

N.C. Local Public Health Leader Harrison Elected Board Vice President of National Association of County & City Health Officials

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The National Association of County and City Health Officials issued the following news release:

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has elected Lisa Macon Harrison, Local Health Director of Granville Vance Public Health, to its 2020-2021 Board of Directors as Vice President. NACCHO is the voice of the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments.

Ms. Harrison assumed the Vice President role on July 1, 2020. She will then serve as president-elect in 2021-2022 and president in 2022-2023.

"It is an honor to be selected for this opportunity to work together with colleagues across the nation to elevate the practice of public health during such a critical time," said Ms. Harrison. "Across rural and urban areas of our country the local public health workforce remains dedicated, hard-working, and effective whether we are focused on communicable disease during pandemic response, on health equity and systems change, or on so many other population health focus areas that have not slowed down as our work has intensified. I look forward to advocating for public health and the incredible people working for the health and well-being of every community."

"Lisa has been a strong volunteer leader within NACCHO's Board and Executive Committee, and has contributed significant amounts of time, energy, and expertise to the organization. I congratulate Lisa on her election to Vice President of NACCHO and look forward to her continued leadership in this new role," said NACCHO's CEO Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA.

About Ms. Harrison

Lisa Macon Harrison, MPH, has been the director of the Granville Vance District Health Department in North Carolina since 2012. Her previous roles in North Carolina public health thread through research, practice, advocacy, and policy development. Lisa has been a member of the public health field for over 23 years and has served as director of the Office of Healthy Carolinians and Health Education at the North Carolina Division of Public Health; led the Public Health Incubator Collaboratives Program at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, and directed the Southeast Public Health Leadership Institute (SEPHLI) at UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health where she continues to stay connected as adjunct faculty in the Public Health Leadership Program. In 2015, Lisa served as the North Carolina Public Health Association president where she continues to stay involved connecting public health research and practice.

As a local health director in a rural district, Lisa enjoys advocating for rural public health and provides mentorship for students interested in public health and rural health. Although a true Tar Heel by birth (in Chapel Hill, NC) and by training (UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health), Lisa is also happy to serve as a consulting associate at Duke University School of Nursing where she hosts national clinical scholars making rotations across NC health system opportunities at Granville Vance Public Health.

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, as well as three ex-officio members representing partner organizations.

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 Ms. Harrison, this includes:

* President, Jennifer C. Kertanis, Director of Health, Farmington Valley Health District, CT

* President-Elect, Sandra Elizabeth Ford, MD, MPH, District Health Director of DeKalb County Health Department, GA

* Immediate Past President, George T. Roberts, Jr., MHA, FACHE; CEO, Northeast Texas Public Health District, TX

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