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Essex County Public Health Director elected NYSACHO President

Elizabethtown, N.Y.- Essex County Health Department announces New York State Association of County Health Official's (NYSACHO) results of its 2024 election for Board of Directors. Public Health Director, Linda L. Beers was appointed President. During NYSACHO's annual meeting, Heidi Bond, Public Health Director of Otsego County, was also elected by the membership as Vice-President.

NYSACHO supports, advocates for, and empowers local health departments in their work to promote health and wellness and prevent disease, disability and injury throughout New York State. NYSACHO represents all 58 local health commissioners and public health directors, serving as the voice for all of New York State's local health departments. The organization keeps health services a priority in New York State's budget decisions and supports media outreach for public education.

Appointed Public Health Director for the Essex County Health Department in 2010, Linda Beers guides public health, early child development, and home health professionals, she champions equitable access to healthcare for all in Essex County. Her two-pronged approach tackles disparities rural communities face head-on: advocating for increased service availability and developing programs that bring care directly to residents. This unwavering commitment aligns perfectly with her expertise, education, and deep connection to the community. "It would be impossible to address the public health challenges we've faced without the remarkable NYSACHO colleagues and health department staff. Their resilience, collaboration, and endless commitment to public health have been a constant source of inspiration. I am incredibly fortunate to work with such a talented and dedicated group," said Beers" "The past few years have shone a powerful light on the critical role public health plays in our lives. Being elected to this position is a tremendous honor that reflects the dedication and impact of our entire team here. It's an incredible opportunity to further champion public health initiatives and make a positive difference for all the communities we serve."

Sarah Ravenhall, NYSACHO Executive Director, said: "Linda Beers is proven leader and we are extremely fortunate to have her serve as the next NYSACHO president. Her years of direct experience on the front lines of public health and her accrued expertise will be a catalyst for our ongoing efforts to impart to state policy makers the role, value, challenges and needs of local health departments."

The 2024-25 Board of Directors begin their terms effective June 1, 2024. To view a listing of NYSACHO Directors and for more information, please visit: <https://www.nysacho.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>.



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Pictured above, Linda Beers, MPH
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