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## **Health Commission Chooses Experienced Executive as CEO**

The Springfield-Greene County Regional Health Commission has appointed Robert O. Lunn, Ph.D. as the organization's CEO. Lunn brings 38 years of executive experience in a variety of governmental, academic and private not-for-profit healthcare delivery systems to the efforts of The Health Commission.

The Health Commission is a committed collaboration among a broad array of regional health care providers, government agencies and community organizations to address access to care and health outcomes for uninsured, underinsured and other underserved populations in Southwest Missouri. The Commission promotes and develops partnerships for providing to these individuals and families affordable, high quality healthcare that is sustainable in our community and that leads to measurable improvements in community health.

A 17-member Board of Directors representing regional health providers, the business sector, community agencies and government entities guides The Health Commission. A series of Advisory Committees, each made up of regional healthcare and community subject matter experts, addresses issues identified as the greatest community and healthcare delivery needs.

"As The Health Commission continues defining the problems associated with access to quality health care and addressing these challenges in our community, we feel privileged to welcome Dr. Robert Lunn as the most recent addition to this collaboration. Bob Lunn will offer strength and vision to this partnership as we seek to cohesively address some of the greatest challenges that face our community regarding access to quality health care," said Kevin Gipson, Chairman of The Health Commission.

Bob Lunn's background includes degrees in Psychology from Williams College, Health Administration from Duke University, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. His health administration roles have included Director of University of Virginia's Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center; Executive Director of UMASS Medical School's Center for Health and Human Performance; Chief Administrative Officer of a 450 physician practice at University of Florida; Chief Operating Officer the 125 physician Emory University Pediatric Care Foundation in Atlanta; and Administrative Vice Chair for an 80-physician internal medicine group at East Carolina University Medical School. Most recently, Lunn has been Professor of Management, founding Director of the MHA degree program, and Dean's Distinguished Fellow in Health Administration at Missouri State.

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