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Williamson County and Cities Health District Named Local Health Department of the Year

The Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) announced today that it has been named the Texas Association of City & County Health Officials (TACCHO) Local Health Department of the Year Award at its Annual Conference.

Local health departments in Texas, regardless of size, strive to realize this goal through the prevention of disease and the promotion and protection of the health of all those who reside in Texas.

The TACCHO Local Health Department (LHD) of the Year Award was established to honor these efforts performed by LHDs within the state of Texas.

This year's award theme was "Shaping the Health of Texans for Tomorrow through the Public Health Leadership Today." WCCHD demonstrated this leadership by becoming the first LHD in Texas to become dually-accredited by NACCHO's Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in 2016 and being certified as "Project Public Health Ready" for demonstrating the highest standard of Public Health Emergency Preparedness in 2017. These two accomplishments, among others, such as responding to major environmental health threats to promoting nutrition education and healthy foods for pregnant women, new mothers, infants and young children through WIC services, help WCCHD reach its mission of "protecting and promoting the health of the people of Williamson County."

"I am humbled and quite proud to announce that WCCHD was chosen as TACCHO's Local Health Department of the Year recipient for 2017," said Executive Director John H. Teel. "In my 16 years in public health work at the local, state, and federal levels, I have never seen another organization that was so forward-thinking and dynamic in the conduct of public health practice."

TACCHO is the premier member organization serving both Texas local public health officials and the departments which they lead in order to enhance local public health practice in Texas with the ultimate goal of improving the health of Texans and the communities in which they live.

The Williamson County and Cities Health District has provided public health services to Williamson County since 1943. Our Public Health Centers and offices are located in Cedar Park, Georgetown, Round Rock, and Taylor. More information can be found at www.wcchd.org.

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