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National Association of County & City Health Officials

The National Connection for Local Public Health

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Don Rucker, MD
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
330 C Street SW
Floor 7
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Health Information Technology Advisory Committee; Call for Applications

Dear Dr. Rucker:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write in support of P. Joseph Gibson, MPH, PhD to serve as a member of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee. NACCHO is the voice of the nearly 3,000 local health departments across the country. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote the health and well-being for all people in their communities. Local health departments use and rely on health information technology to build and sustain collaborations with local, state, and federal partners, along with other critical stakeholders, such as hospitals and healthcare providers.

Dr. Gibson currently serves as the Director of Epidemiology at the Marion County Public Health Department, which is the largest local health department in Indiana serving nearly one million residents. Dr. Gibson has extensive background in the intersection of health information technology with local public health and regularly represents the perspective of local health departments in policy and technical matters regarding electronic health information exchange and use of health information to improve public health practice. Dr. Gibson also has years of research and epidemiology experience in both the governmental and private sectors.

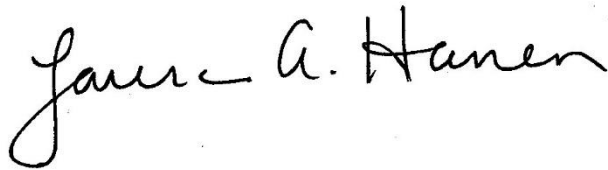
Dr. Gibson provides leadership to peers and partners across the country. Since July 2013, Dr. Gibson has chaired NACCHO's ePublic Health and Informatics Workgroup and has proven to be an integral member with valuable perspectives on local health department abilities to send, receive, and use health data. Dr. Gibson frequently lends his public health experience to the workgroup's discussions and has informed policies and strategies to improve local health department informatics capacity. In addition, Dr. Gibson's role as the former chair of the BioSense 2.0 Governance Committee, along with strong partnerships with the Regenstrief Institute and Public Health Informatics Institute have enabled Dr. Gibson to provide more comprehensive input on the opportunities and needs pertaining to the continued implementation and use of health information technology.

Dr. Gibson would be a valuable addition to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee and would provide a distinct perspective that brings to attention the implications of health information technology on the abilities of public health and healthcare to jointly improve population health. Please



contact Lilly Kan, Senior Director for Infectious Disease and Informatics, at lkan@naccho.org or 202-507-4238 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura A. Hanen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'A'.

Laura A. Hanen, MPP
Interim Executive Director & Chief of Government Affairs