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Dr. Billy Pitts Elected Region Four Representative to NACCHO Board of Directors



BENTON, KY — The Marshall County Health Department is proud to announce that **Dr. Billy Pitts, Public Health Director for Marshall County, Kentucky, has been elected to serve as the Region Four Representative on the Board of Directors for the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).**

NACCHO is the leading national organization representing nearly 3,000 local health departments across the United States. As Region Four Representative, Dr. Pitts will serve on NACCHO's Board of Directors, representing local health departments throughout the southeastern United States, helping shape national public health priorities, and advocating for the needs of communities across the region.

Region Four comprises local health departments in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In his new role, Dr. Pitts will help guide NACCHO's strategic priorities and support efforts to strengthen the nation's public health system.

Founded in 1965, NACCHO serves as the voice of local public health agencies nationwide, working to improve community health and well-being through leadership, advocacy, education, and partnerships.

Dr. Pitts expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

“I am deeply honored by the trust and confidence my colleagues across Region Four have placed in me,” said Dr. Pitts. “Local health departments are the backbone of our nation’s public health system, and I look forward to working with fellow board members to strengthen our workforce, improve health outcomes, and ensure that communities have the resources needed to protect and promote residents’ health. While I am honored by this opportunity, this recognition is truly a reflection of the outstanding work performed every day by the staff and partners of the Marshall County Health Department.”

The Marshall County Health Department, located in Benton, KY, serves 31,744 residents. Under Dr. Pitts’ leadership, the health department has become recognized for its commitment to innovation, quality improvement, and comprehensive public health services. The department hosts the University of Kentucky Dental Clinic, providing essential oral health services to children and families. It also maintains a state-certified Milk and Water Laboratory that supports environmental health and food safety efforts throughout the region.

The department has expanded access to care and community support through its Community Health Worker (CHW) program, connecting residents with resources that address social determinants of health and improve overall well-being. Marshall County Health Department has also achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), demonstrating its commitment to accountability, performance improvement, and excellence in public health practice.

In addition, the department has gained recognition for its innovative and highly collaborative Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) processes. By engaging healthcare providers, schools, businesses, community organizations, elected officials, and residents, the department has developed data-driven strategies that address priority health issues and strengthen partnerships across Marshall County.