



National Association of County & City Health Officials

The National Connection for Local Public Health

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Captain Richard Henry
Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street SW
Room L001, Switzer Building
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Letter of support for nomination of Margaret A. Eaglin to serve on the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group, Department of Health and Human Services

Dear Captain Henry:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I would like to submit a nomination for Margaret Eaglin, MPH, MUPP to serve on the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). 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.

Margaret Eaglin would offer her expertise gained through over 15 years of experience as an infectious disease epidemiologist. During her current tenure with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), she has served within the HIV/STI Bureau, the Communicable Disease Program, and the Tuberculosis Control Program. Prior to joining the CDPH, she was the Acting Director and Lead Epidemiologist of the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) for the Washington State Department of Health. She also possesses knowledge of neuroepidemiology, which she gained through a range of fellowships and internships with Harvard Medical School, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other esteemed institutions.

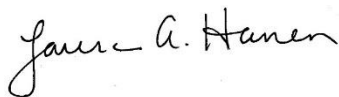
In addition to these qualifications, Ms. Eaglin has exemplified the strong technical skills necessary for implementing a nationwide tick-borne disease prevention strategy. Her practical expertise includes, but is not limited to: data presentation and visualization, project management, strategic planning, quality improvement, geospatial analysis, and surveillance. She has authored reports and peer-reviewed articles, and has presented her work at conferences across the country.



Ms. Eaglin demonstrates strong professional leadership at the local level. She currently serves as a consultant to the Ryan White Quality Management Team developing performance measures, as well as reviews grant proposals for delegate agencies and community-based organizations. In addition to her membership role in the Chicago Area HIV Integrated Services Council, Ms. Eaglin is an active participant in NACCHO's Global Climate Change Workgroup. She is engaged and committed to improving public health services through her outreach activities. Her experience extends to West Nile Virus surveillance and survey development to analyze disease outbreak investigations. As tick-borne illness continues to expand into urban and suburban areas, Ms. Eaglin's advisory experience at the city and local level would be highly valuable to the Working Group.

Local health departments are a key partner of the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Eaglin's extensive background in infectious disease epidemiology, combined with her experience serving on local committees, enables her to provide comprehensive policy and program perspectives on protecting and promoting people's health. We give our strongest recommendation for her candidacy. Please contact Jennifer Li, Senior Director of Environmental Health and Disability at jli@naccho.org or 202-507-4242 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'.

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