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New Jersey Local Health Department Official Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, Elected 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) has elected Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, Health Officer/Director for the [Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission](#), to its 2018-2019 Board of Directors as its new president. Sumner will serve on the Board of Directors' Executive Committee and began his one-year term 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, the 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.

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

educator, and health officer/director. He is a past-president of the New Jersey Health Officers Association, a 2006 Scholar of the Northeast Regional Public Health Leadership Institute, and recipient of the 2009 Health Officer of the Year Award from New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association.

“As a longtime member of NACCHO who has experienced the very tangible value of the organization to its members, I am thrilled, honored, and humbled to be moving into the President position for this coming year,” said Sumner. “It is my hope to continue to learn about NACCHO and the needs of its members, so that those needs can be addressed efficiently and effectively. Clearly, we are experiencing challenging times and NACCHO’s advocacy efforts and the activities of NACCHO staff and members will be critical in moving our public health agenda forward. I will be doing whatever I can to build on what NACCHO has thus far achieved, and to pursue diligently what I think we can collectively expect to achieve in support of NACCHO and its members.”

“Kevin has been a longstanding volunteer leader within NACCHO, and has contributed significant amounts of time, energy, and expertise to the organization. I congratulate Kevin on becoming NACCHO’s next president, and look forward to his continued leadership,” said NACCHO’s CEO Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA.

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

- George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District, President-Elect
- Jennifer Kertanis, MPH, Director of Health of the Farmington Valley Health District, Vice President
- Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health (HCPH), Immediate-Past President

In addition to electing Sumner 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 Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC) has provided residents and business

owners with quality public health services for nearly 50 years. Its mission is to improve the health of our community and environment through the use of prevention services, health promotion, and protection strategies. Please visit <http://middlebrookhealth.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.