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COUNTY LENDS LOCAL PERSPECTIVE TO NATIONAL HEALTHCARE ISSUES *County HHSA Executive Elected to National Healthcare Council*

The County of San Diego will be in a position of influence in the area of healthcare administration, with the election of one of its own to the Council of Regents of the [American College of Healthcare Executives](#) (ACHE).

Nick Macchione, deputy director for the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in the North County was elected to the regent post, and will represent healthcare executives in San Diego and Imperial Counties. "This is a great opportunity to provide a Southern California perspective on the future of healthcare management," said Macchione, who has been with San Diego County since 1997.

ACHE, an international professional society of nearly 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals nationwide, healthcare systems, and other healthcare organizations, is well known for research and public policy programs. Its annual Congress on Healthcare Management draws thousands of participants, and its publications *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Healthcare Executive* highlight the organization's groundbreaking research and public policy programs.

Macchione has received numerous local and national awards and sits on the boards of several healthcare agencies, including *San Diego Business Healthcare Connection* and *Community Health Improvement Partners*. Macchione is board certified in healthcare management and a diplomat of the *American College of Healthcare Executives*. He is also a faculty member of the San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health and teaches several graduate courses on healthcare.

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