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Connecticut Public Health Official Jennifer C. Kertanis Elected Vice President of the National Association of County and City Health Officials

Washington, DC, July 2, 2018—[The National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), representing the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments, has elected Jennifer C. Kertanis, MPH, Director of Health for the [Farmington Valley Health District](#), to its 2018-2019 Board of Directors as its new vice president. As VP, Kertanis will serve on the Board of Directors' Executive Committee in 2018-2019 before assuming the positions of president-elect in 2019-2020 and president in 2020-2021, respectively. Kertanis began her first term as an officer on July 1, 2018.

NACCHO is governed by a 27-member board comprising local and tribal health officials who are elected by their peers. The Board also includes *ex-officio* members representing the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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

Kertanis was appointed Director of the Farmington Valley Health District in September 2012. The district serves a population of approximately 110,000 in ten towns,

west of Hartford, Connecticut. Kertanis has 30 years of public health experience serving in multiple capacities in non-profit, state, and local public health agencies.

“For the past four years, I have been proud to serve on the NACCHO Board bringing a smaller local health department perspective to the work of the organization. I am passionate about public health, especially the work of local health departments, and I value the strength of a collective voice and the critical role NACCHO plays in providing that voice for local health at the national level. I am looking forward to my new role as NACCHO Board vice president,” said Kertanis.

“Jennifer has been a longstanding volunteer leader within NACCHO, and has contributed significant amounts of time, energy, and expertise to the organization. I congratulate Jennifer on her election as vice president of NACCHO and look forward to her assuming a new leadership role,” said NACCHO’s CEO Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA.

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

- President, Kevin G. Sumner, MPH; Health Officer/Director, Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, Green Brook, NJ
- President-Elect, George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE; CEO, Northeast Texas Public Health District
- Immediate Past President, Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH; Harris County Public Health

In addition to electing Kertanis to the Board, NACCHO has also announced new regional representatives. A complete list of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors can be found [here](#).

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About Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD)

Farmington Valley Health District serves the towns of Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford, and Simsbury, Connecticut. From restaurant inspections, septic system approvals, disease outbreak investigations to health education, FVHD works hard to create a healthy and safe community for the approximately 110,000 residents of the Farmington Valley. For more information about FVHD, please visit <http://www.fvhd.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.