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Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe appointed to national committee to address human services, education issues

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe has been appointed to chair the National Association of Counties Human Services and Education Steering Committee, which pursues legislation to address a broad array of programs that support families and strengthen communities throughout the country.

The National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo assists America’s 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties. NACo promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

NACO’s Health and Human Services and Education Steering Committee supports a broad, comprehensive array of services for families, children, individuals with disabilities and the elderly. The Committee also addresses social services, public health, preventive services for children and youth, early childhood development, parent education, support, childcare and other programs that support children, families and adults.

“It is an honor to be chosen for this role and I look forward to working with commissioners from counties across our nation to share new, innovative ideas and ways of administering federal programs,” Sharpe said. “These programs should provide good service to clients, as well as being managed in a way that is efficient and effective. I also want to ensure that programs mandated by the federal government do not become unfunded mandates and financial burdens to counties.”

Sharpe, who was first appointed to serve on the steering committee in 2015, has worked to address children and family issues in Colorado since she was first elected County Commissioner in 2011.

She currently chairs the Colorado Counties Inc. Health and Human Services Steering Committee, serves on the Colorado Executive Leadership Council on Child Welfare, and is honorary chair of the IBM Smart Cities Taskforce to address homelessness.

Sharpe is serving her second term as Arapahoe County Commissioner representing District 2, which includes Centennial, Greenwood Village, a portion of Aurora and unincorporated central Arapahoe County. Prior to serving as Arapahoe County Commissioner, Sharpe was mayor of Greenwood Village.

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