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Riverside University Health System names directors for Public Health and Behavioral Health departments

Two longtime Riverside County health leaders have been named to key administrative posts within the Riverside University Health System.

Sarah Mack, deputy director of Public Health for the past nine years, has been selected to lead the 700-employee department, and Steve Steinberg has been chosen director of Behavioral Health, where he has worked for 25 years. Public Health and Behavioral Health are part of Riverside University Health System, which includes the county medical center and care clinics.

“Both Sarah and Steve each bring strong leadership skills and a unique vision developed over their years of dedicated service to the community,” said Zareh Sarrafian, chief executive officer of Riverside University Health System. “I am confident each will continue striving to increase opportunities and provide innovative approaches to better meet the health needs of the families in our region.”

Mack joined the Health Department in 2001 after serving in San Bernardino County and Cook County, Illinois. Trained in epidemiology, she received her master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Steinberg, a licensed clinical social worker, served as assistant director for programs for the Behavioral Health Department with the responsibility of administering, evaluating and improving mental-health and substance-use programs. Prior to joining the county, he worked as a social worker at a psychiatric in-patient facility and interned at the Veterans Administration in Loma Linda. He holds a master’s

degree in social work from California State University, San Bernardino, and a bachelor's degree in developmental psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The two administrators, along with Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County Public Health Officer, will report directly to Sarrafian. As public health officer, Kaiser is responsible for promoting health and assuring mandated health protection for residents throughout the county. He has been a well-respected and committed physician with the county for the past 10 years, serving as the public health officer since 2011. He received his medical degree from Loma Linda University and master's degree in public health from University of California, Berkeley.

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