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Hawai'i Department of Health appoints Run Heidelberg as administrator of Hawai'i State Hospital

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) has selected Run Heidelberg DNP, APRNRX, PMHCNS-BC as the new administrator of the Hawai'i State Hospital. Heidelberg begins his appointment on Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 and will lead operations for the existing hospital as well as the new facility under construction. Heidelberg served as the interim hospital administrator since May 2019 and has been associated with Hawai'i State Hospital for nearly 25 years.

“Dr. Heidelberg has extensive professional experience in Hawai'i and many years of employment at the Hawai'i State Hospital. I am confident that his familiarity with our state's mental health system as well as his past work in the private sector make Dr. Heidelberg an excellent selection as the new administrator for the Hawai'i State Hospital,” said Eddie Mersereau, DOH deputy director for Behavioral Health. “We all look forward to working with him in his new role at the hospital.”

Heidelberg served in a number of leadership roles at Hawai'i State Hospital from 2014 to March 2019, making him ideally suited to oversee the clinical and administrative aspects of the hospital. He served as acting associate administrator of clinical services, providing support to the chiefs of psychiatry, psychology, social work, psychosocial rehabilitation, forensics, mental illness and substance abuse and clinical safety. He also served as the acting director of nursing, overseeing nurse managers and department nursing leaders, and the acting chief of nursing services.

Heidelberg earned a master's degree in psychiatric mental health nursing from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and a doctorate degree of nursing practice from Brandman University in California.

He will continue to oversee the full operations of the hospital and its 600-plus team of employees in collaboration with a team of four associate administrators responsible for administrative and support services, clinical services, nursing services, and quality management.



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