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NACCHO Congratulates Local Health Department Leaders Honored in Inaugural 40 Under 40 in Public Health

— Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin Local Health Departments Represented —

Washington, DC, May 15, 2019 — Today, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), the voice of the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments, released the following statement congratulating the 14 local public health leaders honored as part of the 40 Under 40 in Public health.

“Congratulations to all the 40 Under 40 honorees, especially those who work in local public health to improve the wellbeing of their communities each day,” said National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Chief Executive Officer Lori Tremmel Freeman. “It is particularly gratifying to see local health department leaders well represented in this impressive list. We are all proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing your leadership continue to grow in the future. I’d also like to highlight the importance of the new recognition for public health practitioners. Far too often local health department excellence goes unrecognized. We welcome de Beaumont’s 40 Under 40 Honors as a new way to showcase local public health achievement.”

Local health department honorees include:

- **Leah Casanave**, Supervisor, STD Prevention and Control Program, Douglas County Health Department, NE
- **Megan Cunningham**, Managing Deputy Commissioner, Chicago Department of Health, IL

- **Jessica Gehle**, Environmental Health Division Director, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, WA
- **Kristine Hollingsworth**, Public Information Officer & Assistant to the Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Collier County, FL
- **Jeffrey Hom**, Policy Advisor, Philadelphia Department of Public Health
- **Jesse Lava**, Director of Policy, Chicago Department of Public Health, IL
- **Sami Kamal Jarrah**, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Health Commissioner, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, PA
- **Jacquelyn Littlepage**, Director of Environmental Health and Health Inspector, Lake County Public Health Agency, Leadville, CO
- **Megan McClaire**, Chief of Staff, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- **William Moore**, Health Educator 2, C.P.E., Saint Paul Ramsey County Public Health, MN
- **Sarah Moyer**, Director, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness and Chief Health Strategist for Mayor Greg Fischer, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness, KY
- **AZ Snyder**, Director/Health Officer, Pierce County Public Health Department, WI
- **Kenneth Steel**, Health Policy Analyst, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, AZ
- **Elizabeth Walsh**, Public Health Statistician, City of Kansas City, Missouri Health Department, MO

The list, published by the [de Beaumont Foundation](#), recognized these individuals based on their new ideas, creative approaches and innovative solutions to improve community health. Nominees were evaluated by a distinguished panel of professionals from the nonprofit, business, and higher education sectors on their demonstrated leadership, contributions to their community's health, and collaboration with other organizations.

For a complete list of the honorees and a summary of their accomplishments, visit www.deBeaumont.org/40Under40.

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