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## **Texas Local Health Department Official George T. Roberts, Jr. Is the New Board President 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 George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE, CEO of the [Northeast Texas Public Health District](#), is the incoming Board president of the organization. NACCHO is the voice of the nation's nearly 3,000 local health departments. He began his one-year term as president on July 1, 2019.

"I am passionate about local health departments maximizing the multiple opportunities to exemplify their leadership traits and to develop future public health leaders from their local communities," says Mr. Roberts. "The theme of my service as NACCHO President centers upon Transformational Leadership, which entrusts a leader to identify any needed change within their group, evolving an inspirational vision that is communicated to the group, and executing the transformational change with the commitment of the members of the group."

### **About Mr. Roberts**

George T. Roberts, Jr., has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health) since November 2006. NET Health is the Local Health Department (LHD) for the City of Tyler and Smith County, Texas, and is a political subdivision established under the State of Texas. NET Health primarily serves Tyler and

Smith County but also provides services in 21 counties in East Texas. The WIC Program serves a 20 county area and Public Health Preparedness serves a seven county region.

Mr. Roberts has 40 years of health care experience, the majority of which was spent in hospital administration, having previously served at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, and Henderson Memorial Hospital in Henderson, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from SMU in Dallas and a Master's Degree in Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Roberts is active in a number of church, community, state and national efforts.

“George has been a long-standing volunteer leader within NACCHO, and has contributed significant amounts of time, energy, and expertise to the organization. I congratulate George on his new position as President of NACCHO and look forward to his continued leadership,” said NACCHO’s CEO Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA.

#### **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 Roberts, this includes:

- President-Elect Jennifer C. Kertanis, Director of Health, Farmington Valley Health District, CT
- 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](#).

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#### **About the Northeast Texas Public Health District**

The Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health) serves a vital function for area citizens through 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. NET Health is a recipient of several NACCHO Model Practice Awards, including our refurbished fire station that now operates at The NET Health Center for Healthy Living and the "Emergency Preparedness and Recovery: A Toolkit for Rural Communities" that evolved from local emergency response to catastrophic tornadoes in rural East Texas counties. The mission of NET Health is to "prevent illness, promote health, and protect our community". For more information, please visit <https://www.mMyNETHealth.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](http://www.naccho.org).