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## **Texas Local Health Department Official George T. Roberts, Jr. Is President-Elect of the National Association of County and City Health Officials**

Washington, DC, July 5, 2018—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 2018-2019 Board of Directors serving as President-Elect. As President-Elect, Roberts will serve on the Board of Directors' Executive Committee. He began his one-year term on July 1, 2018.

NACCHO is governed by a 27-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.

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.

Mr. Roberts has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast Texas Public Health District since November 2006. The 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.

“George has been a long-standing volunteer leader within NACCHO, and has contributed significant amounts of time, energy, and expertise to the organization. I congratulate George on his new position as President-Elect of NACCHO and look forward to his continued leadership,” said NACCHO’s CEO Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA.

“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 President-Elect will be an honor and a privilege,” said Roberts.

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

- President, Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, Health Officer and Director of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission
- Vice President, Jennifer Kertanis, MPH, Director of Health of the Farmington Valley Health District
- Immediate-Past, President Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health

In addition to electing Mr. Roberts as the President-Elect of 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 the Northeast Texas Public Health District**

The Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health) serves a vital function for area citizens through 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 some services in 21 counties in East Texas. The WIC Program serves a 20 county area and Public Health Emergency Preparedness serves a 7 county region. The mission of NET Health is to “prevent illness, promote health, and protect our community”. For more information, please visit <https://www.mynethealth.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](http://www.naccho.org).