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NACCHO Announces the 2018–19 Officers and Board of Directors

Washington, DC, June 22, 2018 —The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is proud to announce the 2018–19 election results for NACCHO Officers and Board of Directors. Starting July 1, the following public health leaders will serve as NACCHO's Officers:

- **Kevin G. Sumner, MPH**, Health Officer and Director of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, will become President.
- **George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE**, Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District, will become President-Elect.
- **Jennifer Kertanis, MPH**, Director of Health of the Farmington Valley Health District will become Vice President.
- **Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH**, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health (HCPH), will become Immediate-Past President.

As the governing body, the Board of Directors establishes NACCHO's strategic direction and initiatives, ensures that annual goals are met, sets the annual legislative agenda, and provides financial oversight. The Board is NACCHO's public face, and represents its members in matters of policy, public health practice, and collaboration with health partners in the public and private sectors.

Kevin Sumner is the Health Officer/Director for the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, a local health agency providing public health services to five municipalities in Somerset County, New Jersey with a population of 45,000. He has been employed by the Commission for over 30 years in varying capacities including environmental health

specialist, health educator, and health officer. Mr. Sumner is a Past-President of the New Jersey Health Officers Association and has been an officer in the Association since 2006. In his capacity as President he created 'PHACE,' the Public Health Associations' Collaborative Effort, a collaborative of the leadership of the state's many public health associations with a focus on creating a single voice and face for public health in NJ. He is a 2006 Scholar of the Northeast Regional Public Health Leadership Institute, and recipient of the 2009 Health Officer of the Year Award and a 2016 Certificate of Recognition from New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association.

George T. Roberts, Jr., has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District since November 2006. The Northeast Texas Public Health District is a local Health Department and is a political subdivision under the State of Texas established by the City of Tyler and Smith County. Mr. Roberts has over 35 years of health care experience, the majority of which was spent in hospital administration, having previously served at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, and Henderson Memorial Hospital in Henderson, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from SMU in Dallas and a Master's Degree in Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jennifer Kertanis is the Director of Health for the Farmington Valley Health District serving a population of approximately 110,000 in ten towns, west of Hartford, Connecticut. Ms. Kertanis has 30 years of public health experience serving in multiple capacities in non-profit, state and local public health agencies. She was appointed Director of the Farmington Valley Health District in September 2012. Prior to joining the Health District, Ms. Kertanis served for ten years as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH), a SACCHO affiliate of NACCHO. During her tenure at CADH she co-established the CT practice-based research network and was a contributing architect of the Health Equity Index, a tool that measures the relationship between social conditions and health outcomes. Prior to her position at CADH, Jennifer worked for eleven years with the CT Department of Health in environmental epidemiology working with communities to assess the health implications of hazardous waste sites. During this time, she wrote several peer reviewed health assessments and advanced a number of health outcome studies.

NACCHO thanks Immediate-Past President Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH for his outstanding leadership during a transitional period for the organization. Dr. Shah has served as Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County Public Health (HCPH) since 2013. HCPH is the county public health agency for Harris County, Texas - the nation's 3rd largest county with 4.5 million people. Under his leadership, HCPH has won numerous national awards for its transformational work including recognition as a recipient of NACCHO's Local Health Department of the Year award in 2016. Prior to joining HCPH, Dr. Shah served as the Chief Medical Officer at the Galveston County Health District and as an emergency department physician at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center since 1999. Dr. Shah earned his BA (philosophy) from Vanderbilt University, his MD from the University of Toledo Health Science Center, and his MPH (management) from the University of Texas School of Public Health.

The complete list of the NACCHO Board of Directors is noted below. This esteemed group of public health leaders will begin their official responsibilities on July 1, 2018.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (TERM OF SERVICE: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2021)

- **Damon Chaplin, MBA,** City of New Bedford, MA
  HHS Region 1: ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT

- **Margaret (Margy) Jahn, MS, MPH,** Freehold Area Health Department, NJ
  HHS Region 2: NY, NJ

- **Michael Kilkenny, MD, MS,** Cabell-Huntington Health Department, WV
  HHS Region 3: PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV

- **Lisa Harrison, MPH,** Granville Vance Public Health, NC
  HHS Region 4: NC, SC, KY, TN, GA, AL, MS, FL

- **Gretchen Musicant, RN, MPH,** Minneapolis Health Department, MN
  HHS Region 5: OH, IN, MI, IL, WI, MN

- **Raganald (Reggie) Ivey, MHR,** Tulsa City-County Health Department, OK
  HHS Region 6: AR, LA, TX, OK, NM

- **Pramod Dwivedi, DrPH (c), MS, MSW, MA, BSc,** Linn County Public Health, IA

HHS Region 7: MO, NE, IA, KS

- **Emily Brown, MPH, CPH,** Rio Grande County Public Health, CO
  HHS Region 8: ND, SD, CO, WY, MT, UT

- **Joe Iser, MD, MPH, MSc,** Southern Nevada Health District, NV
  HHS Region 9: AZ, NV, CA, HI

- **Andre Fresco, MPA,** Yakima Health District, WA
  HHS Region 10: ID, OR, WA, AK

AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVES (TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019)

- **Claudia Blackburn, MPH, RN,** Florida Department of Health in Leon County, FL

- **Muntu Davis, MD,** Alameda County Public Health Department, CA

- **Muriel DeLavergne-Brown, RN, MPH,** Crook County Health Department, OR

- **Christopher Dobbins, MPH,** Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services, NC

- **Sandra Elizabeth Ford, MD, MBA,** DeKalb County Board of Health, GA

- **Crystal C. Miller, DrPH, MPH,** WEDCO District Health Department, KY

- **William Paul, MD, MPH,** Metro Public Health Department, TN

- **Denisha Porter, MPH, HHS, RS, REHS,** Cincinnati Health Department, OH

- **Joey Smith,** Montgomery County Health Department, TN

- **Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH,** Boston Public Health Commission, MA

TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE (TERM OF SERVICE: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2021)

- **Scott Sjoquist, MS, RS,** Mohegan Tribe, CT

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- **Brian Bowden, MSc,** National Association of Counties

- **Crystal Swann, MS,** U.S. Conference of Mayors

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