NACCHO is pleased to recognize Mary Selecky as this year’s recipient of the Maurice “Mo” Mullet Lifetime of Service Award. This award honors current or former local health officials for noteworthy service to NACCHO that has reflected the commitment, vigor, and leadership exemplified by Mo Mullet’s distinguished career.

Selecky has had a notable career in public health practice at the local, state, and national levels. She was administrator of Northeast Tri-County Health District for 20 years before serving as Secretary of Health of Washington State for over 14 years. She was also the first non-physician health officer elected to serve as the president of the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials.

As she became a state health official, her advocacy for local health departments did not wane. She staunchly supported local public health funding in Washington State and encouraged new state health officials to view local health departments as a full partner.

Selecky’s strong belief in building alliances and partnerships extended to NACCHO, where she was a NACCHO board member in the 1990s. She chaired the Committee to Promote Public Health, which guided NACCHO’s advocacy with respect to health reform. Her leadership resulted in the development of federal advocacy objectives, public communications, and relationships with other national partners. In addition, as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and member of the Joint Council, she encouraged ASTHO and NACCHO to advocate with one voice.

Please join NACCHO in congratulating Mary Selecky for her award.

NACCHO will honor this year’s recipient of the Mo Mullet Award at the Grand Award Ceremony and Reception on Thursday, July 11 in room Dallas A–C. All conference attendees are invited.