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DATE: September 14, 2015

TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Nathan Burkett, County Administrator

FROM: Tom Burke, Director

SUBJECT: NACO Committee Appointments

Please find attached letters from NACO President Sallie Clark, appointing me to the Health Policy Steering Committee and the Healthy Counties Advisory Board respectively. As the letters indicate, the participation will be via ongoing e-mails, monthly phone calls, and attendance at the respective conferences. The Healthy Counties Advisory Board will meet in January in Salt Lake County, Utah in addition to the dates in which the Health Policy Steering Committee meets at the NACO Legislative Conference in February and the Annual Conference in July.

Minnesota is very active within NACO. It is due to this participation that our state has several Chairs in some of the highest positions. This participation has given our state a strong voice in all areas of county government at the national level. H&HS specifically has just recently garnered useful information that we used to start the jail program led by Ann Rivas. As you can see in one of the letters, President Sallie Clark wishes to further address jail health which is an ongoing cost to counties across the nation. In addition, infrastructure, courts, transportation, and public health will be highlighted throughout the next year.

In addition, while I am at the NACO events in February and July, I will also participate on the National Association of County Human Service Administrators (NACHSA) Board of which I was appointed last year as one of two Minnesota Representatives.

I would ask for the Boards support in these appointments and for me to be able to participate in the events outlined.



August 24, 2015

Dear Mr. Burke,

As president of the National Association of Counties (NACo), it is my pleasure to confirm your nomination as a member of the Health Policy Steering Committee and offer my congratulations!

Committee membership at the national level is a serious commitment and responsibility, but it is also a rewarding experience. A great deal of NACo's strength is in our committees and your active participation reflects and reinforces that strength. The expertise and engagement of our steering committee members is a main reason why Congress and federal agencies often look to NACo for feedback on legislative policy decisions being made in Washington D.C. This nomination to a NACo steering committee also presents a great opportunity to share with and learn from your county colleagues.

As a member of the Health Steering Committee, it is important to stay informed of legislative and regulatory action relevant to your committee. Your NACo committee liaison is Brian Bowden. Brian will send regular email correspondence to committee members and you are responsible for reviewing the information supplied and responding accordingly.

As a member of a NACo steering committee, you are expected to participate in our monthly conference calls and attend both NACo's Legislative Conference and Annual Conference. Monthly conference calls are a great way to stay up to date on developments from Capitol Hill and provide a platform to discuss county issues with your colleagues across the nation. Please note the following dates and locations for the upcoming conferences:

- NACo's 2016 Legislative Conference takes place February 20-24 in Washington, D.C.
- NACo's 2016 Annual Conference takes place July 21-24 in Los Angeles County, California

I also look forward to working with you and the committees this year on my presidential initiative, "Safe and Secure Counties." This initiative will demonstrate the importance of our counties, parishes and boroughs, and will showcase our current policies and efforts on everything from emergency preparedness to jails and courts, infrastructure and transportation to public health.

Again, congratulations on your nomination to the Health Steering Committee. This year promises to be an exciting one and I look forward to working closely with you to further the goals of our nation's counties.

Sincerely,

Sallie Clark
President

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Mr. Thomas Burke
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September 10, 2015

Dear Thomas:

As president of the National Association of Counties, I have the honor and privilege of appointing NACo's leadership team. It is my pleasure to appoint you as a Member of Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board. Thank you for agreeing to serve.

Committee participation at the national level is a serious commitment and a big responsibility, even more so this year with a federal administration engaged in developing policy on a number of issues facing counties.

My goal is to build a committed leadership team for NACo. A great deal of NACo's strength is in its committees and that strength is reflected in the commitment and active participation throughout our committee structure.

Your NACo committee liaison will follow-up with you and provide specific details and information regarding future meetings and the mission of the committee.

I hope you will participate in the various "Safe and Secure Counties" activities surrounding my Presidential Initiative this year. "Safe and Secure Counties" will demonstrate the importance of our counties, parishes and boroughs. It will showcase our current initiatives, policies and efforts on everything from emergency preparedness to jails and courts, infrastructure and transportation to public health. Through "Safe and Secure Counties," we will build on the "Why Counties Matter" message to our residents, to our states and to our nation. This year promises to be an exciting one and I look forward to working closely with you to further NACo's and the nation's counties goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Clark".

Sallie Clark
President