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The Audrain County Health Department (ACHD) Board of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Craig Brace as its new Administrator/CEO, effective Monday, November 2nd, 2020.

Brace, a long-time resident of Mexico, brings over 37 years of healthcare executive leadership experience to ACHD.

Announcing Craig's appointment, ACHD Chairperson Dr. Kathleen Weaver, said: "Craig is an exceptional leader. His track record in healthcare has been extraordinary."

"Craig was chosen in a formal selection process from a strong field of candidates. He is a highly impressive talent known for his collaborative leadership style and for building high performance healthcare teams," Dr. Weaver said.

Reflecting on his appointment, Brace says he is honored to have been chosen. "And, I'm excited to lead this wonderful team of dedicated colleagues, and look forward to working with the ACHD Board of Health. We have a great team of individuals, a bold vision for the future and a winning strategy that has enabled ACHD to have a rich history of promoting and protecting the health of the residents of Audrain County," he continued. "Building further on this success is a challenge I accept with confidence, determination and excitement. I am passionately committed to placing our clients at the absolute center of everything we do. I am determined to continue to fulfill ACHD's mission to protect and promote the public health and community well-being of the residents of Audrain County."

Dr. Weaver said she is more confident than ever in the future of the health department. "ACHD has a very solid base on which to build. Our capability extends to leadership in health prevention, environmental safety and health education," she said. "These core services are essential for solving the increasingly complex opportunities facing public health organizations everywhere. The Board of Health is proud of the ACHD team and is dedicated to providing the necessary resources to address the current and future challenges in the midst of a pandemic."

Most recently, Brace served as Divisional Director of Marketing for Hospital Sisters Health System Medical Group, a group of over 600 physicians and medical providers with 100 locations in central and southern Illinois. Brace's healthcare experience spans across serving in leadership positions with healthcare agencies, medical groups and hospitals. His past work includes serving as Vice President of Marketing and Business Development at Audrain Medical Center from 1990 – 2002.

Brace holds a BS degree from Southwest Baptist University with a concentration in health promotion and wellness. He is board certified in healthcare management by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and is a Fellow of ACHE.

“Craig has distinguished himself as a highly talented, inspiring and energetic leader whose creativity and positive attitude are among his greatest strengths. The Board of Health and ACHD staff are pleased to welcome Craig to the team,” said Dr. Weaver.

Brace, who grew up in Wellsville, Missouri, has lived in Mexico with his wife, Lois, for the past 30 years. They have four adult children.

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