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The National Association of County and City Health Officials Elects George T. Roberts, Jr. as a Board Officer

Washington, DC, July 3, 2017—The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has elected George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE, CEO of the Northeast Texas Public Health District, to its 2017-2018 Board of Directors as its new Vice President. As Vice President, Roberts will serve on the Board of Directors' Executive Committee.

NACCHO is governed by a 24-member board that comprises local and tribal health officials who are elected by their peers. The Board also includes ex-officio members who represent the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Roberts begins his one-year term on July 1, 2017.

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

Roberts has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District since November 2006. Services provided by the Health District include the Center for Healthy Living, Community Outreach, Environmental Health, Immunizations, Tuberculosis Control, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Regional Laboratory, Vital Statistics, and WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program. The Health District primarily

serves Tyler and Smith County, but also provides services in 21 counties in East Texas. The WIC Program serves a 20-county area and Public Health Emergency Preparedness serves a seven-county region.

“I congratulate George on his election as Vice President of NACCHO and look forward to his leadership,” said NACCHO’s Interim Executive Director and Chief of Government Affairs Laura Hanen.

“I am honored to be part of NACCHO's solutions to the growing healthcare needs of our country. Public health officials throughout our country are working tirelessly to educate the public about health prevention and treatments; to help them as NACCHO Vice President will be an honor and a privilege,” said Roberts.

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

- Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Board Chair; Harris County Public Health, Houston, TX
- Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, President-Elect; Health Officer/Director, Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, Green Brook, NJ
- Claude-Alix Jacob, Immediate Past President; Chief Public Health Officer, Cambridge (MA) Public Health Department

In addition to electing Roberts to the board, NACCHO has also announced new officers, at-large, and regional members. A complete list of the Board of Directors can be found [here](#).

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About Northeast Texas Public Health District

The Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health) serves a vital function through our Departments of Immunizations, Tuberculosis Control, Laboratory Services, Vital Statistics, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Disease Surveillance, Environmental Health, WIC (Women, Infants and Children), and Community Outreach. The mission of NET Health is to promote health, prevent illness, and protect our community. Please visit <https://www.healthyeasttx.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.