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SUMMIT COUNTY HIRES NEW DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Richard Bullough to take the helm September 20

Summit County, UT— Summit County has selected Park City resident Richard Bullough, PhD for the position of Health Director for the Summit County Public Health Department. At their public meeting on Wednesday, September 1, the Board of Health voted to approve the hiring of Bullough, after which he was appointed to the post by County Manager Bob Jasper. Bullough will begin his duties on September 20. Bullough replaces Steve Jenkins, who retired as Health Director May 1 after 41 years of service with the Health Department.

Dr. Bullough has 18 years of management experience in public health and closely related fields. “We have looked all over the country,” said Summit County Manager Bob Jasper “and we are really pleased to find the most qualified person right in our own backyard.”

Dr. Bullough holds a bachelor’s degree in Fisheries Biology from Utah State University, a master’s in Exercise and Sport Science and a doctorate in Human Nutrition from Colorado State University, and completed post-doctoral training as a National Institutes of Health Fellow in the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Colorado. He managed wellness programs and a Human Metabolism Laboratory in Colorado before assuming a position as director of Quality and Health Improvement for United Healthcare of Utah. He went on to serve six years as manager of the Utah Arthritis Program for the Utah Department of Health (UDOH), and since 2005, has served UDOH as manager of the Utah Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. Dr. Bullough has been an instructor of health promotion and adjunct professor of nutrition at the University of Utah since 1994.

“Mr. Bullough comes to the job with years of experience in the health field and an excellent knowledge of the diversity of Summit County,” said Candy Erickson, Chair of the Summit County Board of Health. “We believe he will be an asset to our communities and guide the Health Department through the future of environmental and healthcare needs.”

For Summit County, Bullough will oversee county and state comprehensive public health programs and services with a total budget of \$4,500,000, including \$1,100,000 allocated directly to Valley Mental Health. He assumes responsibility for community and environmental health in Summit County, to include maternal and child health, environmental health, communicable diseases, health education, injury prevention, West Nile Virus, emergency preparedness, and medical services such as women's cancer screening and testing for HIV/AIDS. His department also oversees inspection of restaurant facilities, septic tanks, and water systems, and monitors requests for subdivision developments related to water and waste water systems. Health Department staffers monitor the operation of local solid waste and landfill programs for conformity to state regulations, and serve as the local registrar for vital statistics and demographic data. Bullough will also represent Summit County health issues at the Utah State Legislature, and interface with regional leaders, governments and medical professionals on public health.

"It is an absolute honor to be selected for this opportunity to serve my community," Bullough said. "I am very excited about working with our excellent staff and community partners to continue and expand services assuring a safe and healthy Summit County."

Dr. Bullough was raised in Salt Lake City and returned to Utah after completing his education in Colorado. He has lived in Summit County since 1994, and resides in Jeremy Ranch with his wife, Park City Planner Kirsten Whetstone, and their 15-year old son, Garrett. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Diabetes Association (Utah Chapter), and the Soldier Hollow Legacy Foundation.

Summit County is an 1880 square-mile region known for the quality and variety of its natural environment, recreational and cultural identities. With a population of approximately 40,000 spread over three distinct geographical areas, Summit County is a partnership of small communities that make up a richly diverse region blending agriculture, ranching, and tourism.

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