer reviewed health assessments and advanced a number of health outcome studies.

“As a long-standing NACCHO volunteer and leader, Jennifer Kertanis is well-positioned to assume the Presidency of NACCHO next year. We look forward to her having her experience and expertise guide and shape NACCHO’s future,” said NACCHO’s Chief Executive Officer Lori Tremmel Freeman.

About NACCHO’s Board of Directors

NACCHO is governed by a 22-member board comprising local and tribal health officials who are elected by their peers. The Board also includes ex-officio members representing the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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

NACCHO’s Board is led by four Executive Officers. In addition to Kertanis, this includes:

- President George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District, TX
- Vice President, Sandra Elizabeth Ford, MD, MBA, District Health Director of DeKalb County Health Department, GA
- Past President, Kevin G. Sumner, MPH; Health Officer/Director, Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, Green Brook, NJ

NACCHO’s full Board membership for the 2019-2020 term, including five newly-elected at-large board members, can be found here.
About Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD)
Farmington Valley Health District serves the towns of Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford, and Simsbury, Connecticut. From restaurant inspections, septic system approvals, disease outbreak investigations to health education, FVHD works hard to create a healthy and safe community for the approximately 110,000 residents of the Farmington Valley. For more information about FVHD, please visit http://www.fvhd.org/.

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.