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GUNNISON COUNTY HIRES NEW HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR Joni Reynolds Scheduled to Assume Position on April 1, 2015

Gunnison County, Colorado – Gunnison County has hired Joni Reynolds to serve as the County’s new Health and Human Services Department Director, effective 4/1/2015. She will replace Renee Brown who is retiring after 13 years with Gunnison County. Joni spent the past 15 years working for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and she spent the last five years as the CDPHE’s Public Health Programs Director where she was responsible for all state public health programs with responsibility for 500 employees and a \$300 million budget. “We are incredibly excited to have Joni join our team at Gunnison County. She has a proven record of accomplishment and leadership at the county and state levels and will be a tremendous asset to the County and its people,” stated County Manager Matthew Birnie.

Joni’s extensive 25-year career in public and community health education, working in County and State offices as well as the private sector, began after receiving her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado and her Master’s Degree in Science Nursing from the University of Colorado. “I started my public health career in local public health which provided a strong base for all future career experiences. I understand the local community is where interventions are implemented and the real work occurs,” explained Joni.

Joni’s many professional memberships include the American Public Health Association, the American Public Health Nurse Association, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (Senior Deputy Committee), the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials, the Colorado Children’s Immunization Coalition (Board Officer), the Public Health Nurse Association of Colorado (President Elect), and the Colorado Public Health Association (former Board member).

Joni and her husband have enjoyed many vacations in the Gunnison valley, and they are excited to relocate to our rural area. As Joni explains, “I am anxious to begin my work in beautiful Gunnison County, and I’m thrilled to join the impressive HHS team!”

For more details, please contact County Manager Birnie at mbirnie@gunnisoncounty.org.