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Eastern Idaho Public Health Director Leaving Agency April 8; New Director Chosen by the Board of Health

(SE Idaho) – The Board of Health (BOH) at Eastern Idaho Public (EIPH) has chosen a new Director to lead the agency. As a longtime healthcare professional and a public health employee for the past decade, James Corbett will succeed outgoing Director Geri Rackow, who is leaving the agency to assume a position at the Idaho National Laboratory. Director Rackow’s last day at EIPH will be Friday, April 8.

The Board would like to extend their gratitude to Director Rackow for her leadership of the agency over the past nine years. “Director Rackow always gave 100% effort in her work. She consistently provided detailed and factual information to assist the Board of Health during difficult decisions. She was willing to share her personal thoughts and then accept and support the decision made by the Board. Our health district has been well served and is a healthier district due to the leadership of Geri Rackow,” stated Bryon Reed, EIPH Board of Health Chair and Bonneville County Commissioner.

“Our EIPH team is comprised of amazing individuals who are dedicated to serving and educating the public. It has been my honor and privilege to lead this team over the past nine years. Seeing the positive difference EIPH has made in the lives of those we serve has brought me joy and satisfaction in my role as EIPH Director. I have also valued the opportunity to collaborate with community partners and stakeholders. While I will miss my involvement with public health, I am confident that the EIPH team will continue their great work under the leadership of EIPH’s new director, James Corbett.”

James Corbett has been with EIPH since 2011 serving in several roles, including the Immunization Coordinator, the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) Manager, and

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most recently, the Community Health Division Administrator. James was instrumental in EIPH's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past two years, he worked diligently to collaborate with and convey vital health information to local businesses, school districts, hospitals, labs, healthcare providers, and emergency managers. Prior to employment at EIPH, James worked in the private sector providing clinical healthcare services to Eastern Idahoans.

"While COVID-19 has given public health a higher profile, we are excited to continue to be a trusted resource in the community and to inform and educate the public of all the other great programs and services public health offers including early childhood intervention programs, like WIC (Women, Infants, Children) and PAT (Parents as Teachers); environmental stewardship, which allows greater confidence in our food establishments and drinking water; clinical services, to prevent diseases and detect and treat conditions early; and health education, which helps citizens make informed decisions to improve their quality of life," stated James Corbett, Incoming EIPH Director. Corbett continues, "I feel fortunate for the opportunity to lead EIPH into the future and look forward to continued collaboration with all parties interested in achieving the mission of public health."

EIPH is a local public health agency that serves the following counties in Eastern Idaho: Bonneville, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton. The mission of public health is to prevent disease, disability, and premature death. EIPH is governed by a Board that consists of a county commissioner or their appointee from each of the counties in EIPH's region along with a physician representative. All of EIPH's programs and services can be viewed at www.EIPH.Idaho.gov. Please follow EIPH on Facebook (@EIPH) for the most up-to-date announcements and information about the agency and its programs and services.

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