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**NET Health CEO is the New Board President of the
National Association of County and City Health Officials**

Tyler, Texas (July 1, 2019) – Beginning on July 1, 2019, George T. Roberts, Jr., the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the [Northeast Texas Public Health District](#) (NET Health) will begin his one-year term as Board President of the [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), which is the voice nearly 3,000 local health departments across the United States.

“The theme of my service as NACCHO President centers upon transformational leadership, and for health departments across the United States to maximize the multiple opportunities available for public health professionals, says Mr. Roberts, “. . . and to exemplify their leadership traits and to develop future public health leaders from their local communities.”

Since 2006, George T. Roberts, Jr., has served as CEO of NET Health, the Local Health Department (LHD) for the City of Tyler and Smith County, Texas. NET Health primarily serves Smith County but also provides the WIC Program across a 20-county area and Public Health Preparedness serves seven counties.

Mr. Roberts has 40 years of health care experience, the majority of which was spent in hospital administration, having previously served at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, and Henderson Memorial Hospital in Henderson, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from SMU in Dallas and a Master’s Degree in Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Roberts is active in a number of church, community, state and national efforts.

About NACCHO's Board of Directors

NACCHO is governed by a 22-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 the association'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.

NACCHO's Board is led by four executive officers. In addition to Roberts, this includes:

- President-Elect Jennifer C. Kertanis, Director of Health, Farmington Valley Health District, CT
- Vice President, Sandra Elizabeth Ford, MD, MBA, District Health Director of DeKalb County Health Department, GA
- Past President, Kevin G. Sumner, MPH; Health Officer/Director, Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, Green Brook, NJ

NACCHO's full Board membership for the 2019-2020 term, including five newly-elected at-large board members, can be found at <https://www.naccho.org/about/board>

About the Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health)

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) & Community Outreach.

The mission of NET Health is to promote health, prevent illness and protect our community.

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