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## JENNIFER JOHNSON APPOINTED INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER IN JEFFERSON AND MADISON COUNTIES



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—The Florida Department of Health has announced Jennifer Johnson as the new interim health officer for Jefferson and Madison Counties. Since 2010, Johnson has served as the Staff Director for the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) for the Florida Legislature. In this role, her areas of research and evaluation included Florida’s Medicaid program, developmental disabilities, state and local public health, health care regulation and others.

“Jennifer is a highly driven and qualified individual with a passion for public health and community improvement,” said Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems Kim Barnhill. “I look forward to seeing her leadership in action as she serves the people and departments of Jefferson and Madison Counties.”

Previously, Johnson worked as the OPPAGA Chief Legislative Analyst, functioning as the Assistant Staff Director for the Health and Human Services Policy Area. She has also served as the Senior Policy Analyst and the Legislative Policy Analyst, where she conducted performance evaluations and policy reviews of health and human services government programs and worked with legislative committees.

Johnson is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. She later earned her Master of Public Health from the University of South Florida. She has also attended the Legislative Staff Management Institute, and she is currently earning her doctorate degree in Public Administration from Florida State University. She is a member of the National Academy of State Health Policy, the National Conference of State Legislatures Health and Human Services Committee, and in 2015, she served as the Program Co-chair for the Southeast Evaluation Association.

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