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Columbia Valley Community Health Announcing New CEO

Monday, June 27, 2016: Wenatchee, WA: The Board of Directors of [Columbia Valley Community Health](http://www.cvch.org) has concluded its nation-wide search and hired a new Chief Executive Officer. On June 30, 2016, **David Olson** of Wenatchee will step into the role of CEO at CVCH.

David Olson brings 23 years of leadership experience in a primary care setting, and 30 years of senior leadership experience in healthcare. Olson holds a Master of Health Administration from the University of Washington with a concentration in finance, and is a Certified Medical Practice Executive. Most recently, he was a Vice President/Service Line Director at Confluence Health in Wenatchee.

Over the past 12 years, Olson has served as president of several associations, including the [Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce](#), the [Washington Rural Health Association](#) and the [Rural Health Clinic Association of Washington](#). Of his new position with CVCH, Olson says, "I want to work in an organization that respects the values of the providers, the staff, and most importantly, the patients we serve. Although I have been working in healthcare for 30 years, I have more to achieve and want to make a positive difference in the lives of others."

Olson joins the leadership team as the current CEO **Patrick Bucknum** transitions out of the position, which Bucknum has held since January 2010. Of his successor, Bucknum says, "I am encouraged by the selection of David Olson as the new CEO for CVCH. This organization means a lot to me personally, and I am relieved to have someone as capable, intelligent, and mission oriented as David is to entrust with leading this great organization forward."

For more information about CVCH and its programs, please contact [Andy Stewart](#), Director of Planning and Dental Operations, at 509.664.3530.

About Columbia Valley Community Health

[Columbia Valley Community Health](http://www.cvch.org) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that offers medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, WIC and outreach services to everyone in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Over the past six years, Patrick Bucknum has led the growing community health center through a major expansion and remodel of its Wenatchee clinic. During this time, CVCH has also opened a new medical clinic in East Wenatchee, became the first in the Pacific Northwest to receive the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical

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Home certification, opened two new behavioral health sites in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, and received accreditation for both its dental residency program and its clinical psychology doctoral internship program. CVCH serves over 26,000 patients a year between all of its departments and locations in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Chelan.

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