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The National Association of County and City Health Officials Elects Kevin G. Sumner, MPH as a Board Officer

Washington, DC, July 3, 2017—The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has elected Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, Health Officer/Director for the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission to its 2017-2018 Board of Directors as its new President-Elect. As President-Elect, Sumner will serve on the Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

NACCHO is governed by a 24-member board that comprises local and tribal health officials who are elected by their peers. The Board also includes ex-officio members who represent the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Sumner begins his one-year term on July 1, 2017.

As the governing body, the Board of Directors establishes NACCHO's strategic direction and initiatives, sets the annual legislative agenda, approves official statements of policy, 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.

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission in Greenbrook, NJ is a local health agency providing public health services to five municipalities in Somerset County, New Jersey, with a population of 45,000. Sumner has been employed by the Commission for over 30 years in varying capacities, including environmental health specialist, health educator, and health officer. He is a Past-President of the New Jersey Health Officers

Association, a 2006 Scholar of the Northeast Regional Public Health Leadership Institute, and recipient of the 2009 Health Officer of the Year Award from New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association.

“I congratulate Kevin on his election as President-Elect of NACCHO and look forward to his leadership,” said NACCHO’s Interim Executive Director and Chief of Government Affairs Laura Hanen.

“As a longtime member of NACCHO who has experienced the very tangible value of the organization to its members, I am thrilled, honored, and humbled to be moving into the President-Elect position for this coming year,” said Sumner. “It is my hope to continue to learn about NACCHO and the needs of its members so that those needs can be addressed efficiently and effectively. Clearly, we are experiencing challenging times and NACCHO’s advocacy efforts and the activities of NACCHO staff and members will be critical in moving our public health agenda forward. I will be doing whatever I can to support NACCHO in these efforts.”

NACCHO’s Executive Committee consists of four officers. In addition to Sumner are:

- Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Board Chair; Harris County Public Health, Houston, TX
- George T. Roberts, Jr, MHA, FACHE, Vice President; Chief Executive Officer, Northeast Texas Public Health, Tyler, TX
- Claude-Alix Jacob, Immediate Past President; Chief Public Health Officer, Cambridge (MA) Public Health Department

In addition to electing Sumner to the board, NACCHO has also announced new officers, at-large and regional members. A complete list of the Board of Directors can be found [here](#).

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About Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC) has provided residents and business owners with quality public health services for over 40 years. Its mission is to improve the health of the community and environment through the use of prevention services, health promotion, and protection strategies in the five municipalities that form the Commission. This is achieved through the use of preventive services, health promotion and protection strategies, and inspection and enforcement activities. Please visit <http://middlebrookhealth.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.