

May 3, 2018

National Vaccine Program Office
National Vaccine Advisory Committee
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 715 – H
Washington, DC 20201

Dear National Vaccine Program Office:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write in support of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Duchin, MD to serve as a voting member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC). 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 health and well-being for all people in their communities.

Dr. Duchin is a front line public health practitioner and infectious disease specialist with longstanding involvement and experience in immunization programs and national level committee and advisory board work. Dr. Duchin currently serves as the Health Officer and Communicable Disease Epidemiology and Immunization Section Chief of the Seattle & King County Health Department. In this capacity, he oversees a public health immunization program for one of the largest metropolitan public health departments in the nation. A key component of Dr. Duchin's current work is also participating as a member of the Washington State Vaccine Advisory Committee. In addition to Dr. Duchin's local and state public health service, he has extensive experience working in academia and research focused on infectious disease. He holds an academic appointment as Professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Adjunct Professor in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of Washington. He has co-authored several publications related to innovative local immunization practice and outbreak response.

Over the course of Dr. Duchin's medical and public health career, he has provided leadership in the immunization field. Notably from 2010-2014, Dr. Duchin served as a voting member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) where he chaired and participated in several committees including the General Recommendations, Zoster, Influenza, and Pneumococcal Workgroups. Since 2006, Dr. Duchin has been an integral member of NACCHO's Immunization Workgroup. As a former Workgroup Chair and the NACCHO ACIP liaison, Dr. Duchin has contributed to the alignment among federal, state, and local public health policies, guidance and activities. Additionally, Dr. Duchin has served as the Chair of both the Public



Health Committee and the Bio-emergencies Task Force for the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Co-Chair of the Institute of Medicine's Workshop Series (Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness) on pandemic influenza vaccine, and as a member of the National Quality Forum's Adult Immunization Steering Committee for a project related to immunization metrics in clinical practice.

Overall, Dr. Duchin is an active contributor to both child and adult immunization program work at the local, state and national levels. He provides significant expertise on issues related to vaccine hesitancy, supply, and effectiveness. Dr. Duchin's local, state and national level public health perspective, substantial work in vaccine research, and proven service in expert and advisory capacities highlights his ability to address the evolving field of immunization. The breadth and depth of his experience make him an ideal candidate for this position. Dr. Duchin would be a valuable addition to the NVAC and would serve as an important link to the realities of local public health practice. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Cantu, Director, Infectious Disease and Immunization at 202-507-4251 or mcantu@naccho.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Tremmel Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA
Chief Executive Officer