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National Association of County and City Health Officials Recognizes Local Health Departments and Leaders

Phoenix, AZ (July 20, 2016) — The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) today honored local health departments in Missouri and Texas, along with Patrick M. Libbey, for outstanding achievements in demonstrating innovative ways of improving public health and safety.

During the 2016 NACCHO Annual Conference, NACCHO Executive Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, presented the Local Health Department of the Year Award to the Kansas City (MO) Health Department (medium jurisdiction category) and Harris County (TX) Public Health (large jurisdiction category).

Patrick Libbey, Co-Director of the Center for Sharing Public Health Services in Olympia, WA, received the Maurice “Mo” Mullet Lifetime of Service Award. The award honors current or former public health officials for noteworthy service to NACCHO that has reflected the commitment, vigor and leadership as exemplified by the distinguished career of Dr. Maurice “Mo” Mullet.

In addition, NACCHO recognized 23 local health departments with Model Practice Awards for programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a critical local public health need. The departments are in California, Colorado, Florida,
Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington.

Said Hasbrouck, “We applaud the passion, ingenuity and success of this year’s award winners. They exemplify what’s best about local health departments around our nation. These dedicated professionals help millions of Americans live safer, longer and healthier lives.”

**Local Health Department of the Year Award**

The Local Health Department of the Year Award honors the outstanding accomplishments of local health departments for their innovation, creativity and impact on their communities. NACCHO recognized this year's winners for their ability to align performance management with continuous quality improvement as a way to position themselves for the future.

**2016 Winners**

**Medium LHD: Kansas City Health Department**

The department established a Memorandum of Understanding between Communities Creating Opportunity (COO) and the City of Kansas City, Missouri to form an alliance to improve the community-wide impact on health outcomes, specifically increasing life expectancy and reducing inequities by race and zip code.

**Large LHD: Harris County Public Health, Houston, Texas**

The department developed a three-part health equity infrastructure of policies and procedures for incorporating health equity into all aspects of their local public health practice health equity. The department is recognized for its public health leadership in utilizing principles of innovation and engagement in building public health of tomorrow.
**Maurice "Mo" Mullet Lifetime of Service Award**

**2016 Winner**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is pleased to recognize Patrick M. Libbey as the recipient of the 2016 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’s distinguished career. Throughout Libbey’s more than 35 years in public health, he has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to advocating for and strengthening the work of local health departments. He has also served NACCHO in a number of important capacities, amplifying the voice of local health departments at the national and federal levels.

**Model Practice Awards**

NACCHO recognized 23 outstanding local health departments with the Model Practice Award for programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a critical local public health need. A committee of peers chose the recipients from a list of 65 applications. The NACCHO Model Practice searchable online database contains Model Practice Award-winning best practices on an expansive range of public health issues, such as immunization, infectious diseases, emergency preparedness and many others. Read more about these award-winning programs at [http://archived.naccho.org/topics/modelpractices/search.cfm](http://archived.naccho.org/topics/modelpractices/search.cfm).

**2016 Winners:**

**CALIFORNIA**
Orange County Health Care Agency/Public Health, *Waste Not Orange County Coalition.*

San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department, *OutsideIn SLO: We Take Health and Climate Change Personally.*

**COLORADO**
Tri-County Health Department, *Assessing and Providing Marijuana Education to WIC Clients following Legalization of Recreational Marijuana in Colorado.*
FLORIDA
Florida Department of Health in Broward County for four programs: “Beach Blitz”: A High Impact Prevention Strategy to Reduce New HIV Infections; Integration of HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment in Broward County; Performance Management Through Use of Cascading Scorecards in a Centralized Performance Management System; and Using Tracking Technology in a Point of Dispensing Vaccination Operation.

The Florida Department of Health in Manatee County, A Regional Approach to Community Engagement and Healthy Food Access in Underserved Communities.

GEORGIA

ILLINOIS
Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, No Arm Left Behind: School Physicals and Immunization Access Project.

KANSAS
Johnson County Department of Health & Environment, Video – Dot 3HP TB Infection Treatment.

MICHIGAN
Kent County Health Department, Two Accreditations, One Workforce Development Plan: How PHAB and PPHR Can Drive an Agency’s Workforce Development.

MINNESOTA
Minneapolis Health Department, Green Business Cost Sharing Program.

MISSOURI
Kansas City Health Department, Aim4Peace Violence Prevention Program.

NEW YORK
Nassau County Department of Health, A Safe Place to Sleep: Developing a National/Local Partnership.

OHIO
Cincinnati Health Department, Creating Healthy Communities Coalition.
Columbus Public Health, Camp Public Health.

OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Chronic Disease Prevention and Management: Place-Based Strategies.
OREGON
Multnomah County Health Department, *Quad-County Measles Protocol and Toolkit Development*.

TEXAS
Northeast Texas Public Health District, *Fired Up for Prevention – Center for Healthy Living*.

Tarrant County Public Health Department, *First Responder Infectious Disease Notification*.

UTAH
Salt Lake County Health Department, *Succession Planning – Preparing for the Future*.

WASHINGTON
Clark County Public Health, *Saving Lives with the Opioid Overdose Prevention Program in Clark County, WA*.

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**About NACCHO**
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's 2,800 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](http://www.naccho.org).