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**OTSEGO COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR HEIDI L. BOND
ELECTED NYSACHO PRESIDENT**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER
DR. GREGSON H. PIGOTT ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT**

(Albany, New York) The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) today announced the election of Otsego County Public Health Director Heidi L. Bond as NYSACHO President, and Suffolk County Commissioner of Health Services Dr. Gregson H. Pigott as Vice President. NYSACHO represents local health commissioners and public health directors statewide and serves as the voice for New York State's local public health departments.

HEIDI L. BOND ELECTED NYSACHO PRESIDENT

Heidi L. Bond is a skilled public health professional with over two decades of leadership and clinical experience. Since 2008, she has served as Public Health Director and Director of Patient Services for the Otsego County Department of Health, overseeing numerous issues including communicable disease control, maternal-child health, immunizations, emergency preparedness, and others. Appointed Early Intervention Official in 2012, she coordinates services for children with developmental delays. Previously, Bond was Supervising Public Health Nurse (2002–2008), leading maternal-child health and disease control efforts, and served as Immunization Action Plan Coordinator. As a Public Health Nurse (2000–2002), she provided home visits and care coordination. Her early career includes five years as a pediatric RN at Bassett Medical Center. She has taught community health nursing at Hartwick College. Bond holds a BSN from Utica College and a Certificate in Public Health from the University at Albany. She is certified in BLS/CPR, infection control, and multiple FEMA emergency response systems. A recognized leader, she is Vice President of NYSACHO, chairs state committees on children's health, and serves on the NY State Early Intervention Coordinating Council.

GREGSON HUGH PIGOTT, MD, MPH, ELECTED NYSACHO VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Gregson Hugh Pigott is a medical professional and public health leader with over 25 years of experience in clinical practice and public health administration leadership. Since 2020, he has served as the Commissioner of Health Services for Suffolk County, overseeing a broad range of health services including environmental health, mental hygiene, emergency medical services, and public health protection, among many other public health priorities. Prior to this role, Dr. Pigott directed the Office of Minority Health for Suffolk County, where he worked to address

health disparities and promote health equity. He also served as Medical Director for the Suffolk County EMS and the Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, offering clinical oversight and designing interventional protocols. Dr. Pigott's clinical career includes roles in internal medicine, hospitalist services, and primary care, with experience in culturally diverse and underserved populations. He earned his MD from Brown University and an MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. An active educator, Dr. Pigott is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Stony Brook University. He is board-certified in internal medicine and has received multiple recognitions for his work in public health. Dr. Pigott is fluent in Spanish and passionate about music and community engagement.

NYSACHO Executive Director, Sarah Ravenhall, said, “Ms. Bond and Dr. Pigott exemplify the dedication and expertise necessary to lead New York’s complex public health landscape. They bring decades of experience in clinical care, public health administration, and community engagement, and together represent the unwavering commitment of all local health departments to protect and promote the health of their communities. They are true advocates for public health, shaping a healthier future for all New Yorkers. We are grateful for the service and leadership they provide to NYSACHO and to the public health community. I equally want to thank Linda L. Beers, from Essex County, for her unwavering leadership over the previous 12 months.”

Ms. Bond and Dr. Pigott begin their terms on June 1, 2025.

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