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### **North Central District Health Department Appoints Director of Health**

The Board of Directors of the North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) announced the appointment of Patrice A. Sulik, MPH, RS, as the Director of Health. Ms. Sulik comes with 31 years of experience in public health, with expertise in environmental health, health promotion and public health preparedness. She is an active member of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and has served as a reviewer for Project Public Health Ready (PPHR). Patrice has also been actively involved with the CT Association of Directors of Health, recently serving on the Board as Secretary.

“Patrice’s considerable experience and professionalism have already made her a positive addition to this department,” said NCDHD Board Chair, Diane Wheelock. “The increase in demand for a wider array of services prompted us to seek a director who was innovative and energetic and who had extensive experience in public health. We are delighted to appoint someone of Patrice’s caliber to fulfill this role. We were looking for someone who is a true collaborator and I am confident that Patrice will play a key role in increasing and maintaining high quality services to the towns we serve.”

Patrice began work with the Health District on January 26, 2016. Director of Health Sulik is responsible for managing all aspects of the health district including the work of 11 full-time health and 4 part-time professionals, as well as implementing new programs, enforcing the public health code, and overseeing the district's emergency preparedness efforts.

“I am excited to serve the residents of this health district as well as the daytime community,” said Patrice Sulik, NCDHD Director of Health. “I look forward to working with the staff, the board of health, the leadership of our member towns, community partners and residents to address the needs of our community. I am fortunate to join a district that is looking towards the future and is open to change.”

### **About NCDHD**

The North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) serves the communities of Enfield, East Windsor, Ellington, Stafford, Suffield, Vernon, Windham, and Windsor Locks. NCDHD is a full-time public health department with a full-time staff funded by its member towns and an annual per capita grant from the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. NCDHD provides professional public health services in the areas of health education and disease prevention, environmental health and emergency preparedness. The mission of NCDHD is to prevent disease, injury, and disability by promoting and protecting the health and well-being of the public and our environment.

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