



The members of the Lower Umpqua Hospital District (LUHD) board of directors are pleased to announce that Paul Connolly has been named Chief Executive Officer for LUHD effective March 1, 2021. LUHD is a non-profit Special District which is comprised of a Critical Access Hospital, three clinics, and a Family Resource Center.

Paul Connolly has over 20 years of leadership experience in the medical field; including positions as service line administrator, practice administrator, regional operations manager, medical group manager, and interim administrator. Connolly came to Reedsport to serve as Interim Clinic Director at Dunes Family Health Care. The board was impressed with his leadership skills and asked Connolly to remain onboard as Interim CEO, when that position became available in November 2020.

“I believe Paul Connolly is the right person for the job,” said board president, Ron Kreskey. “The past year has been very difficult and challenging for the District. As Interim CEO, Connolly, took charge, researched and reviewed all the issues facing the District. He worked with the staff to put the District on track to survive in the face of a world-wide pandemic as well as all the other issues facing businesses today.”

“Connolly has worked in hospitals in small communities and in rural areas, and we think his experience and expertise line up with the needs of our community and our hospital remarkably well,” continued Kreskey.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the District during these unprecedented, challenging times and look forward to working together with providers and staff to chart the future course of Lower Umpqua Hospital District” said Paul Connolly.



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Named new LUHD CEO