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Macomb County Health and Community Services director to retire Current Macomb Community Action director to fill spot

Macomb County's director of Health and Community Services, Steve Gold, will be retiring effective May 5, 2017. Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel will promote Rhonda Powell, current director of Macomb Community Action, to Gold's position.

"Steve is a kind, caring and compassionate man with the intellectual ability to know what programs to implement to best serve our residents and positively impact their quality of life. He will be greatly missed," said Hackel. "People like Steve are hard to find, but I am confident Rhonda will use her expertise to continue this tradition."

The director of Health and Community Services is responsible for overseeing all programs under the Health Department, Macomb Community Action and Michigan State University Extension. These three sectors of Macomb County government focus on public health, community services and educational programs and services, respectively.

Gold has worked for Macomb County for 20 years; in 1997 he became deputy health officer for the Macomb County Health Department and in 2010 was promoted to director/health officer for the same department. In 2011, when the new county charter was adopted, Gold was appointed by Executive Hackel to be the county's first director of Health and Community Services.

Powell has been director of Macomb Community Action since 2014, after working with the state of Michigan as deputy director for what is now the Aging and Adult Services Agency. Prior to that time, Powell served as director for the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services. Powell also worked in homeless services in both Macomb and Oakland counties as director of Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) and as associate director of South Oakland Shelter.

Per the Macomb County charter, the position of Health and Community Services director must be confirmed by the Board of Commissioners.



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