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ROSS DICKINSON APPOINTED AS INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ORANGE COUNTY

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health has announced Ross Dickinson as the new Interim Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Orange County (DOH-Orange). Dickinson will start in his interim role on Friday, September 26, 2014 while a national search is conducted for a new Health Officer for Orange County.

"Ross Dickinson provided 34 years of dedicated public health leadership in Florida," said Deputy Secretary for Statewide Services Meade Grigg. "He brings the experience and commitment needed to provide outstanding public service and continue moving health forward in Orange County."

Dickinson makes his return service with the Department after retiring five years ago. He also served as the Interim Administrator for DOH-Lake recently. Prior to retiring, he was the Assistant Director for DOH-Orange under the direction of Dr. Kevin Sherin.

A veteran of the Department of Health for 34 years, Dickinson previously served as the Business Manager and later Assistant Director of the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County.

Dickinson will fill the Administrator position previously held by Dr. Kevin Sherin. Dr. Sherin was the Director and Health Officer for DOH-Orange since 2004 and was recently appointed as the Deputy Director of the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for the California Department of Public Health.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit www.FLHealth125.gov for more information.

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