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## **Board of Health Selects New Health Department Director**

BLOOMINGTON- The McLean County Board of Health voted unanimously at its April 8 meeting to name Walter P. Howe as the Director of the McLean County Health Department effective May 25. Howe has served as the department's assistant administrator since 2000 and previously served as its executive assistant since 1991. Howe holds a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in legal studies and a Master of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Illinois in Springfield. Howe also is a graduate of the Illinois Public Health Leadership Institute. Howe will replace current director Bob Keller who led the department for nearly 19 years and is retiring under McLean County's early retirement program on May 22.

"The Board of Health was pleased to have had a pool of well qualified of applicants. Walt was selected due to his experience with the department and his thorough knowledge of its functions and the community," said Board of Health President Dr. Dan Steadman. "Walt has had a steady hand on the financial aspects of the health department's operation for many years and has spearheaded several community health initiatives; including the department's adult dental and eye care programs," Steadman added.

Walt Howe lives with his wife Laurel and son Alex in Normal.

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