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Interim CEO named for Heartland Behavioral Healthcare

(Columbus) Sandra Stephenson, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, today announced Steven Thomson, M.D., will serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer of Heartland Behavioral Healthcare until further notice. Helen Stevens, who served as CEO since 2000, resigned late Friday afternoon.

"I am pleased that Dr. Thomson will be able to assist us during this transition," said Director Stephenson. "His outstanding leadership skills and experience at Heartland will be an asset to the Department during these challenging times."

Dr. Thomson, with over 18 years of service at the Ohio Department of Mental Health, has served as Medical Director at Heartland Behavioral Healthcare since 1998.

Heartland Behavioral Healthcare provides inpatient psychiatric care and Community Support Network programs for 11 counties in north central Ohio.

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