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

**ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TYLER J. SHAW ELECTED
VICE PRESIDENT**

(Albany, New York) The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) today announced the election of Suffolk County Commissioner of Health Services Dr. Gregson H. Pigott as NYSACHO President, and Allegany County Public Health Director Tyler J. Shaw 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.

DR. GREGSON H. PIGOTT ELECTED NYSACHO PRESIDENT

Dr. Gregson H. Pigott, MD, MPH, is a distinguished public health and medical professional with more than 25 years of experience in clinical care and public health leadership. He has served as Commissioner of Health Services for Suffolk County since 2020, where he leads a department of more than 600 staff addressing a wide range of public health priorities, including communicable diseases, environmental health, maternal and child health, behavioral health, and emergency medical services.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Dr. Pigott served as Director of the Office of Minority Health for Suffolk County, where he focused on reducing health disparities and advancing health equity. He also served as Medical Director for Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services.

Dr. Pigott earned his BA and MD from Brown University and his MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency in internal medicine at The Cambridge Hospital and is board certified in internal medicine. In addition to his leadership responsibilities, he serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Preventive Medicine at Stony Brook University and remains committed to improving health outcomes for underserved populations.

TYLER J. SHAW ELECTED NYSACHO VICE PRESIDENT

Tyler J. Shaw is a seasoned public health leader with a comprehensive background in environmental health and local governmental public health. Since 2020, he has served as Public Health Director for the Allegany County Department of Health, where he oversees a broad portfolio of essential services including emergency preparedness, communicable disease control, children's services, and clinical operations.

Mr. Shaw has advanced through multiple leadership roles within the Allegany County Department of Health, including Public Health Technician, Director of Environmental Health, and Deputy Public Health Director. This progression has provided him with a strong technical and operational understanding of public health systems.

A dedicated advocate for regional collaboration, Mr. Shaw serves as Chair of the NYSACHO Environmental Health Committee and Co-Chair of the Western New York Public Health Alliance. He is also actively engaged at the county level, contributing to the Hazard Mitigation Team and Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

In addition to his public sector leadership, Mr. Shaw represents his community on several boards, including Jones Memorial Hospital, Universal Primary Care, Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc., and Ardent Solutions, Inc. His work ensures that rural public health priorities remain central to policy discussions at both regional and state levels. Mr. Shaw holds a degree in biology and a master's degree in healthcare administration and serves in the U.S. Army Reserves.

NYSACHO Executive Director Sarah Ravenhall said, "Dr. Pigott and Mr. Shaw bring exceptional experience, leadership, and dedication to their new roles. Their combined expertise in urban and rural public health, clinical care, environmental health, and health equity reflects the strength and diversity of New York's local health departments. We look forward to their leadership in advancing policies and initiatives that protect and improve the health of all New Yorkers.

Dr. Pigott and Mr. Shaw begin their terms on June 1, 2026, along with those returning, re-elected and incoming board directors:

Heidi Bond, BSN, CPH, Director of Public Health Otsego County

Sherlita Amler, MS, MS, Commissioner, Westchester County

Sara Boerenko, LCSW, Director of Public & Mental Health, Montgomery County

Keith Brown, MPH, Public Health Director, Schenectady County

Peter Buzzetti III, MPH, Public Health Director, Chemung County

Laura Churchill, DNP, FNP-BC, Director of Public Health, Greene County

Kathleen Cuddy, Public Health Director, Cayuga County

Maura Kennelly, Deputy Commissioner of External Affairs, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD, MPH, FACEP, Dutchess County

Ashley Waite, RN, BSN, MPH, Public Health Director, Lewis County



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Dr. Pigott said, “On behalf of local health departments in New York State, we are grateful to outgoing NYSACHO President Heidi Bond for her work to champion budget and policy priorities, her support to our membership, and most importantly, for serving as a guiding light for NYSACHO’s policy and advocacy framework.”

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